

College Planning Checklist

1. Choose colleges

- Location
- Size (undergraduate class)
- Student/teacher ratio
- Major/areas of study
- Sports
- Reputation

2. Request information

- On-line from colleges

3. Sign up to retake college entrance tests

- ACT
- SAT I or SAT II

4. Determine deadlines and requirements for each college

- Application
- Interest/job/service description
- Essays
- Letters of recommendation
- Who should write your letter of recommendation?
Give that person: personal request, resume, why college x, self addressed and stamped envelope
Deadline, letter of rec. form, THANK YOU
- Transcripts (when you request transcript from the school counseling office or records office, give them same information as above. They will have to write counselor recommendation.)
- Scores from ACT/SAT

5. Explore scholarship options

Look for scholarships at www.denverscholarship.org/scholarshipdirectory or other scholarship websites. Fill out applications, write essays, keep track and stay organized!

6. Complete Financial Aid steps

- In January, FAFSA applications are available. (www.fafsa.gov)
- Ask your parents to complete their 2012 taxes ASAP.
- For priority consideration, complete your FAFSA no later than March 1.
- Review your SAR (Student Aid Report) and make corrections as needed.
- Work with financial aid office at college to MAKE SURE ALL IS COMPLETE.