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It's FAFSA Time!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 Academic Year opens October 1st!

www.fafsa.gov
College Planning: 12th Grade

Want to know if you’re on track in the college application process? This checklist shows you what you should be doing, and when.

FALL

☐ Narrow your list of colleges to between five and 10. Meet with a counselor about your college choices and, if you’ve not yet done so, download college applications and financial aid forms. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible.

☐ Create a master list or calendar that includes:
  - Tests you’ll take and their fees, dates, and registration deadlines
  - College application due dates
  - Required financial aid application forms and their deadlines (aid applications may be due before college applications)
  - Other materials you’ll need (recommendations, transcripts, etc.)
  - Your high school’s application processing deadlines

☐ Ask a counselor to help you request a fee waiver if you can’t afford application or test fees.

☐ Take the SAT® one more time: Many seniors retake the SAT in the fall. Additional course work since your last test could help you boost your performance. Plus you already know what to expect on test day.

☐ Be sure to have your SAT scores sent to the colleges to which you are applying.

☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): To apply for most financial aid, you’ll need to complete the FAFSA. Oct. 1 is the first day you can file the FAFSA.

☐ Complete the CBS/Financial Aid PROFILE®:
  - PROFILE is an online application used by certain colleges and scholarship programs to determine eligibility for their aid dollars.

☐ Prepare early decision/early action or rolling admission applications as soon as possible. Nov. 1-15: Colleges may require test scores and applications between these dates for early decision admissions.

☐ Ask a counselor or teacher for recommendations if you need them. Give each teacher or counselor an outline of your academic record and your extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, provide a stamped, addressed envelope and any college forms required.

☐ Write first drafts and ask teachers and others to read them if you’re submitting essays. If you’re applying for early decision, finish the essays for that application now.

☐ Complete at least one college application by the priority deadline.

☐ Ask counselors to send their transcripts to colleges. Give counselors the proper forms at least two weeks before the colleges require them.

WINTER

☐ Keep photocopies as you finish and send your applications and essays.

☐ Give the correct form to your counselor if the college wants to see second-quarter grades.

☐ Have your high school send a transcript—it is sent separately by mail to colleges if you apply online to colleges.

SPRING

☐ Keep active in school; if you are waitlisted, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and the time you learned of its decision.

☐ Visit your final college before accepting. You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. Notify your counselor of your choice. If you have questions about housing offers, talk to your counselor or call the college.

☐ Inform every college of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid by May 1. Colleges cannot require your deposit or your commitment to attend before May 1. Talk to your counselor or advisor if you have questions.

☐ Send your deposit to one college only.

☐ Take any AP® exams. Show what you’ve learned in your AP classes. A successful score could earn you credit, advanced placement, or both in college.

☐ Waitlisted by a college? If you intend to enroll if you are accepted, tell the admission director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you’re accepted.

☐ Work with a counselor to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.

☐ Ask your high school to send a final transcript to your college.

☐ Review your financial aid awards: Not all financial aid awards are the same, so it’s important to choose the aid package that’s best for you and your family. Be sure to note what you have to do to continue receiving financial aid through year to year, and how your aid might change in future years.
Did You Know?

Although **UD** now gives Delaware residents the ability to choose whether or not to submit their SAT/ACT scores with their application, it is recommended that students who score an 1150 or above (For ACT: 23 or above) submit their scores. Students who do not submit college entrance exam scores will be required to complete supplemental essays.

**UBMS** students can receive 2 SAT fee waivers (as well as 2 SAT subject test waivers)

In order to gain access to college application fee waivers during senior year, students must use an SAT fee waiver first.

ACT waivers are also available. Contact Ms. Beth or talk to your school counselor.
What are the qualifications?

1. Must be a participant in a Delaware UB or UBMS program
2. Must be recommended by their UB or UBMS program
3. Must be a Junior in high school planning to attend a 4 year college or university.
4. Must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Worth up to $5,000 per year for 4 years!

Deadline – applications MUST be received by the UBMS program no later than Friday, October 26th.

*The Juniors who were recommended for this years’ Edwards Scholarship have been contacted by the program.
College Planning: 11th Grade

Junior year marks a turning point. This is because for most students and families, it's when college planning activities kick into high gear. Here are some things you can do this year to stay on track for college.

**FALL**
- Start with you: Make lists of your abilities, socioeconomic preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- Learn about colleges: Look at their websites and find colleges at collegeboard.org/college-search. Talk to friends, family members, teachers, and recent graduates of your school now in college. List the college features that interest you.
- Resource check: Visit the counseling office and meet the counselors there. Is there a college night for students and families? When will college representatives visit your school? Put the dates in your calendar. Examine catalogs and guides.
- At school, speak to your counselor about taking the PSAT/NMSQT, which is given in October. If you plan to ask for testing accommodations (because of a disability), be sure the College Board has approved your eligibility.
- Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data. If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.
- Estimate your financial aid need. Financial aid can help you afford college. Use the College Board's College Affordability Calculator at collegeboard.org to estimate how much aid you might receive.

