

# COLLEGE BOUND MICHIGAN

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- ☐ Check your email regularly to stay on top of communication from colleges
- ☐ Compare acceptance offers and scholarship amounts
- ☐ Make sure your semester 2 schedule gets you the classes you need.
- ☐ Ask any questions you have about college decision making and paying for college
- ☐ If you haven't already, visit the campus of some schools you applied for.
- ☐ Talk to current students about their experience.
- ☐ Check for news on college acceptances
- ☐ Meet with your counselor to review your graduation plan
- ☐ Visit a Campus

## March

- ☐ Last chance to submit the FAFSA
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA
- ☐ Check your email regularly to stay on top of communication from colleges
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## April

- ☐ Tax Filing Deadline: April 15th
- ☐ Make sure taxes are filed!
- ☐ Check your email regularly to stay on top of communication from colleges
- ☐ Compare acceptance offers and scholarship amounts
- ☐ Think carefully and critically about where to attend for college. Compare cost, opportunities, size, academics, and more. Seek out wisdom from family, friends, and school staff
- ☐ Check for news on college acceptances
- ☐ Decision time!

## May

- ☐ Decision Day Events
- ☐ Participate in your institution's Decision Day Events on or around May 1st.
- ☐ Finish strong and start thinking ahead
- ☐ Complete required graduation courses
- ☐ Take AP exams or college placement tests
- ☐ Complete required college forms (housing, financial aid, etc)

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## 12th Grade Checklist

### September

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Make a post high school plan</b>     | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a list of three careers you are interested in and the <b>training or education</b> (including program or major) you will need.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Review your graduation plan</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen your college list in <a href="#">BigFuture™</a> so that it has a minimum of one (1) "safety," two (2) "match," and three (3) "reach" colleges                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prepare for college Applications</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Review your transcript and your senior year class schedule with your counselor or college advisor to make sure you have the classes you need to graduate and apply to college. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Explore how to pay for college</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ask questions you have about the college application process   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a professional email account.   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Set privacy settings on social media accounts.   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for scholarships on <a href="#">GoingMerry!</a>  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Create your Federal Student Aid ( <a href="#">FSA</a> ) <a href="#">ID</a>   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Research financial aid/scholarship options at your list of colleges  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sign up for the SAT or ACT</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for the ACT or SAT if you haven't taken it or need to  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Take the SAT</b>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Take or retake the SAT   |

### October

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Take the SAT</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Take or retake the SAT  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prepare for college applications</b>                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a list of awards you have received and extra-curriculars you participated in   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Participate in Michigan College Month activities</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> Write a rough draft of application and/or scholarship essays. Check out <a href="#">Story2</a> for support telling your story               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue completing college applications</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Request letters of recommendation if required for applications or scholarships  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Check application due dates and develop a plan for submission   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete at least 2 applications before October 31st.   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Send your transcripts to the schools you applied to using <a href="#">Parchment</a>   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Send your SAT scores (if applicable) through <a href="#">College Board</a>  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Request and follow up on letters of recommendation (if applicable)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Explore how to pay for college</b>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue working on and submitting college applications and following up on transcripts, letters of recommendation and sending test scores. |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Create your <a href="#">FSA ID</a>  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gather the documents needed to file the FAFSA including tax returns and W2 Forms  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue searching for and applying for scholarships  |

### December

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Finish applying for colleges</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue working on and submitting college applications                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Send your transcripts to your schools using <a href="#">Parchment</a>      |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Send your SAT scores (if applicable) through <a href="#">College Board</a> |
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