

# SENIOR CHECKLIST

ALL SENIORS MUST COMPLETE ALL TASKS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY!



## FALL SEMESTER

### AUGUST-OCTOBER

**Meet with your Counselor** Review credits, schedule, graduation progress, post-secondary plans.

**Meet with your DSF College Advisor** Discuss post high school goals, provide college, scholarship, & financial aid support.

### OCTOBER

**Attend Senior Family Meeting #1.**

**Complete the FAFSA** (Free Application For Federal Student Aid if eligible **or CASFA** (Colorado Application for State Financial Aid) **OR Meet with your Counselor or DSF College Advisor**

**Add Fall Senior Round Up and Quarter 1 ICAP Day.**

### DECEMBER

**Apply to at least ONE college** (Technical, 2 or 4-year college; one must be in Colorado) **before Winter Break.**

**Add Quarter 2 ICAP Day.**



## SPRING SEMESTER

### JANUARY-MARCH

**Meet again with your Counselor**

**Meet again with your DSF College Advisor**

**Add Quarter 3 ICAP Day.**

**Apply to at least ONE Scholarship before April 1.**

### APRIL-MAY

**Attend Senior Family Meeting #2.**

**Add Spring Senior Round Up and Quarter 4 ICAP Day.**

**Complete My ICAP Survey for 12th Grade.**

### MAY

**Complete DPS & College Advisor Senior "Exit" Survey (MAIA).**

USE THE GENERAL SENIOR CALENDAR ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS CHECKLIST FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS THAT WILL HELP YOU STAY ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION.

*Questions?*

Reach out to your school Counselor or stop by your school's DSF Future Center!

## FALL SEMESTER

### SEPTEMBER

- Meet your DSF College Advisor, and make a plan for your senior year.
- Start college applications – make a list of the requirements for each college you will apply to.
- Request letters of recommendation (2-3) from teachers, coaches, or other adults who know you well.
- Finalize college essay (1-2 pages double-spaced).
- Start applying for scholarships (denverscholarship.org/scholarships).
- Apply for the College Opportunity Fund (cof.college-assist.org).

### OCTOBER

- Complete your FAFSA or CASFA application - starting October 1.
- Complete the CSS Profile if any of your college choices require it.
- Continue completing college applications, essays, and requests for letters of recommendation.
- Register to retake the SAT if you're not satisfied with current scores.
- Continue searching for and applying to scholarships.
- Attend college fairs and college visits to learn more about your options.

### NOVEMBER

- Submit college applications.
- Request tax transcripts (irs.gov).
- There's still time to retake the SAT if needed.
- Submit additional documents to financial aid offices.
- Continue searching for and applying to scholarships.

### DECEMBER

- Continue searching for and applying to scholarships.
- Request any transcripts be sent to colleges early to ensure they are sent before winter break.
- Submit additional documents to financial aid offices.

EXPLORE CAREERS



UNDERSTAND FINANCIAL AID



TAKE A VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOUR



## SPRING SEMESTER

### JANUARY

- Continue searching for and applying to scholarships.
- Complete any last minute college applications.
- Submit additional documents to financial aid offices.
- Finalize college essay (1-2 pages double-spaced).
- Start applying for scholarships (denverscholarship.org/scholarships).
- Apply for the College Opportunity Fund (cof.college-assist.org).

### FEBRUARY

- Continue searching for and applying to scholarships.
- Open your college student portals.
- Submit additional documents to financial aid.

### MARCH

- Be sure your DSF Scholarship portal registration is complete.
- Finalize Financial Aid. ★
- Living on campus? Start completing housing applications.
- Look out for financial aid award letters.

### APRIL

- DSF Scholarship Application due: April 1!
- Sign up online for New Student Orientations.
- Scholarships, scholarships, scholarships! Continue searching for and applying to scholarships.
- Continue working on housing applications.

### MAY/JUNE/JULY/AUGUST:

- Throughout May, enrollment deposits will be due.
- June and July - plan on attending New Student Orientations.
- JULY 15 – Financial Aid must be COMPLETE – Contact your school's financial aid office and ask if your file is complete.
- Some students are selected for VERIFICATION. If selected, you will need to provide a completed Dependent Verification Worksheet and IRS tax transcripts to prove need.



**MID-AUGUST: FALL SEMESTER STARTS!  
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!**