

Senior Calendar and Checklist 2021-2022



JFK Future Center

SEPTEMBER Retake SAT - College Applications - Essays

□ Visit the Future Center, in Rm 305

Check out the Future Center Class of 2022 Schoology Course (CODE: **9KHK-SQP3-VT48B**)

email Ms. Emily at : eweiss@denverscholarship.org

- Finish Target, Safety, and Reach, College Search: instructions in Schoology
- Start [College Applications online](#), all links are in Schoology.
- Track your progress [HERE](#) (Save this to your drive to track your progress)
- Request transcripts in Future Center or on [this link!](#) **AND REQUEST ON MAIA.**
- Request Letters of Recommendation (1-2) by completing the request form your counselor gave you, and asking your teachers to know if they can write it for you. **Be sure to give them two weeks' notice.** Please request them through [Maia](#) as well.
- **Finish your Personal Statement/College Essay (1-2 pages double-spaced).**
- Register to retake SAT if you would like to include SAT scores in your application, Check to see if your SAT score needs to be sent to your school, and if it can help you application: [SAT TEST DATES for 2021](#) Visit the Future Center for a fee waiver.
- Start applying for scholarships.
 - www.denverscholarship.org/scholarshipdirectory or www.fastweb.com, or with the [Weekly Scholarship Update](#) (log in with your DPS email)
 - Complete the College Opportunity Fund.
<https://cof.college-assist.org/COFApp>
- Create an FSAID, instructions and link in Schoology.
- **Signup for FAFSA Workshop!**

Date: TBA

FAFSA Friday's by appointment only, sign up in the Future Center.

Use 2020 Tax Forms (1040, W-2)

Meet with your College Advisor at least once by the end of September

OCTOBER FAFSA/CASFA - Retake SAT - College Apps - Letters of Recommendation

- FAFSA/CASFA open Oct. 1st. Attend FAFSA Workshop. (TBA)
- **Attend FAFSA Workshop with a Parent & 2020 Taxes,**
 - Signup in the Future Center**
- Continue completing college applications, essays and letters of rec.
- Continue searching and applying for scholarships.
- **FREE APPLICATION DAY October 19-21!** These days are when ALL Colorado colleges and Universities are FREE. Start your applications early and then submit them on OCT 19-21!!

NOVEMBER Finish College Applications - Scholarships!!!!

- **Two college applications must be complete by Thanksgiving break** – College Application Workshops – TBD.
- College Fair Nov 4th At Kennedy from 9:30-10:30am
- Continue applying for Scholarships
- Request tax transcripts at <https://www.irs.gov/>

DECEMBER Finish College Applications - Scholarships!!!

- Continue Applying for Scholarships
- **Be sure all college applications are submitted before winter break!!!!!!**

JANUARY Institutional Scholarships!

- **Start Applying for Institutional Scholarships!!!!**
- Complete any last minute college applications
- Check financial aid Req's and follow up on verification forms

FEBRUARY FA Verification Forms & DSF App

- Check financial aid requirements and follow up on verification forms
- Complete Institutional Scholarships

MARCH FA Verification Forms & Review FA

- **FAFSA should be submitted no later than March 1st**
- If eligible, apply for the DSF scholarship
- **Sign up online for New Student Orientations**
- Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships!
- **Living on campus? Start filling out housing applications**
- Students will start receiving financial aid award letters

APRIL FA Verification Forms & Review FA

- **Denver Scholarship Application due: April 1st**
- Compare your financial aid award letters and calculate your costs.
- **Submit at least one scholarship by March 25th**
- **Activate your online student portals at the colleges you are considering. Regularly check your college email!**

MAY/JUNE/JULY/AUGUST Finalize – Orientation – Housing

- Throughout **May**, enrollment deposits will be due, varies by school and will not be required by every school.
- **June and July** students should plan on attending *New Student Orientations*
- **JULY 15 – Financial Aid must be COMPLETE** in order to receive Fall semester payments on time!
For financial aid to be complete, please contact your college/university financial aid office and ask if your file is complete. **Note:** Some students are selected for VERIFICATION and they will need to provide a completed Dependent Verification Worksheet, tax transcripts, copies of W-2's/1040 tax forms to prove need.
- **Mid-August/Beginning of September** students begin moving into the residence halls and starting classes.

Ways to get started!

Use the tools on [MAIA](#):

Maialearning.com

Username: DPS ID Number

Password: 6 digit birthday, ex: 012199

Not sure what career path you want? Explore!

- **My next Move** has allows you to browse careers and find jobs that fit your personality and skills;
<http://www.mynextmove.org/>
- **College in Colorado** also allows you to see what majors prepare you for certain careers:
www.collegeincolorado.org

Research colleges to create a list of schools that are a good fit for you!

- **College Board** is a great website for searching for colleges, and checking admissions requirements: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

Search for scholarships!

- **The Denver Scholarship Foundation** has a scholarship database organized by deadline!
<http://www.denverscholarship.org/scholarshipdirectory>
- **Or try:** www.scholarships.com or add the scholly app to your phone!

A Brief Timeline

SEPTEMBER	Retake SAT – Begin College Applications – Begin College Essay/Personal Statement
OCTOBER	FAFSA!! - Retake SAT – College Applications - Request Letters of Recommendation
NOVEMBER	Finish College Applications - Keep applying for Scholarships!!!!
DECEMBER	Finish College Applications - Keep applying for Scholarships!!!
JANUARY	Start Institutional Scholarships
FEBRUARY	Complete Financial Aid Verification Forms & Denver Scholarship Foundation Application
MARCH	Review Financial Aid Award Letter OR Complete Financial Aid Verification Forms
APRIL	Review Financial Aid Award Letter OR Complete FA Verification Forms & Secure Housing
MAY/JUNE/JULY/AUGUST	Finalize – Orientation – Housing