



Next Steps: Enrolling at Four-Year Colleges/Universities

□ **Activate Your Online Student Portal**

By now, you have received an e-mail or letter explaining how to log-in to your student account. The student portal has important timeline and deadline information related to registration, health insurance, tuition payment plans, orientation and financial aid. Get used to logging in to the portal system multiple times per week.

□ **Confirm Enrollment By May 1 At The Latest**

To hold your place as part of the freshmen class, you need to accept your admission invitation. Directions on how to do this came with your admission acceptance e-mail or letter – and typically can be done through the online student portal. Confirming enrollment also means that you likely will need to pay a \$200-300 non-refundable deposit. The deposit can go towards your first semester tuition or fees and payment can be made via check or credit card. If the deposit presents a financial hardship, contact the admissions office, your Future Center Advisor or school counselor.

□ **Sign Up To Attend Summer Orientation**

Be sure to sign up to attend a summer orientation for new students/incoming freshmen. Orientation will introduce you and your family to currently enrolled students, admitted students and academic advisors at the college who will talk about important campus policies and services available on campus. Some colleges have students begin the class registration process at orientation.

□ **Apply for Campus Housing (if applicable)**

Housing information is available on your college's website or you may have received it in the mail after you were admitted. In most cases, selecting a housing plan also includes selecting a meal plan so read the information closely. Most colleges have online housing applications/contracts and those need to be completed ASAP so you can live in the residence hall of your choice. The application/contract typically requires a deposit between \$150-250. Again, if the deposit presents a financial hardship, contact the admissions office, your Future Center Advisor or school counselor.

□ **Submit Health or Immunization Records**

Your college will require you to provide medical history and proof of immunization records. Colleges typically have an immunization form that needs to be signed by a physician or nurse. In most cases, you will not be able to register for classes until you complete the immunization record process. Your high school nurse should have a copy of your records.

□ **Submit Student Health Insurance Waiver (if applicable)**

If you plan to enroll as a half-time student (6 credits) or more, colleges will enroll you in the campus-sponsored health insurance plan unless you can supply documentation of comparable insurance. If you choose to opt out of the campus plan, learn your college's specific 'opt-out' process through your student portal.

□ **Complete Math and Composition/Writing Placement Exams (if applicable)**

Some colleges encourage students who have not completed three credits of college level math through Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or a concurrent enrollment course to take placement exams in math and composition/writing prior to fall classes. Colleges encourage this because they likely require a minimum of three credits (one course each) of math and composition/writing for graduation.

□ **Complete the Senior Checkout Process Properly**

Be sure to indicate the college where you want your final high school transcript mailed to during Senior Checkout. The transcript will include your final grades and high school graduation date. All colleges require a final transcript.

**Note, if your grades have taken a downward trend after you were admitted, your admissions offer can be rescinded and you will no longer be admitted. Finish strong!