

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## Junior Year

### September:

- Start thinking about your college choices. Make an appointment to talk with your guidance counselor, Mrs. Naomi Hitchcock.
- Register with <http://gacollege411.org> to get information on how to plan for, pay for, apply for college as well as find out college admissions requirements and more.
- Take interest assessments online to match your interests with the different career choices available to you [https://secure.gacollege411.org/Career\\_Planning/Learn\\_About\\_Yourself/Learn\\_About\\_Yourself.aspx](https://secure.gacollege411.org/Career_Planning/Learn_About_Yourself/Learn_About_Yourself.aspx)
- Get registered with [www.admissions.com](http://www.admissions.com) so the right school can find you.
- Register with <http://www.fastweb.com> to find the money you may need for college.
- Visit <http://www.collegeboard.com> for SAT information
- Visit <http://actstudent.org> for information on ACT
- Visit <http://www.gsfc.org/gsfnew/index.cfm> the official website of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC), the state agency that provides financial aid to help Georgia students realize their higher education dreams.

### October/November:

- Maintaining your grades during your junior year is important!** Colleges put a lot of weight on your marks for this year.
- Talk to your parents about college costs. Decide how much you can afford and explore your options for funding. Visit [http://www.gsfc.org/Main/dsp\\_main.cfm](http://www.gsfc.org/Main/dsp_main.cfm) to refresh your memory about Georgia's Hope Scholarship and other Georgia student financial assistance. Visit <http://www.findaid.org> to learn more about financial aid.
- Take the ASVAB (provides career information and military assessment).

### December—February:

- Start a list of 10-15 schools depending on those that meet your requirements: Utilize the information from <http://gacollege411.org> to find colleges that offer the major of your choice.
- Now is the time to really focus your post-secondary research. Many applications are due as early as October 1<sup>st</sup> of your senior year.

### March/April

- Continue to tour colleges online and start to narrow down your postsecondary school choices.
- Register for ACT, SAT I, SAT Subject Test (if you plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year institution).
- Register for the ASSET or COMPASS (if you plan to attend a technical college in GA).

### May/June:

- Take the ACT, SAT; ASSET or COMPASS
- Make sure your scores are sent to NCAA Eligibility Center (for athletes)
- Talk with teachers, principal, counselors, and/or community leaders about letters of recommendations.
- Narrow down your college choices to about 3-5 schools.
- Work writing a good college application essay and review the application procedures for the colleges you plan to apply to. You can get tips on writing good application essays on GACollege411
- Decide if you are going to apply under any early decision or early action programs. Be prepared to submit your first set of applications in early October/November.