

# Junior year check list of "to dos" by month.

## August:

- Review your high school coursework and activity plans from now until graduation.
- Make sure you are taking challenging course work, maintaining a high GPA, and have involvement in extracurricular activities.
- Obtain a Social Security number, if you do not already have one. You will need it to apply to college and for financial aid.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## September:

- Identify sources of college and career information at your school. Start looking through guidance publications, college catalogs, and guidebooks. Visit [www.coloradomentor.org](http://www.coloradomentor.org) to find out more about Colorado colleges.
- Put together a list of ten colleges you would like to attend. (Plan on applying to at least three to five colleges.)
- Talk to your parents and your high school counselor about where you want to go to college.
- Study and register for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).
- Obtain dates and locations of college fairs and "parent's night" in your local area.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## October:

- Take the PSAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT).
- Inquire about Advanced Placement (AP) or summer courses that may be available to you.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## November:

- Look into requirements for the colleges to which you are applying. Make sure you have taken the required classes, or are scheduled to do so before graduation.
- Check with the colleges you are applying to about specific testing requirements.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## December:

- Start planning to take the SAT and/or ACT exams.
- Ask your high school counselors about the deadlines for registrations of all exams you are interested in taking.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## January:

- Go through the catalogs of the three to five schools that interest you the most.
- Attend financial aid nights if you have not already done so.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## February:

- Start to search out private scholarships and other student aid programs. Use free Internet searches to find out what scholarship programs you might be eligible to apply for.
- Check out our scholarship programs at [www.collegeinvest.org](http://www.collegeinvest.org).
- Register and study for the SAT and/or ACT exams.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## March:

- Begin scheduling visits to each of the three to five schools that are on your final list. Make sure to include a campus tour and meetings with the admissions representative and financial aid counselor.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## April:

- Consider taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams while the information is still fresh in your mind.
- Begin to prepare essays for college admissions and scholarship applications.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## May:

- Take the SAT and/or ACT exams.
- In early to mid-May, take Advanced Placement (AP) exams, which are given in high schools nationally.
- Begin to make a list of scholarships you will apply for, include deadlines and application requirements.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## June:

- Obtain a summer job to help save money for college.
- Consider taking a summer trip to your top college choices, if you have not already done so.
- Get your college financial planning workbook, "You're Going Places," from CollegeInvest. Visit [www.collegeinvest.org](http://www.collegeinvest.org) to request one.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_