



SENIOR CHECKLIST

FALL CHECKLIST

FAFSA Time!

- **Get Your FSA ID.** FAFSA applicants must create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID), which is a username and password, at StudentAid.gov. You'll use your FSA ID throughout the financial aid process to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, to sign student loan applications, to view your financial aid history, and more.
- **Complete the FAFSA.** The FAFSA is your first step in applying for federal and state financial aid. Complete the 2024-25 FAFSA in December at FAFSA.gov. You'll need your FSA ID to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. If you're a dependent student, one or both of your parents will also need to create an FSA ID. Oklahoma's Promise students must complete the FAFSA annually in order to receive their funding.
- **Look for Your FSS.** After you submit the FAFSA, you'll receive a FAFSA Submission Summary, or FSS, via email or postal mail. Review the information provided on the FSS for accuracy. If you find errors, correct the data at StudentAid.gov or by contacting your college financial aid office.
- **Learn about Financial Aid.** Research grants, work-study and student loan information and options at StudentAid.gov and UCanGo2.org.

Counselor Communication

- **Take Action Now.** Continue to explore opportunities to earn college credit while in high school. Talk to your counselor about concurrent enrollment and AP classes.
- **Study.** Just like your parents said, good grades matter! Stay committed and maintain your grades. These habits will carry over to your college coursework. Find [The Perfect 10 Study Habits](https://UCanGo2.org) at UCanGo2.org.
- **Stay on Track.** Review your class schedule with your counselor to make sure you're meeting the high school graduation and college entrance requirements for the institutions that interest you. Check out the [College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum Standards](https://UCanGo2.org) to see Oklahoma's graduation requirements.

College Connection

- **Learn More.** Attend college fairs in your area (use our [College Fair Worksheet](https://UCanGo2.org) as your guide), meet with college recruiters and bring an adult to a FAFSA event at your school to get answers to your questions about enrollment and paying for college.
- **Choose Your Top Picks.** Narrow your list of potential colleges based on your research. Your list will probably include three to five colleges; however, you can add up to 20 institutions on your FAFSA.
- **Take a Tour.** Visit campuses that are a good match for your abilities and career interests. Use the tools found at UCanGo2.org such as [Making the Most of Campus Visits](https://UCanGo2.org) to ensure your campus visits are successful. Many colleges offer virtual tours if you're unable to visit in person. Review our list of Oklahoma institutions that offer virtual tours at OKcollegestart.org.

