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College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

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Seniors...it's time to start the admissions process!

Admission deadlines will start hitting this fall. Follow these steps to stay on track:

Complete your college visits and narrow your choices to 3-4 schools.

Contact your top colleges NOW and ask about deadlines and the process for applying for admission, college-based scholarships and financial aid.

Apply to your top 3-4 colleges before the deadline. Along with your application, the colleges will require your high school transcript, class rank, GPA and ACT/SAT score. They may also request a list of your extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an essay, and an interview.

Update your *Activities Resume*. Since extracurricular activities are an important part of the admissions application, keep them up-to-date by using the [Activities Resume](#) at **EducationQuest.org**.

Contact your admissions representative periodically to stay informed about deadlines and campus activities.

Attend a Financial Aid Program to learn college funding options

If you attend, you can register to win a \$500 scholarship!

Juniors and seniors - to learn about financial aid and other college funding options, attend an EducationQuest [Financial Aid Program](#) with a parent or guardian. If you attend, you'll be eligible to apply for a \$500 *Financial Aid Program Scholarship!* [Find details](#) at **EducationQuest.org**.

Lincoln, Omaha College Fairs coming up

If you live in the Lincoln and Omaha regions, don't miss these opportunities to visit with representatives from over 100 colleges:

Lincoln Area College Fair, Sunday, October 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Southeast Community College

Omaha Area College Fair, Sunday, October 26, 1:00-4:00 p.m. – University of Nebraska at Omaha

For details, including a list of participating colleges, see the [College Fair article](#) at EducationQuest.org.

If you can't make it to a College Fair, attend an Educational Planning Program (EPP) at a location near you. These "mini college fairs" also feature college representatives. See ["Upcoming Events"](#) at EducationQuest.org for dates and locations.

Register for a barcode!

Before you attend a college fair or EPP, visit NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to register for a barcode. Take the barcode to the event and college reps will scan it to retrieve your demographic information.

Juniors...start researching colleges

If you narrow your college choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful. Here's how to get started:

Review [College Profiles](#) at **EducationQuest.org** for information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country. If you're interested in an out-of-state school, check out the [Midwest Student Exchange Program](#) to learn about options for discounts on tuition.

Meet with college representatives who visit your school, and then visit the websites of the colleges that interest you to learn more about the schools.

Once you've narrowed your choices, **schedule campus visits**. Try to visit in the spring of your junior year while colleges are still in session.

For more tips, visit the [Selecting a College section](#) at **EducationQuest.org**.

November "To Do" List

Juniors and seniors...complete these tasks in November to stay on the path to college!

- _____ Seniors, [register](#) by November 7 for the December 13 ACT.
 - _____ Seniors, [register](#) by November 6 for the December 6 SAT.
 - _____ Attend a [Financial Aid Program](#) in your area and apply for a \$500 scholarship.
 - _____ Apply for scholarships. Visit free sites such as [ScholarshipQuest](#) at **EducationQuest.org**.
 - _____ Meet with college representatives who visit your school.
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