

College Readiness Checklist

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11th Grade

Fall

- Know the dates and locations of the SAT, ACT, and other tests you plan to take. Sign up for the tests and don't forget to add them to your calendar.
- Use your test scores and current GPA to evaluate your college options. Start building a list of your top five colleges. [FloridaShines](#) lists the admissions requirements, deadlines, and other important information about each public college and university in Florida.
- Continue to stay on track in your classes and build up that GPA.
- Update your resume to include your summer work and other experience.
- Find out if representatives from the colleges you are interested in are visiting your area. Consider attending those sessions.

Spring

- Search for scholarships.
- Organize financial aid information.
- Start college application essays.
- Build service hours needed for Bright Futures Scholarships. (Florida students)
- Contact the individuals from whom you plan to request letters of recommendation.
- Plan college visits.
- Create a filing system to help you keep your college materials organized.

Summer

- Stay involved in extracurricular activities, and seek out leadership roles in your community that will look good on your college application.
- Start communicating with admissions officers and recruiters at colleges on your list.

