


SEPTEMBER 2009	OCTOBER 2009	NOVEMBER 2009	DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Meet with guidance counselor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review high school transcripts. • Evaluate college choices. >> Register to retake the ACT and/or SAT, if necessary. >> Request application materials for admissions and financial aid from schools to which you intend to apply. >> Early decision applications may be due. >> Males—register with the U.S. Selective Service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Attend college and career fairs at your high school or in your area. >> Be aware of admission and financial aid application deadlines and meet them. >> Arrange interviews and campus tours at colleges. >> Request high school transcripts and letters of recommendation from teachers, guidance counselors and employers. >> Devote time, energy and thought to writing any required essays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Finalize recommendation forms and list of teachers, guidance counselors and other persons from whom you are seeking references. >> Work on college application forms. >> Search and apply for private scholarships and grant programs. >> Meet scholarship application deadline with your college university. >> Register for a Personal Identification Number (PIN) at www.pin.ed.gov. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Begin to prepare for the FAFSA. If you do not plan to file the FAFSA online, download the PDF FAFSA at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov. >> Review all applications and essays with a parent or guidance counselor. >> Submit all revised, completed admissions and college academic school scholarships applications before holiday break. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Collect and file family tax information for 2009. >> Complete the FAFSA on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov after January 1, 2010. >> Follow up with your references. >> Send your mid-year grades to the colleges of your choice.
FEBRUARY 2010	MARCH 2010	APRIL 2010	MAY 2010	JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Register for advanced placement exams. >> Verify that your guidance counselor sent your mid-year transcripts to the schools to which you applied for admission. >> If you applied for early decision, responses should be coming to you. >> Attend Financial Aid Night programs. >> Participate in Lela's FAAM "Cash for College" contest. >> Confirm receipt of your information with colleges. >> Attend a College Goal Sunday event in your area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Promptly respond to any requests from the college Admissions or Financial Aid offices. >> Schools begin to notify students of admission acceptance and financial aid awards. >> Notify the Financial Aid office of any outside scholarships or grants that you receive. >> Continue to seek and apply for private scholarships. >> Review your FAFSA/ Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy. If necessary, correct inaccurate items on the SAR and return it to the FAFSA processor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Compare the offers you receive from each college. >> Make your final decision and notify the college you will attend. >> 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. >> If you need to borrow a Federal Stafford subsidized or unsubsidized loan (for students), or a Federal PLUS loan (for parents), please contact Lela at 800.228.4755 or info@lela.org for more information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Notify the offices of Admissions and Financial Aid at the colleges that you decided not to attend. >> Return your award letter to the college you are going to attend. >> GRADUATION!  Congratulations! >> Arrange housing and a meal plan with the school, if necessary. >> Apply for a summer job to help with college costs. >> Send your final transcripts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Respond to any request from your college. >> Find out when payment of school charges (such as tuition, fees and room and board) is due. >> Make a plan for saving a portion of your summer earnings. >> Attend Freshman Orientation at your new college.