

12TH GRADE ✓

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Stay focused.

- Check in with your counselor about applying to colleges and scholarship opportunities.
- Ask for letters of recommendation. Connect with teachers and counselors early in the fall of your senior year.

Take math during your senior year.

- Be sure to take the right math for your future career. Use the guide on page 13 to help you figure out which math class is right for you.

Apply to college in the fall.

- Apply to colleges during the fall of your senior year. Participate in Utah College Application Week in November. Ask your counselors for more information.

*** If you're planning on serving a religious mission or joining the military, you should still complete your college applications. Once you have been accepted to college, you can defer your enrollment and any scholarships you have been offered until you return. Find more information about the deferment process by visiting the admissions page on the college's website. ***

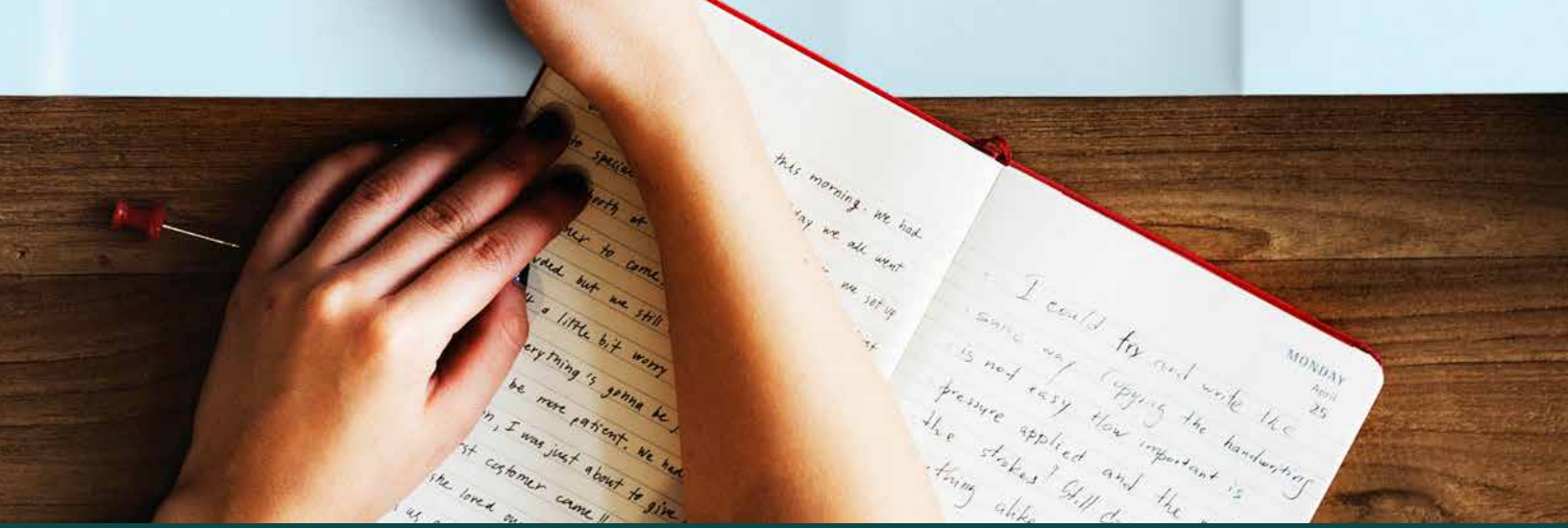
- Check with the colleges you're applying to and see what ACT scores you should be aiming for. If you want to improve your score, retake the ACT the fall of your senior year.

Fill out your FAFSA.

- Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as October at fafsa.gov.

*** Even if you don't think you will qualify for federal grants, you should still fill out the FAFSA. Many colleges require it for scholarships and other aid. ***

- Get help completing your FAFSA by attending a FAFSA Completion Open House during the school year. Visit StepUpUtah.com/events to find dates.
- If you are an undocumented student, check to see what options might be available for you at educate-utah.org.



Continue applying for scholarships.

- Apply for the Regents' Scholarship if you're pursuing it. Check deadlines at [RegentsScholarship.org](https://www.regents.org).
- Research what scholarships are offered by the colleges you've applied to and check deadlines.
- Apply for at least three scholarships during your senior year.

Apply for StepUp Utah Scholars recognition.

- Apply for StepUp Utah Scholars Recognition at StepUpUtah.com/UtahScholars.

Narrow it down.

- Visit the websites or call any colleges you've been accepted to and ask about First Year Experience Programs and Summer Bridge Programs.
- Send in your final high school transcripts to your college once you graduate.
- Accept any financial aid you might have received. Talk with your college's financial aid office to make sure you're good to go.

Be proud. Celebrate!

- Participate in your school's Decision Day activities to celebrate your accomplishments. Ask your school counselor for more information.

What if I'm not going to college right after high school?

Are you planning to join the military or serve a religious mission before enrolling in college?

You should still apply for college admissions and financial aid as a high school senior to lock in your admissions and scholarships.

Once you've been accepted, talk to your college about deferring enrollment or taking a leave of absence. If you are leaving the country or will not have access to email, be sure to complete a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form.

Without this form, colleges will not legally be able to talk with your parents/guardians about you after you turn 18. Talk to the Admissions Office at your college for information on what paperwork you'll need to complete.