

Senior 2-Year & Trade College Application Checklist

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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

- Make sure you are in a contact group with your College & Career Counselor and that you are checking messages regularly! (Remind, Canvas, etc)
- Complete your Beginning of Year Senior Survey
- Update your resume
- Create a professional, personal email that you will check regularly. Use that email address for your applications, FAFSA, FFAA, scholarships, and College Board and ACT accounts so all of your college information comes to one place. *Colleges will rely on email and application portals to communicate with you.*
- Narrow down the list of schools you want to apply to. Explore...
 - Requirements for admission into the program you are interested in
 - Prerequisite courses required, if any
 - How long a program will take you to complete total (prerequisites and completing the program)
 - Identify job placement support for after you finish your AA, AS, or technical certificate at the schools that interest you
- Meet with your School Counselor to ensure you're on track for graduation

OCTOBER

- Apply to the schools and programs on your list
 - Applying to Valencia College? *Be sure to do that with your school's Valencia Transition Coach!*
 - Be sure to complete your residency and check your email carefully for next steps!
- Complete your FAFSA. *Send your confirmation page to your College & Career Counselor.*
- Meet with the Valencia Transition Coach and your College & Career Counselor to identify special programs you may be eligible for at the schools you choose to apply to



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NOVEMBER

- Request your transcripts from your College & Career Counselor and apply for the Educational Foundation Scholarship – this is a scholarship application for Osceola County residents that automatically applies you for hundreds of local scholarships

DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

- Create your FFAA account - this connects you to additional state-based grant funding and scholarships you are eligible for, including Bright Futures!
- Check the financial aid websites for the schools you applied to. *Many will have additional scholarships you can apply for!*

MARCH & APRIL

- Make sure your residency has been approved for in-state schools
- Sign up for orientation if your school offers one. Pay close attention, even if it's online!
- Make sure you complete any placements tests required by your school (PERT)
- Schedule an appointment with an Academic Advisor at your future school to choose your classes
- Complete your End of Year Senior Survey. *Your final transcript will be sent to the school you put on your Senior Survey, as long as your College & Career Counselor has proof of admission.*

MAY

- Write thank you notes to teachers, counselors, or family members who were particularly helpful to you in your application journey
- ENJOY GRADUATION AND CELEBRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT!



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