

College Knowledge Month

EXPLORE. PLAN. APPLY!

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Applying to college is the result of careful exploration and planning. Use this calendar as a guide during College Knowledge Month as you prepare your college applications!

Online resources on the Office of Higher Education website can help you with each step of the process: <http://bit.ly/ckm4students>

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EXPLORE	2 Investigate programs and majors. Narrow down your college search. Find a good fit based on your academic and personal goals.	3 Talk to your parent/guardian(s) about your plans.	4 Take and/or review an interest assessment. Explore college majors. Take virtual campus tours or use a college search to explore colleges and narrow down your options. Check colleges' applications requirements.	5	6 Ask your counselor about local college fairs. Schedule time with college reps visiting your school.	7 SAT Test Date (Visit sat.collegeboard.org for more information)
EXPLORE/PLAN	9 Get organized! Start gathering the documents you need to complete applications.	10	11 PSAT Test Date	12	13 Prepare your resume and distribute requests for letters of recommendation.	14
PLAN	16 Finalize the list of colleges to which you are applying.	17 Start drafting your essay or personal statement. Need help?	18 Have someone proof your essay or personal statement. Revise!	19 Check application fee policies. If eligible, request a fee waiver. MEA Break! Take this time to visit some colleges on your list. Use a College Comparison Worksheet. (http://bit.ly/CollegeCompare)	20	21 October is no longer too early to apply for Financial Aid; go to https://fafsa.ed.gov/ to get started!
PLAN/APPLY!	23 Make sure you are prepared to apply. You will need your completed Application Checklist this week.	24 Fill in the College Application Worksheet http://bit.ly/CollegeAppWS	25 Double-check each college's application requirements.	26	27	28 ACT Test Date (Registration deadline is 9/22/17. Late registration is 9/23-10/6. Visit actstudent.org for more information.)
APPLY!	30 Continue working on your applications! Need more time or help? See your School Counselor!	31 Send thank you notes to teachers and others who helped you.	Review the "I Applied, Now What?" guide http://bit.ly/NowWhatGuide	Review college costs. Explore financial aid and scholarship opportunities!	Sign up for the Summer Nudging Program, designed to help students successfully enter college in the fall by sending summer text messages and reminders - http://bit.ly/summernudge Celebrate your success!	

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