College Application Checklist

* Get an idea of where you want to apply. Browse college websites. Take campus tours. Choose at least one of each of the following:
  + A “reach” school—maybe admission is a little out of your reach, but it’s worth a shot.
  + A reasonable school—you have a pretty decent chance of getting in.
  + A safe bet—you more than meet the requirements of admission.
* Get deadlines on your calendar. Go to the college websites and click on “Admission,” “How to Apply,” etc.
* On the same admissions pages, or the page of a specific program you’re applying to, check out the requirements (what classes you need to take in high school, etc.) and make sure you’ve met them. Do you need to adjust your schedule? If so, go see your counselor immediately.
* Make a list of what you will need to apply, and get some mini-deadlines on your calendar. You will most likely need to:
  + Send in your ACT score.
  + Send a transcript.
  + Attach two letters of recommendation.
  + Write an essay/personal statement.
* Have someone proofread your essay and give suggestions for revision. Use the Future Center!!! This is what they are there for!
* Do you have any questions or concerns? Contact an admissions counselor at the college you’re applying to.
* When you are ready to submit your application, double check to make sure that you have all parts there, and then submit. Print or save the confirmation page that shows you have completed your submission.
* Fill out the FAFSA. (Again, the Future Center can help with this process.)
* Apply for scholarships and grants. The Student Services page of our school website has a list.