



# COLLEGE COUNTDOWN CHECKLIST

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

- Focus on getting good grades! Your *GPA* starts now.
- Register on scholarship websites like [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Get involved. Try a variety of activities so that you can find out what really interests you

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

- Make good grades a priority. Your *GPA* continues to accumulate.
- Register at scholarship websites like [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Take the PLAN (practice ACT) test in October.
- Start thinking about careers that interest you.
- Continue to participate in extracurricular activities.

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

- Keeping a high *GPA* is a **must**. Your average at the end of your junior year is what goes on your college applications in the fall.
- Attend college fairs (October)
- Take the PSAT (practice SAT) test in October.
- Make a list of about 10 potential colleges.
- Meet with the college representatives that come to our school.
- Utilize your two college days
- Start thinking about possible majors
- Stay involved in a variety of areas. Colleges look for well-rounded applicants
- Plan to take your 1<sup>ST</sup> ACT test by April or June
- Register at scholarship websites like [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

- Grades still matter. All schools will require a final transcript. Admittance and Scholarship amounts are based on that final *GPA* and rank.
- Attend college fairs (October)
- Attempt to choose a major or general area of study. This will help to make the best college match for you.
- Utilize your two college days.
- Narrow your choices to the top 5.
- Send applications by December
- Continue to take your ACT test until you are satisfied with the score but many schools will not accept test dates later than December.
- File your FAFSA form (January)
- Meet with the college representatives that come to our school.
- Register at scholarships websites like [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

## HELPFUL WEBSITES:

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.scholarshiphelp.org](http://www.scholarshiphelp.org)
- [www.christiancollegementor.com](http://www.christiancollegementor.com)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)