

# EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

*A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students*

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## Winter break: a good time for college prep!

Take advantage of free time over the holidays to do some prep work for college. Here are a few things you can do!

### Seniors, complete your FAFSA

If you haven't already, complete your [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Need help? Use our free [FAFSA Tools](#) or call us to make an appointment for free help: Omaha - 888.357.6300; Lincoln - 800.303.3745; Kearney - 800.666.3721; or Scottsbluff - 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

### Juniors, prepare for the ACT

All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT college entrance exam this spring. Here's a [list of resources](#) to help you prepare.

### Search for scholarships

Use our free [ScholarshipQuest](#) tool to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

### Update your Activities Resume

Our free [Activities Resume](#) is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.

### Volunteer

In addition to giving back to your community, your volunteer work can lead to scholarship opportunities. Make sure you track your involvement on your *Activities Resume*.

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## Juniors...get psyched for a busy spring!

It's critical that you participate in college prep activities this spring so you'll be ready to apply for college and financial aid early next fall.

Activities include:

- taking the ACT
- attending a college fair
- going on campus visits
- narrowing your college choices

We'll provide details in next month's bulletin!

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## January “To Do” List

### Seniors:

- \_\_\_ If you haven’t already, complete the [FAFSA](#).
- \_\_\_ Apply for scholarships; see [ScholarshipQuest](#) for Nebraska-based awards.
- \_\_\_ Update your [Activities Resume](#).

### Juniors:

- \_\_\_ Update your [Activities Resume](#).
  - \_\_\_ [Register](#) by December 21 for the January 21 SAT.
  - \_\_\_ [Register](#) by January 13 for the February 11 ACT.
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