

GET2COLLEGE CHECKLIST

WHAT IS COLLEGE? College is any education beyond high school that leads to financial stability. It can be a four-year degree, a two-year degree, a certificate in career and technical education, or beyond.

PLAN FOR COLLEGE

- ☐ Track your progress and timeline for your college journey in writing.
- ☐ Learn and memorize your social security number.
- ☐ Create a professional email address. *(Do not use your high school email).*
- ☐ Set up a professional voicemail greeting and delete old messages.
- ☐ Start documenting your extracurricular activities, community service, work experience, and academic achievements for your high school resume.
- ☐ Prepare for the ACT®.



Visit our ACT® Prep page on our website to access workshops and resources.

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PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

- ☐ Find the college or university that is the right **fit** for you.
 - ☐ Explore the various types of colleges.
 - ☐ Research the cost of attendance at the colleges you're interested in.



Use tools like the Get2College Comparison Tool!

- ☐ Identify potential career paths and majors associated with them.
 - ☐ Take the O*NET Interest Profiler through My Next Move to find your career interests and major.



Watch our In-Demand Career videos on Youtube!

- ☐ Take the ACT®.
 - ☐ Look into your ACT® Fee Waiver eligibility and connect with your school counselor.
- ☐ Make a list of three to five top colleges or universities that interest you.
 - ☐ Make a college pros vs. cons list.
 - ☐ Learn the names and contact information of your recruiters at your top colleges.
 - ☐ Learn the admission requirements for those colleges.
 - ☐ Schedule college campus visits with questions to ask.
- ☐ Apply for admission to colleges on your list during senior year.
 - ☐ Use the NACAC Fee Waiver to identify your eligibility and complete a college admission fee waiver.
- ☐ Use the Net Price Calculator found on your top college's website to find the estimated cost of attendance to prepare to apply for aid.

PAY FOR COLLEGE

- ☐ **Federal Aid**
 - ☐ Create a studentaid.gov account (FSA ID) for the student during senior year of high school and parent(s) if parent does not already have one.
 - ☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after October 1 each year.
- ☐ **State Aid**
 - ☐ Complete the Mississippi Aid Application (MAAPP) after October 1 each year.



Learn more about each of the four types of financial aid available in Mississippi on our website!

- ☐ **Institutional Aid**
 - ☐ Identify the various scholarships at your top institutions and take note of the different deadlines.
- ☐ **Outside Aid**
 - ☐ Visit the Get2College Scholarship Search Tool to find a comprehensive list of national and Mississippi private scholarships. Check with your school for more private scholarship opportunities.

FINALIZING THE PROCESS

- ☐ **Have you maximized your potential with your ACT® score?**
 - ☐ Visit our ACT® Prep page on our website to access workshops and resources to help increase your score.
 - ☐ You may be eligible for fee waivers to take the ACT® again. See your high school counselor for more.
- ☐ **Rank the college(s) you have been accepted to including the total cost and financial aid offered.**
- ☐ **If you plan to live on campus, complete your college's housing application and submit a deposit by the deadline.**
- ☐ **Complete your college's required immunizations and submit documentation.**
- ☐ **Request your final high school transcript be sent to your institution.**
 - ☐ If dual enrollment courses have been taken, request your transcript to be sent to your top college(s).
- ☐ **Register for orientation and familiarize yourself with the other enrollment needs and student services.**
- ☐ **Accept your financial aid award package.**

For all the online resources mentioned, scan here!

