

# Postsecondary Planning Timeline for Students



## 11th Grade

### Third Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Complete college net price calculators using your parent's tax return to have a better idea of future tuition costs and financial aid eligibility.
- Continue virtual campus visits to learn about each college campus and student life.
- Update new careers of interest to you by reviewing saved careers on YouScience.
- Research application decision types, such as Early Action/Early Decision, and review potential deadlines for each program.
- Develop or update your resume. Completing your "Personal Bio" in Scoir will allow you to "Export Resume" for later use.
- Start brainstorming for the first draft of your personal statement and college essay.
- Attend the Miami National College Fair to engage with a variety of national and international institutions.
- Ensure that you have all required documentation to receive testing accommodations for any SAT/ACT exam that you may be taking if you have an IEP or 504 Plan.

#### Resources

- [Estimate Your Federal Student Aid](#)
- [College Essay Resources](#)
- [Writing A High School Resume That Stands Out](#)
- [Picking Your College: Early Actions vs Early Decision](#)
- [College Essay Guy: College Application and Essay Resources](#)
- [Miami National College Fair](#)
- [College Board: How to Request Accommodations](#)
- [ACT Test Accommodations and English Learner Supports](#)



### Fourth Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Begin moving colleges to your "Applying" tab in Scoir to plan for application requirements and upcoming deadlines.
- Update the "Personal Bio" in Scoir to maintain an accurate resume and provide background for any teachers needing information to assist with possible letters of recommendation.
- Review college application requirements and if needed, begin to ask teachers for recommendation letters through the "Application Documents" tab on your Scoir account.
- Start to compile application materials that may be needed such as personal statements, portfolios, essays, resumes, etc.
- Use your summer break to visit local colleges and other postsecondary institutions that interest you.
- Gain work experience by finding a summer job/internship.
- Create your FSA ID in preparation for upcoming FAFSA completion in the fall.
- Review scholarship requirements and deadlines, especially for the colleges to which you plan to apply.
- Begin the application process for military academies or ROTC scholarships this summer before senior year.
- Register with the [National Collegiate Athletic Association Eligibility Center](#) if considering college athletics.
- Attend a technical college fair to learn more about the many career pathways available in our local technical colleges.
- Update your RaiseMe account.
- Attend college visits, if possible.

#### Resources

- [CollegeBoard- Find Your Scholarship Matches](#)
- [9 Myths About the FSA ID](#)
- [M-DCPS Technical Colleges](#)

