



## High School Checklist

### Junior Year:

- Attend ACT/SAT workshops to strengthen performance on these tests.
- Take the PSAT - the test used to award National Merit scholarships.
- Attend college fairs to gather information.
- Develop a college-choice list and plan visits to several top choices.
- Keep grades up, attend class faithfully and participate in extracurricular activities.
- Create a resume of achievements.
- Research and apply for summer academic programs and jobs that build knowledge and experience.

### Senior Year:

- Take ACT or SAT by early fall.
- Submit applications for admission in early fall - as early as August 1 at MSU.
  - Submit \$40 application fee.
  - Submit official ACT or SAT scores.
  - Submit official high school transcript
- Visit the top three schools again.
- Meet priority deadlines:
  - December 1<sup>st</sup>:* Academic & Competitive Scholarships
  - March 1<sup>st</sup>:* Financial Aid
  - April 1<sup>st</sup>:* Housing
  - August 1<sup>st</sup>:* Leadership & Service Scholarships
- Watch the mail for acceptance letters and return all requested forms promptly.
- Make the final decision, and plan to attend Orientation as a family.