

# April Planning Guide for High School Seniors/Juniors

## ACT/SAT Deadlines

### ▲ ACT Registration Deadlines.

The registration deadline for the June 12 ACT is May 7. The late registration deadline is May 21. For more information, visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

### ▲ SAT Registration Deadlines.

The registration deadline for the June 5 SAT & Subject Tests is April 29 (the late registration deadline is May 13). For more information, visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

## Seniors

### ▲ Avoid Senioritis

Stay focused on your studies. End your high school career by continuing to give top effort in your classes and extracurricular activities.

### ▲ Choose a College

Decision letters should have started arriving in March. Study and compare these letters, along with your financial aid award letters, as your next step to choosing a college. You will need to choose a college and notify officials that you will be attending by May 1. Once you pick a college, send in a tuition deposit and follow all other requirements for admitted students. Don't forget to notify the colleges you won't be attending. Talk to your coun-

selor immediately if you aren't admitted to any of the colleges to which you applied.

### ▲ Financial Aid

Evaluate your financial aid award letters from colleges. Talk to your parents or guardians about financing strategies. Continue to apply for scholarships. Check pages 11 and 12 of each issue of *College Spotlight* for new listings, and visit other scholarship sources, such as [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), and [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com).

### ▲ Summer Opportunities

Start looking for a summer job, internship, or volunteer activity—especially one that will prepare you in some way for college majors in which you are interested.

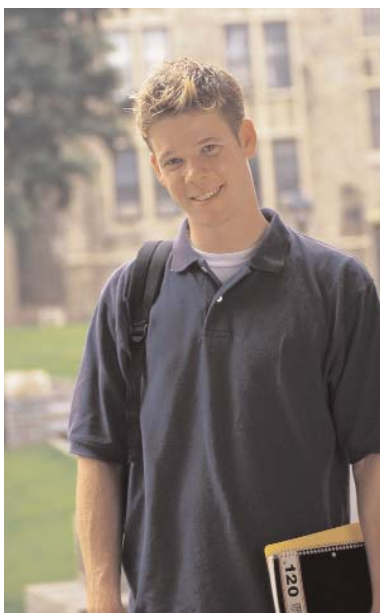


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## Juniors

### ▲ Make a List

Make a list of the qualities that you are looking for in a college. These include type of school (public or private), size, cost, financial aid options, extracurricular activities, and majors offered. Attend college fairs in your area and use this list to help you narrow your choices. Begin to visit colleges on your list.

### ▲ ACT/SAT

It's a good idea to check with schools that you are interested in to see which test they prefer—most schools accept both. It might be a good idea to take both tests since you are likely to score better on one depending on your abilities and aptitudes.

### ▲ Financial Aid

Begin researching financial aid such as scholarships, grants, and loans. Talk to your parents about how you will finance your college education.

### ▲ Extracurricular Activities

Continue or begin participating in extracurricular activities such as school clubs, newspapers, yearbook, speech teams, or athletics. These activities look great on your application and tell college administrators that you're a well-rounded individual.