

Junior Fall Timeline

Welcome to “College Prep News” – helpful tips from EducationQuest Foundation on how to plan -- and pay for college.

Hi! This is Marron from EducationQuest. If you're an upcoming high school junior...today's message is for you!

You may think you have lots of time to plan for college, but I encourage you to start getting serious about it this fall. Believe me...if you do some college planning during your junior year, your senior year will be *much less* stressful.

I'll make it easy for you by providing step-by-step actions you should take this fall to stay on the path to college.

Are you ready?

1. Sign up for Countdown2College at **EducationQuest.org**. You'll receive a monthly email telling you how to stay on track for college.
2. Get involved in school and community activities. This can pave the way for future scholarships and college admission.
3. Use the *Activities Resume* at **EducationQuest.org** to record your extracurricular activities, honors and part-time jobs. Then, when it's time to apply for scholarships and college admission, the information will be readily available.
4. Use other free tools on our Web site to start researching colleges. They include *College Profiles* with information on colleges in Nebraska and across the country, and the Careers podcast for ideas on how to find schools that match your career interests.
5. Attend the College Fair in your area. This is a great way to meet with representatives from colleges across the state, region and nation.
6. If you can't attend a College Fair, attend an Educational Planning Program at a school in your area. This event features regional college representatives and a college planning presentation.

For dates and locations of College Fairs and Educational Planning Programs, see the Upcoming Events section at **EducationQuest.org**.

7. Take the PSAT and/or PLAN. These exams will help prepare you for the SAT and ACT college entrance exams. Ask your guidance counselor about exam dates.
8. Begin looking for scholarships. A good place to start is *ScholarshipQuest* - an online database of over 2,000 state and local scholarships that you'll find on our Web site.

This may sound like a lot of things to do this fall, but it won't be so bad if you ask for help from a parent or another adult. EducationQuest is here to help, too!

That concludes this segment of *College Prep News*. Thanks for listening!

For free help with college planning, visit EducationQuest.org for information and resources - and to find the EducationQuest location nearest you.

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