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The Road to Higher Education: College Prep Checklist

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- **Please enter your email in the chat box, we will use this to track all participants in this webinar and follow-up with you.**
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Things To Do in September/October

- ☐ Meet with your Counselor/College Adviser to discuss your college list
- ☐ Draft, work on and complete college/scholarship essay(s)
- ☐ Request recommendation letters
(Ask counselor/adviser/teacher/employer)
- ☐ Apply for scholarships (especially city specific)
- ☐ Call to see if you are eligible for Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)
1-888-447-2687
- ☐ Have Applied to at least 5 colleges
(include at least 1 community college)

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Things To Do in November/December

- ☐ Set up you & your parents FSA ID & keep it safe
- ☐ Complete your FAFSA be sure it has processes successfully
- ☐ Continue to apply for scholarships
- ☐ Check the status of your college applications
- ☐ Organize all your acceptance letters in a folder or binder
- ☐ Save the User ID and passwords for college websites in your notes

Things To Do in January/February/March



- ☐ Completed your FAFSA and any verification required
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships
- ☐ Check your personal and student email (if you've been accepted to the college/university)
- ☐ Check your student portal for every college you've been accepted to

Things To Do in April/May

- ☐ Check the mail or your student portal for your Financial Aid Award Letter
- ☐ Talk to a financial aid adviser if you have any questions about your award letters
- ☐ Apply to institutional specific scholarships
- ☐ Try to narrow down your college selection to two schools

Things To Do In June/July/August

- ☐ Be sure to have your final transcript sent to the college or university you plan on attending
- ☐ Register for your student orientation if required
- ☐ Sign up for student housing if required
- ☐ Pay any enrollment/orientation/housing fees or seek a waiver
- ☐ Continue checking your email and student portal every few days
- ☐ Study and take placement exams for core classes at the college
- ☐ Secure transportation for you and your belongings to college

Questions?

Schedule an adviser for a one-on-one Zoom session

<https://calendly.com/detroitcan/studentadvising>

This presentation and college preparation checklist will be available to you online at:

<https://www.detroitcan.org/seniors>



You Made It!

Remember take it one step at a time, you won't finish everything in one day.

