

CLASS OF 2023

FINAL CHECKLIST FOR COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS YOU'VE MADE YOUR COLLEGE CHOICE, WHAT'S NEXT?

FINANCES:

- Finalize your plan for paying your bill (if applicable). If you have a balance, you should start exploring options to pay it off ASAP. (Payment plans, scholarships, MEFA, loans, etc?)
- Attending a MA school? Let Massachusetts know which college you are attending. Make sure your Mass Grant is sent to the correct school by logging in: <https://massaid.guarantorsolutions.com/StudentPortal/>
- Accept your financial aid offer! This is separate from your college's acceptance offer. You don't have to accept the entire financial aid package; you might want to take out a smaller loan, for example. Decide what to accept and then complete and return the form by the deadline. Complete loan entrance counseling and sign your Master Promissory Note (if applicable). If you plan on taking out federal unsubsidized and subsidized loans, you have to complete these steps in order to receive them.
- Complete health insurance waivers (if applicable). All students living on campus are legally required to have health insurance. If you currently have health insurance, complete your school's health insurance waiver form to avoid additional charges. This step could save you over \$3,000 once completed.
- Once you've registered for classes, look into renting or buying used textbooks online to save money. There are lots of online stores such as Amazon.com and Chegg.com. Your school's bookstore may have a rental or library service bookstore. Some colleges will match prices you find online or buy your books back.

LIFE:

- Get a physical before college starts—save a copy for your records! Most incoming college students have to submit the results of a recent physical exam and vaccination history before they can register for classes.
- Complete housing forms (if you are living on campus). These forms help make sure your dorm and roommate are good matches for you. These forms should be in your portal, emailed, or mailed to you. Contact your school's Residential Life office ASAP if you don't receive them.
- If you are living on campus, prepare for Move-In Day! Go shopping for supplies and bring a shopping list.
- Finalize & update your resume, especially your education section! If you'd like assistance with edits, make an appointment with Project Launch.
- Apply for work-study jobs (if applicable). Work-studies can earn you extra cash on-campus! Beware, they fill up quickly! Check in with student employment offices during orientation to see if you can apply early.

YOUR MAJOR:

- Send your final transcript to your college! Normally, you'll just need to confirm that your guidance counselor has sent it to your college's admission office via Naviance. If you earned credits through Pre-College or Dual Enrollment, send those transcripts to your college's Registrar to earn credit for your work.
- Set up your college email account and online portal log-in. Check this regularly and save it to your phone!
- Sign-up for orientation this summer. Check your mail and email for information on dates and registration. This is likely where you will register for your fall classes and learn more about navigating campus life.
- Take your college placement tests and try your best on them! Check your portal/email so you register for the correct level of courses. If you took AP exams, try to apply those credits to your "gen-ed" requirements.