

# JUNIOR'S

## Checklist for College Planning 2019-2020



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### AUGUST 2019

- Work with your School Counselor to confirm your class schedule for college.
- Aim to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) classes.
- Visit [actprofile.org](http://actprofile.org) to create a personal student profile.
- Begin studying vocabulary words for the ACT or SAT. Check out the mobile App.
- Consider enrolling in a Dual Enrollment Program.

### DECEMBER 2019

- Work with your School Counselor to learn about scholarship opportunities.
- Seek part-time employment during holiday break.
- Visit [louisianabelieves.com](http://louisianabelieves.com) for great hot topics on college planning.

### APRIL 2020

- Consider volunteering to represent your school at a summer leadership conference (Boys/Girls State, Trailblazers, LYS, etc.).
- Evaluate what clubs or organizations you are a member of and consider running for a leadership position your senior year.
- If you are interested in the military for your career path, begin planning to take the ASVAP Test and meet with a military representative.
- Contact Lela at [info@lela.org](mailto:info@lela.org) about becoming a Lela Ambassador or a Peer Counselor at your school

### SEPTEMBER 2019

- Prepare for the PSAT. Your School Counselor can assist you in registering for the October test.  
  
The PSAT is also used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation as an initial screening of entrants in its annual competitions.
- Make a list of three to five colleges that interest you and why.
- Get help choosing a career at [unlockmyfuture.org](http://unlockmyfuture.org)

### JANUARY 2020

- Consider putting together a portfolio that highlights your special skills, talents, community service, sports, hobbies, awards, and school activities.
- Think about financial aid. Talk with your parents about options on how to pay for college.
- Think about your college goals and the institutions you would like to attend.

### MAY 2020

- Apply for a summer job, apprenticeship or internship related to your career interest.
- Job shadow in a profession that interests you.
- Open a savings account and/or a checking account.
- Team up with a study buddy in your preparations for your senior year.
- Get an estimate of your financial aid eligibility at [FAFSA4caster](http://FAFSA4caster)
- Search for scholarships at [lela.org/freemoneysearch](http://lela.org/freemoneysearch)
- Include visits to colleges during your summer vacation.

### OCTOBER 2019

- Register for the PSAT Test being offered on October 16, 19 & 30.
- Begin researching and comparing the colleges you like at [actprofile.org](http://actprofile.org)
- Determine how to select the right college for you (Cost, Academics, Scholarships, Environment or Location.)
- Get involved in community activities related to your career interests.

### FEBRUARY 2020

- Register for the April ACT Test at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org).
- Visit [March2Success.com](http://March2Success.com) for free ACT prep lessons.
- Start or update an academic and leadership resume.
- Continue to be on the lookout for any colleges that may have slipped under your radar.

### JUNE/JULY 2020

- Save a portion of your summer earnings for college expenses.
- Schedule a few hours each week preparing for the ACT/SAT Test.
- Enroll in an ACT/SAT preparation workshop or visit your local library for helpful resources.
- Read subject books to help you prepare for challenging senior courses.
- Create your FSA ID Username and Password at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov) or on the [myStudentAid](http://myStudentAid) app. Take good notes and keep in a safe place.

### NOVEMBER 2019

- Participate in the George Rodrigue Art Scholarship for juniors. Check out [georgerodriguefoundation.org](http://georgerodriguefoundation.org).
- Ask Lela for help!**
- Follow @AskLela on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for important college planning tips.

### MARCH 2020

- Visit your top colleges during a Preview Day or schedule a private visit through the Admissions/Recruiting Office.
- Volunteer for activities and clubs related to your career interests.
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