



Fall checklist for your seniors

- Review coursework to be sure they've taken or are scheduled to take all courses they'll need for admission to their preferred colleges.
- If they plan to take the **ACT** or **SAT** again, register for a date that is at least two months ahead of application deadlines for all colleges and scholarships they're considering.
- Prepare a final list of colleges and submit admission applications.
- Complete and submit the **FAFSA** as soon as possible.
- Have official **high school transcripts** sent to the colleges where they're applying.

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Teaching & Advising College-Bound Students

National College Application Month

October is National College Application Month, and Iowa College Aid's College Application Campaign (part of our [3-Step Process](#)) continues to gain momentum. Participating schools hold events where students are encouraged to fill out college applications during school hours with help from staff and volunteers. School employees can display placards showing where they went to college and what they studied. Students get stickers to let others know that they've completed an application. Schools [can still register](#) for the College Application Campaign.



FAFSA, FAFSA, FAFSA!

Among Iowa's high school graduating class of 2015, less than two-thirds filled out a FAFSA. That means more than a third of those students never found out how much financial aid they could have received. Encourage your students to file. Remind them that it's free, and that 85 percent of FAFSA filers receive some form of financial aid. Our [FAFSA page](#) is a great place to start.

Track your school's FAFSA filing

Through our [FAFSA Completion Initiative](#) (another piece of our 3-Step Process), you can find out which of your students still need to fill out this important form. School districts completing a Data Sharing Agreement (approved by the Iowa Attorney General) will receive access to the Iowa College Aid Processing System (ICAPS). The system allows you to upload your student roster and download student FAFSA completion information.

State grants and scholarships

Iowa College Aid administers 14 need-based scholarship, grant and loan forgiveness programs. Find information on all 14 [here](#). Eligibility requirements and application deadlines vary, so encourage your students to start researching opportunities now.