

College Prep Checklist

12th Grade

Student's 12th Grade FALL Checklist

- Sign into your student GAfutures account to review your status for the following: GSFAPP, FAFSA (in December), ACT and/or SAT score, Selective Service Registration and HOPE calculated GPA.
- Review your *Plan&Pay4CollegeGA* 12th grade letter found on your GAfutures Dashboard.
- Meet with your school counselor to make sure you're on track to fulfill all graduation admissions and academic rigor requirements.
- If you haven't done so, take the necessary admissions tests - SAT, SAT Subject Test, ACT or Accuplacer. Be sure to have your test scores sent to GSFC (0472) by the deadline of high school graduation for Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility.
- Pay attention to deadlines and apply to the colleges you have chosen.
- Ask your teachers and counselors to submit required documents (letters of recommendation) to your preferred colleges.
- Submit a request through your My GAfutures account for your high school to send official transcript to any college you've applied to.
- Beginning in December, plan to complete the FAFSA. Attend a FAFSA completion event with your parents and get help filling it out (don't forget to create you and your parents FSA ID before you go).
- Find out if your college requires the CSS/PROFILE, a supplemental financial aid form, in addition to the FAFSA.
- Stay involved in after-school activities and work hard all year. Your grades can still impact financial aid and scholarship eligibility.

Student's 12th Grade SPRING Checklist

- Complete any additional scholarship applications. In addition to submitting the FAFSA, be sure to submit the GSFAPP to qualify for state aid like the HOPE Scholarship.
- Decision time! Review your college acceptances, compare financial aid offers and plan visits to where you have been accepted.
- Review your family's financial situation and make sure you're planning for the cost of college appropriately. Visit the College Money Matters section and net price calculators on GAfutures.org for suggestions. The comparison tool at consumerfinance.gov is another helpful resource to compare college costs and financial aid offers.
- If you have questions about the aid being offered, contact that college's financial aid office.
- When you decide which college to attend, submit any required financial aid deposits, and confirm housing plans, freshman orientation dates and course registration. Also, notify the other colleges you were accepted to and withdraw your application.
- After you begin college, you will have access to your My College HOPE Profile allowing you to check your eligibility which in college.