High School Senior Checklist

☐ Take ACT or SAT.

☐ Check with your school counselor to ensure you’re meeting high school graduation and college entrance requirements.

☐ Submit applications for admission in early fall (August 1 at MSU).

☐ Submit $40 application fee or fee waiver.

☐ Submit official ACT or SAT scores to be considered for scholarships.

☐ Submit official high school transcript (Grades 9-11).

☐ Schedule a Campus Visit in the fall if you have not visited campus already.

☐ Meet with an Admissions Counselor during their visit to your school, local college fair, or during your visit to the college campus.

☐ Research scholarships, grants, and student loan options.

☐ Check your mail for an admissions decision and next steps.

After being admitted:

☐ DECEMBER 1ST: Priority date for Competitive Scholarships, including Private & Departmental.

☐ APRIL 1ST: Priority deadline for Housing Application & Priority date for Financial Aid.

☐ MARCH 1ST: Sign up for Orientation starting on this date.

☐ Send final high school transcripts.

☐ Attend Orientation! You’re a Bulldog!
High School Junior Checklist

☐ Talk with your school counselor to confirm that you’re taking the correct courses for college admission.

☐ 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 (virtual or in-person)

☐ Update your resume with a list of awards, achievements, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.

☐ Register to take the ACT or SAT.

☐ Research and apply for summer academic programs and jobs that build knowledge and experience.

☐ Begin thinking about your applications in the summertime; MSU application opens August 1.

☐ Start planning campus visits and make sure MSU is on your list!
High School Sophomore Checklist

- Meet with your high school counselor to ensure that your course schedule is challenging enough to prepare you for college.
- Continue prepping for the PSAT, SAT and ACT. Take practice tests to know what to expect.
- Attend college fairs to gather information (virtual or in-person)
- Begin researching different types of careers that might interest you.
High School Freshman Checklist

☐ Meet with your high school counselor to match class plans with your academic goals.

☐ Start prepping for the PSAT, SAT and ACT. Take practice tests to know what to expect.

☐ Begin researching different types of careers that might interest you.

☐ Ask your high school counselor about honors or Advanced Placement courses to incorporate in your schedule.

☐ Get involved in extracurricular activities. Community service and leadership roles can lead to scholarships.

☐ Explore summer opportunities such as a job, internship or volunteer position that will help you learn about a field of interest.