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**College Access**

College Knowledge [www.osfa.la.gov/collegeknowledge](http://www.osfa.la.gov/collegeknowledge)  
 Are You Going? [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov)  
 Know How To Go [www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org)  
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**Federal Student Aid**

US Department of Education [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)  
 FAFSA on the Web [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)  
 FSA ID <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>  
 FAFSA 4caster [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov)

**Free Scholarship Searches**

Adventures in Education Scholarship Search: [www.aie.org/Scholarships/](http://www.aie.org/Scholarships/)  
 College Board [http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_ss/welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp)  
 College Toolkit Scholarship Search <http://scholarships.collegetoolkit.com/scholarship/main.aspx>  
 EducationPlanner.org [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)  
 FastWeb [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
 International Financial Aid and College Scholarship Search [www.iefa.org/](http://www.iefa.org/)  
 Mach25 [www.collegenet.com/mach25/app](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app)  
 Scholarship Experts [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)  
 Sallie Mae <http://www.salliemae.com/>  
 Scholarships.com [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
 SRN Express <http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/>  
 U.S. Department of Education Scholarship Search: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>

**Testing Services**

ACT [www.actstudent.org/](http://www.actstudent.org/)  
 College Board (SAT, PSAT, AP exams) [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**Loan Servicers**

Nelnet [www.nelnet.com](http://www.nelnet.com)  
 Sallie Mae [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)

**College Guides**

Peterson's Guide [www.petersons.com/](http://www.petersons.com/)  
 The Princeton Review [www.princetonreview.com/](http://www.princetonreview.com/)

**Louisiana Public Universities**

Grambling State University [www.gram.edu/](http://www.gram.edu/)  
 Louisiana State University – Alexandria [www.lsua.edu/](http://www.lsua.edu/)  
 Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge [www.lsu.edu/](http://www.lsu.edu/)  
 Louisiana State University – Eunice [www.lsu.eunice.edu/](http://www.lsu.eunice.edu/)  
 Louisiana State University – Health Science Center New Orleans [www.lsu.hsc.edu](http://www.lsu.hsc.edu/)  
 Louisiana State University – Health Science Center Shreveport [www.sh.lsu.hsc.edu/index.html](http://www.sh.lsu.hsc.edu/index.html)  
 Louisiana State University – Shreveport [www.lsus.edu/](http://www.lsus.edu/)  
 Louisiana Tech University [www.latech.edu/](http://www.latech.edu/)  
 McNeese State University [www.mcneese.edu/](http://www.mcneese.edu/)  
 Nicholls State University [www.nicholls.edu](http://www.nicholls.edu)  
 Northwestern State University [www.nsula.edu](http://www.nsula.edu)  
 Southeastern Louisiana University [www.selu.edu](http://www.selu.edu)  
 Southern University – Baton Rouge [www.subr.edu/](http://www.subr.edu/)  
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 Southern University – Shreveport [www.susla.edu/](http://www.susla.edu/)  
 University of New Orleans [www.uno.edu/](http://www.uno.edu/)  
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette [www.louisiana.edu](http://www.louisiana.edu)  
 University of Louisiana at Monroe [www.ulm.edu/](http://www.ulm.edu/)



# SENIOR'S Checklist for College Planning 2018-2019

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.org  
Louisiana's Non-Profit  
Resource for FAFSA Completion  
and College Access

## SEPTEMBER 2018

- Meet with your School Counselor to review high school transcripts and to evaluate top three college choices.
- Register to take the ACT and/or SAT. Visit [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org) [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)
- Complete online college admission application to top schools.
- Males: Register with the U.S. Selective Service: [sss.gov](http://sss.gov)
- Register for askLela's \$1,000 scholarship at [askLela.org](http://askLela.org) by September 30, 2018.
- Prepare for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by creating your FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov).

## FEBRUARY 2019

- Register for Advanced Placement exams.
- If you applied for early decision, responses should be coming to you. If not, follow up with your admissions representative.
- Attend a Financial Aid program at your school or in your area.
- Once your FAFSA is submitted, register to win a \$1,000 scholarship at [askLela.org](http://askLela.org).

## OCTOBER 2018

- Complete the FAFSA online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) for the upcoming 2019-20 school year using 2017 tax returns.
- Meet all admissions, financial aid and scholarship application deadlines at your college or university.
- Devote time, energy, and thought to writing any required essays.
- Remember to complete your admission application to your top three schools.
- Visit [March2Success.com](http://March2Success.com) for free ACT prep lessons.
- Attend a College and Career Fair at your high school or in your area.

## MARCH 2019

- Register for askLela's \$1,000 scholarship, sign up at [askLela.org](http://askLela.org) by March 31, 2019.
- If you have completed the financial aid process, be on the look out for your Award Letter or electronic notification.
- March 1 is the recommended FAFSA submission deadline at many schools. Check with your school for priority deadline dates.
- Visit Lela's College Planning Center in Baton Rouge for assistance with submitting your FAFSA. Call to schedule an appointment.

## NOVEMBER 2018

- If colleges request Letters of Recommendation, compile a list of teachers and mentors you can ask to submit a letter on your behalf. This may also be needed for scholarship applications.
- Search and apply for scholarships. [lela.org/freemoneysearch](http://lela.org/freemoneysearch)
- Finalize and have a teacher proof read any required essays.
- Register to take the ACT or SAT. Highest composite score will be accepted. Visit [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org) [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

## APRIL 2019

- Compare the offers you receive from each college.
- Decide which college to attend and notify the school of your decision.
- Review your financial aid award package with your parents; be sure you understand the terms and conditions that apply to each type of aid offered.
- If your award package includes student loans, only borrow what you NEED.
- Register for a chance to win askLela's Financial Literacy Awareness \$500 scholarship! [lela.org/financialliteracy](http://lela.org/financialliteracy)

## DECEMBER 2018

- Visit [actprofile.org](http://actprofile.org) to compare colleges and research careers.
- Submit all completed admission and college academic scholarship applications. Meet deadlines.
- Register to win a \$1,000 scholarship at [askLela.org](http://askLela.org) to be eligible for the December 31, 2018 drawing.
- Ask Lela for help! Call the FAFSA HELPLINE @ 844-GO-FAFSA or 844-463-2372
- Follow @AskLela on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook for important tips and scholarship opportunities.

## MAY 2019

- Notify the offices of Admissions and Financial Aid at the colleges you decided not to attend.
- Ask Lela for help!
- Apply for a summer job.
- GRADUATION! Congratulations!
- Arrange housing and a meal plan with your new school, if necessary.

## JANUARY 2019

- Contact an askLela FAFSA Completion Specialist for FREE one-on-one help with your FAFSA or financial aid questions @[info@lela.org](mailto:info@lela.org) or 844-463-2372.
- Once your FAFSA is submitted, register to win a \$1,000 scholarship at [askLela.org](http://askLela.org).
- Participate in the George Rodrigue Art Scholarship for Seniors. Check out [georgerodriguefoundation.org](http://georgerodriguefoundation.org).

## JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2019

- Respond to all requests from your college.
- Find out when payment of school charges (such as tuition, fees, and room and board) are due.
- Make a plan for saving a portion of your summer earnings.
- Attend Freshman Orientation at your new college.
- If you haven't registered for askLela's \$1,000 scholarship, sign up at [askLela.org](http://askLela.org) by June 30, 2019

Have questions about FAFSA? Call askLela's FAFSA HELPLINE.  
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