

TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

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FIRST SEMESTER (AUGUST - DECEMBER)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Missing deadlines can cost you. Make a list of deadlines for things such as financial aid, admissions, scholarships, and registration.

ACT/ACCUPLACER

The ACT or ACCUPLACER test is used for admission, placement, and scholarship purposes at many colleges and universities. Take the ACT/ACCUPLACER test as early and often as you can. UACCM offers the ACCUPLACER Monday through Friday at 9am or 1pm. If you need to test at another time, please contact Testing Services for availability.

FAFSA

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at studentaid.gov/fafsa. This is the first step for many state and institutional scholarships. You can apply as early as October of your senior year. UACCM offers a financial aid assistance computer lab and video tutorials at uaccm.financialaidtv.com.

SEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

See what scholarships are offered at the colleges you are considering. Talk to your counselor about local scholarships. Search the internet at www.fundmyfuture.info, www.fastweb.com, and www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx.

APPLY TO YOUR TOP THREE COLLEGES

Make sure the college has the major that matches your career choice. Request that your counselor send all supporting documents. Start a file for each college and keep all important communication!

VISIT THE CAMPUS

Taking a tour is one of the most important steps in deciding which college is right for you. Request a visit to see first-hand the campus, classrooms, labs, and programs.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

Many organizations may communicate with you about your scholarships, grant, and admissions application via email only. Be sure to use a personal email address and not a school email address.

SECOND SEMESTER (JANUARY - MAY)

STATE FINANCIAL AID

Apply for state scholarships and grants at sams.adhe.edu. Include an email address that you will continue to check after graduation.

COMPARE COSTS

Compare the cost of attending/financial aid packages at your top three schools.

PICK A SCHOOL

Make sure all paperwork required by the college's or university's departments has been completed and sent in by the dates specified. Notify other schools of your decision.

ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Academic Challenge scholarship and many other institutional scholarships require that you accept the scholarship by a certain date.

REGISTER EARLY

Registering for classes as early as possible helps ensure that you get the schedule you want. Some scholarships have a registration deadline.



Everyone Should Have
One. Start Yours NOW!