

Senior Checklist

After filling out an application...

- ✓ **Make sure your application fee has been paid.** If you completed an online application, you likely paid your application fee using a credit card before you could submit the application. If you submitted a paper application, make sure you sent in a check to cover your application fee. Some schools don't require an application fee, so keep track of this while you are applying.
- ✓ **Make sure your transcripts have been sent.** Follow up with the colleges where you have applied to ensure they received your transcript and all the necessary documents that went along with your application.
- ✓ **Create an FSA ID (the new option in place of the old FAFSA PIN).** Students and parents will need separate FSA IDs. Do this early and write down ID and password – you'll need them every year you apply!
 - You will need to provide your email address, a unique username, password, as well as your birthday, Social Security Number, and other contact information.
- ✓ **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** You CAN afford to go to college – fill out the FAFSA to unlock thousands of dollars in grants and loans. In Michigan, the deadline to receive state aid is March 1, so get your application in early. Go to fafsa.ed.gov to fill out your application.
- ✓ **Apply for scholarships.** There are thousands of scholarship dollars available, based on both need and merit. Contact your local community foundation, ask your counselor, and research local scholarships available in your community and national scholarships.
- ✓ **Accept an admission offer.** Schools have a deadline, usually around May 1, by which you need to confirm you are attending. Once you start getting offer letters, research each school's deadline and make sure you confirm your attendance in time.
- ✓ **Figure out next steps for the summer.** Aside from buying books and dorm decorations, you will likely need to take placement exams and attend orientation. Make sure you know your college's placement exam and orientation schedules, and SIGN UP EARLY. You'll be scheduling courses at orientation, and you want to make sure you get the first choice!
- ✓ **Have a wonderful first day of college and a wonderful semester!**

Seniors, visit KnowHow2GoMichigan.org
for the steps to college.



1. Complete your college applications



2. Complete your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov



3. Decide where you will go to college and accept an offer of admission



4. Arrive on campus ready for a rewarding experience

