

SEPTEMBER 2011	OCTOBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2011	DECEMBER 2011	JANUARY 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Meet with guidance counselor.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review high school transcripts.</li> <li>• Evaluate top 3 college choices.</li> </ul> </li> <li>&gt;&gt; Register to take the ACT and/or SAT, if necessary.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Request application for admissions and financial aid from schools to which you intend to apply.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Males-register with the U.S. Selective Service.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>Register for Lela's \$1000 3rd qtr scholarship drawing!</b> <i>Deadline: Sept. 30, 2011</i> <a href="http://www.askLela.org">www.askLela.org</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Attend a college and career fair at your high school or in your area.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Meet all admission, financial aid &amp; scholarship application deadlines with your college or university.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Submit artwork for Lela's Holiday Art Scholarship contest. Deadline Nov 4.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Devote time, energy and thought to writing any required essays.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Apply for admission to your top 3 schools.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>Ask Lela for help!</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Create a list of teachers, guidance counselors and other persons for Letters of Recommendation</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Continue searching for private scholarships and grant programs. Check for early deadlines and apply.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>Ask Lela for help!</b></li> <li>&gt;&gt; Finalize essays if required and have someone proof for you.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Take or retake the ACT or SAT. Highest score will be accepted.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Attend college visitation events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Prepare for the FAFSA. If not submitting online, download the PDF at <a href="http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov">www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov</a>.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Review all applications &amp; essays with a parent or guidance counselor.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Submit all completed admissions and college academic scholarship applications.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>Ask Lela for help!</b></li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>Register for Lela's \$1000 4th qtr scholarship drawing!</b> <i>Deadline: Dec. 31, 2011</i> <a href="http://www.askLela.org">www.askLela.org</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Collect family tax information for 2011.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Register for a Personal Identification Number (PIN) at <a href="http://www.pin.ed.gov">www.pin.ed.gov</a>.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Complete the FAFSA online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> after Jan 1, 2012 for the upcoming 2012-13 school year.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>Ask Lela for help!</b></li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
FEBRUARY 2012	MARCH 2012	APRIL 2012	MAY 2012	JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Register for advanced placement exams.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; If you applied for early decision, responses should be coming to you.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Attend Financial Aid Night programs.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Participate in Lela's FAAM "Cash for College" contest at <a href="http://www.GoFAAM.com">www.GoFAAM.com</a>.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Confirm receipt of your information with colleges.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Attend a College Goal Sunday event in your area.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>Register for Lela's \$1000 1st qtr scholarship drawing! Deadline: March 31, 2012</b> <a href="http://www.askLela.org">www.askLela.org</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Promptly respond to any requests from the college Admissions/Financial Aid offices.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Schools begin to notify students of admission acceptance and financial aid awards.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Notify the Financial Aid office of any outside scholarships or grants you receive.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Continue to seek and apply for private scholarships.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Review your FAFSA/ Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy. If necessary, correct inaccurate items on the SAR and submit to the FAFSA processor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Compare the offers you receive from each college.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Make your final decision on which college you will attend and complete necessary forms.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Review your financial aid award letter with your parents; be sure you understand the terms and conditions that apply to each type of aid offered.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Return your award letter to the college you are going to attend.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Participate in Lela's Financial Literacy Awareness activities for a chance to win a \$1000 scholarship!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Notify the offices of Admissions and Financial Aid at the colleges you decided not to attend.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>Ask Lela for help!</b></li> <li>&gt;&gt; Apply for a summer job.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>GRADUATION!</b>  Congratulations!</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Arrange housing and a meal plan with your new school, if necessary.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Send your final transcripts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Respond to any request from your college.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Find out when payment of school charges (such as tuition, fees, and room and board) are due.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Make a plan for saving a portion of your summer earnings.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Attend Freshman Orientation at your new college.</li> <li>&gt;&gt; <b>Register for Lela's \$1000 2nd qtr scholarship drawing! Deadline: June 30, 2012</b> <a href="http://www.askLela.org">www.askLela.org</a></li> </ul>