

# How do I prepare for college?

## **Start Planning Today!**

Smart Planning is your key to a successful transition to college. Use this checklist to keep your future on track!

**Sophomore Year** – Go to the web and visit sites of colleges that interest you. Start thinking about career plans and majors that appeal to you.

- ✿ Take the PLAN or PSAT. Visit [www.collegeboard.com/testing/](http://www.collegeboard.com/testing/) for PSAT information and test dates.
- ✿ Sign up for Advanced Placement (AP) courses for your junior year.

**Junior Year** – Meet with your guidance counselor. Discuss career interests, majors and degree programs available, and opportunities for scholarships and financial aid. Continue to fulfill the Pre-College Curriculum. Make sure you have the preparation necessary for success at the college level by fulfilling the pre-college requirements.

- ✿ Take the ACT or SAT. Taking both tests is a good idea, as most students may do much better on one than the other. Have your scores reported directly to the University of Kentucky. Visit [www.actstudent.org/index.html](http://www.actstudent.org/index.html) for ACT information and test dates.
- ✿ Sign up for Advanced Placement (AP) courses for your senior year.
- ✿ Visit UK. Call the UK Visitor Center at (859)257-3595 or e-mail us at [ukvc@uky.edu](mailto:ukvc@uky.edu) two weeks prior to your campus visit.

**Fall, Senior Year** – Apply for admission. Submit your application, high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores.

- ✿ Apply early (October). While the deadline is February 15, early application can have a positive impact on housing, financial aid, and scholarships.
- ✿ Apply online or download UK's application for admission at [www.uky.edu/ugadmission](http://www.uky.edu/ugadmission).
- ✿ Apply for scholarships. The deadline for scholarship applications at UK is January 15.
- ✿ Attend a College Preview Night. Meet with UK admission representatives when they come to your school.
- ✿ Retake the ACT or SAT.

**Spring, Senior Year** – Apply for financial aid. File your completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1. The deadline is February 15.

- ✿ Apply for housing. For a priority UK housing assignment, apply by February 15.
- ✿ Take AP exams. Have your scores sent directly to UK.
- ✿ Submit your final high school transcript to UK.

