

# College Readiness Checklist

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Fall

- Continue to stay on track in your classes. Build up that GPA.
- Use your test scores and current GPA to evaluate your college options. Start building a list of your top five colleges. **FloridaShines** lists the admissions requirements, deadlines, and other important information about each public college and university in Florida.
- Know the dates and locations of the **SAT**, **ACT**, and other tests you might be planning to take. Sign up for the tests and don't forget to add them to your calendar.
- Update your professional resume to include your summer work and other relevant experience.
- Find out if representatives from colleges you are interested in are visiting your area. Consider attending those sessions.
- Participate in **FloridaShines Virtual College Week**.

### Spring

- Search for scholarships.
- Build service hours needed for Bright Futures Scholarships. (Florida students)
- Contact individuals who you will be asking to write letters of recommendation.
- Plan college visits.
- Organize financial aid information.
- Start college application essays.
- Create a filing system to help you keep all of your college materials organized.

### Summer

- Stay involved in extracurricular activities, and seek out leadership roles in your community that will look good on your college application.
- Start communicating with admissions officers and recruiters at colleges on your list.