**WINTER**
- Sign up to take the SAT* in the spring. You can register online or through your school. SAT fee waivers are available to eligible students. To prepare for the SAT, you can access free, personalized SAT practice tools at satpractice.org, including thousands of interactive questions, video lessons, practice tests, and more.
- Begin a search for financial aid sources. National sources include the College Board's Scholarship Search and electronic sources. Don't overlook local state and state sources. Ask a counselor for help or check your public library.
- With your family, make an appointment with your counselor to discuss ways to improve your college preparation and selection processes.
- Ask a counselor or teacher about taking the SAT Subject Tests® in the spring. You should take them while course material is still fresh in your mind. You can download The SAT Subject Tests Study Guide, which offers test-prep advice, from SATSubjectTests.org.
- Explore AP®. The Advanced Placement Program® helps hundreds of thousands of high school students achieve their college dreams each year. Get the facts at apstudent.collegeboard.org/apfstrcpy. If you're in AP® courses, register for the AP® Exam given in May.
SPRING

☐ Contact your counselor before leaving school for the summer if you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships. If you want a four-year ROTC scholarship, you should begin the application process the summer before your senior year.

☐ Develop a list of 16 or 20 colleges that are of interest to you. You can find many colleges at which you'll be happy and get a great education. The college search is about exploring who you are and what you want and then finding colleges that will meet your goals.

☐ Stay open to all the possibilities — don’t limit your search. To find the best college for you, you should apply to colleges of varying selectivity. Selective colleges admit a portion of students who apply. Some colleges are highly selective while others are less selective. Make sure to apply to public, private, in-state, and out-of-state schools so that you have plenty of options from which to choose.

☐ Take the SAT. The test is typically offered in March, May, and June. Make sure you start preparing for the test several months in advance using the tools available at satpractice.org. And remember, if you’re not happy with your scores when you get them, you might want to test again in the fall. Many students take the test a second time as seniors, and they usually do better.

☐ Start to gather documents for financial aid. Be sure to keep a copy of your tax return handy. You’ll use these to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which opens on Oct. 1.

SUMMER

☐ Register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility Center if you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college (ncaaconnectinghub.net).

☐ Get your FSA ID. Before you can fill out your FAFSA, you need to get a username and password also known as an FSA ID.

☐ Find a full-time or part-time job, or participate in a summer camp or summer college program.

☐ Visit colleges. When planning your campus visits, make sure to allow time to explore each college. While you’re there, talk to as many people as possible. These can include college admission staff, professors, and students. Take campus tours, and, at colleges you’re serious about, make appointments to have interviews with admission counselors.

☐ Create a résumé — a record of your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and work experiences since you started high school.

☐ Download applications. Go to the website of each college’s admission office and either complete the application online or request a paper application from colleges to which you’ll apply. Check application dates — large universities may have early dates or rolling admission.

☐ Visit some local colleges — large, small, public, and private. A visit to a college campus can help you decide if that college is right for you. Make a plan ahead of time to get the most from your visit. Check out the campus checklist at highschool.collegereadytour.org/find-college/campus-visit-guide/campus-visit-checklist. Attend college fairs too.

☐ See local newspapers to see which civic, cultural, and service organizations in your area award financial aid to graduating seniors. Start a file.

Visit bigfuture.org for more information.
# College Entrance Exams

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Simply go to [www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org) to register for the SAT

Or go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register for the ACT
UBMS Class of 2018: Where are they now?

NICK

TYLER

DORIS

DAVON

BRIANNA

BRITTNEY
UBMS Class of 2018: Where are they now?!

Neumann University

Delaware Technical & Community College

New York Institute of Technology

Keystone College

CIARA

PREET

JULIANNA

ROLAND

ALEX
# Fall Workshops

**UPWARD BOUND MATH/SCIENCE PROGRAM**

**FALL 2018 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

## OCTOBER

**Saturday, October 20th**

University of Delaware Blue & Golden Saturday

1. To register, go to: [https://apply.udel.edu/portal/blueandgold/]

*Each student will be given individual schedules for the day based on their areas of interest. Parents/Guardians are to attend with their student.*

2. Confirm your attendance with Ms. Beth at bek@udel.edu before Monday, October 15th.

## NOVEMBER

**Monday, November 12th (some schools closed)**

Millersville University Tour

- **When:** 11:45am - 4:45pm
- **Drop-off:** Meet at the Newark Transit Hub at 11:45am
- **Pick-up:** Newark Transit Hub at 4:45pm
- **RSVP:** Before Friday, October 26th to Ms. Beth at bek@udel.edu

*Students should eat an early lunch before arriving. No meals will be provided.*

**Wednesday, November 14th**

Montgomery County College Fair

- **When:** 6:30-8PM
- **Where:** University of Delaware Bob Carpenter Center
- **RSVP:** Before Friday, November 9th to Ms. Beth at bek@udel.edu

*Parents/Guardians are to attend with their student. Students are to sign in with UBNSS staff at the entrance to the Bob Carpenter Center between 6:15-7pm to receive credit for attending this event.*

## DECEMBER

**Event TBD**

*Details to follow*