



High School Senior Year Checklist for Mentors

August & September

- Go over the **High School Senior Year Checklist for Scholars** with your Scholar and discuss any questions or concerns they may have. If they raise questions you can't answer, feel free to reach out to our Program Coordinator, Kelsie Qua, at mentors@518elevated.org or 518-935-1046.
- Help your Scholar finalize the list of schools where they want to apply.
- If your Scholar has not already created a resume, help them do so now.

October & November

- Remind your Scholar to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after October 1 as possible.
- Help your Scholar start researching Scholarship opportunities.
- If your scholar is sending in any early decision or early action applications, offer to review them before they are submitted.

November through January

- Begin organizing regular decision applications and financial aid forms, which will be due in January or February.
- Remind your Scholar to apply for FAFSA before the February 1 deadline.

February through May

- Help your Scholar review their acceptances and compare their financial aid packages. Help them understand what their family's expected contribution is and whether they can afford it.
- Visit their final choice with them, if possible.
- Remind them to make a final commitment and deposit at their chosen school by May 1 and to let 518 ElevatED know about their final decision.
- Try to connect your Scholar with some college students at the college where they have been accepted, either through your network or reaching out to us at 518 ElevatED for help.