

12th Grade Year

Fall Term

1. Homeless youth, their parents or guardian should locate the Georgia McKinney-Vento Liaison representative for their school district. The McKinney-Vento Liaison addresses the problems that homeless children and youth face enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. **Click** to locate your representative : [High School Resources - \(dreamconnect.org\)](http://dreamconnect.org)
2. Expand your participation in extracurricular activities to develop leadership skills and to get involved in school sponsored community service and other volunteer activities.
3. Finalize your college list, your list should include schools that you think will be more difficult to get into, but remember it is also important that you have schools that you are fairly sure you will get in. Speak with your parents (if present), counselor, and teachers about your final choices.
4. Stay on track with your grades and extracurricular activities.
 - how you perform in your senior year is important to your schools, stay focus on performing well in your classes while remaining involved with school sponsored teams, groups, and clubs (ask for help if you need support managing your time).
5. Register to take or retake the ACT, SAT, or the SAT Subject Tests:
 - Do not forget to request that your test scores be sent to your schools of choice (by mail or online).
6. Make a calendar showing the application for admission and financial aid and scholarships deadlines.
7. Request letters of recommendation. Click below for help deciding who to ask for a recommendation letter: <https://blog.prepscholar.com/who-should-i-ask-to-write-my-college-recommendation-letter>.
 - Give letter of recommendation forms to the teachers you have chosen, include a stamped addressed envelope so your teachers can send the letters directly to the schools.
 - Do not forget to fill out your name, address, and your school's name on each form (if you do not have a permanent address or stamped

envelopes check with your counselor or your McKinney-Vento District Liaison representative.)

8. School Records:

- Make sure your high school counselor knows which college you want transcripts, test score reports, and letters sent too.
- Make sure that your teachers and counselor have all forms earlier than the actual deadlines dates to ensure they will have time to send in all your forms on time.

Winter Term

1. Finish the application forms for your final list schools:

- Proofread.
- Make extra copies before sending them off.
- Try to have everything completed before the winter break make sure you are not rushing to make deadlines.

2. Continue your scholarship search:

- Apply for scholarships whose deadlines are near, keep searching for more scholarships and grants with later deadlines.
- If you applied for early decision you should be hearing something soon:
- If you get in, you will need to withdraw your application from your other schools (if this school is your 1st choice).
- If you do not get in keep your other applications out there and focus on those colleges.

3. Check with counselor to verify that all the schools that you applied to have received all your information (test scores, transcripts, and recommendations).

4. Submit your Financial aid forms.

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1st and closes June 30th (the earlier you apply the better).

5. Send your mid-year grade report:

- Request that your high school counselor send your mid-semester grades to the schools that you have applied.
- your school will continue to keep track of your grades, stay focus until the end!

Spring Term

1. You should receive an admission decision by March or April. Notification of financial aid awards should arrive by the end of April (check with your schools if you have not heard from them by the end of April).
 - You still have options if you are placed on a wait list, check out schools that have late or rolling application deadlines.
2. Compare Financial aid packages:
 - do not hesitate to contact the financial aid office of the school to get additional information on your package.
3. Make final decision:
 - Notify all schools of your intent by May 1st.
 - Follow-up on financial aid information; make sure you receive your "FAFSA acknowledgement."
 - If you qualify for a Pell Grant check for your "Student Aid Report."
 - If necessary, apply for loans.
 - Make copies of all your documents for your records before you send the originals to the school you plan to attend.
4. Complete all enrollment paperwork for the school you will attend by the appropriate deadline dates (course schedule, orientation session, housing assignment, and any other necessary forms.)

Congratulation! You made it! You are one step closer to your dreams!