



SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST



SEPTEMBER

- ☐ Narrow down your options (college, trade school, apprenticeship).
- ☐ Start applications (research deadlines and begin personal essays).
- ☐ Create your **miSSG Student Portal** account.
- ☐ Meet with your school counselor about graduation requirements and postgraduation plans.
- ☐ Explore dual enrollment or college credit opportunities for spring semester if available.

OCTOBER

- ☐ It's College Applications Month! Keep working on yours and request applications from your top schools if you haven't yet.
- ☐ **File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as it opens.**
- ☐ Begin applying for additional scholarships (local, state and national).
- ☐ Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches or mentors.
- ☐ Take/retake SAT, ACT or placement tests if needed.

NOVEMBER

- ☐ Apply for apprenticeships, internships or career training programs with early openings.
- ☐ Work on a basic resume highlighting academics, extracurriculars and work experience.

DECEMBER

- ☐ **Submit all college and program applications due before January.**
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships (many have winter/spring deadlines).
- ☐ Research housing options (on campus, off campus or alternatives).

JANUARY

- ☐ **Confirm your FAFSA was processed and fix any errors.**
- ☐ Submit any remaining program or college applications with spring deadlines.

FEBRUARY

- ☐ Continue submitting scholarship applications (apply monthly).
- ☐ Attend workshops on budgeting, financial aid and independent living.

MARCH

- ☐ **Keep an eye out for acceptance letters and financial aid offers.**
- ☐ Compare award letters from schools/programs.
- ☐ Visit or revisit top-choice schools/programs.

APRIL

- ☐ Finalize your postgraduation plans.
- ☐ Submit housing deposits and intent-to-enroll forms if attending college.

MAY

- ☐ **Lock in your choice — confirm enrollment by National Decision Day (May 1).**
- ☐ Apply for summer transition programs or orientation sessions.
- ☐ Make sure final transcript requests are submitted to your chosen school.
- ☐ Register for placement testing if required by your college or program.

JUNE & JULY

- ☐ Graduate high school!
- ☐ Attend college orientation and finalize class schedules.
- ☐ Buy necessary supplies or tools for college or career training.
- ☐ Complete any required health forms, vaccinations or background checks.
- ☐ Learn basic adulting skills: budgeting, meal prep, laundry.
- ☐ **Celebrate — you did it!**

