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Milestones for College Preparation - Rising Juniors
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU’RE A JUNIOR!

You are halfway through your high school experience and just two years away from college.

To set yourself up for college success, take a look at the typical milestones a high school junior goes through in the next ten months. Keep this schedule handy to remind you of the activities and deadlines.

**SUMMER BEFORE YOUR JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL**

**A** Study for the PSATs/SATs/ACTs. There are free sample tests available online. Just search for “practice” tests for the type you are taking. If you’re feeling confident, think about signing up for the fall SAT/ACT test date as a trial run. You can always retake the test again later to get better scores if you don’t do as well as you had hoped.

**B** Research colleges that have good programs in the type of engineering or technology industry you are interested in. Have questions about college? [Ask a SWE member through the High School SWENexter Facebook group page](#).

**C** Any summer job can help you learn important work skills and earn money for college.

**D** Interested in attending the Society of Women Engineers’ annual conference in the fall? Learn more about the SWENext Awards you might be eligible for. [Check out the program here](#).

**EARLY FALL SEMESTER – JUNIOR YEAR**

**E** Sign up for the PSAT through your school. The scores from your junior year are used to qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

**LATE FALL SEMESTER – JUNIOR YEAR**

**F** Take the PSAT. The test day is usually in October. The PSAT scores from your junior year are used to qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship competition. [Learn more here](#).

**G** Talk to your school’s guidance counselor about the college application process.

**H** Do your research and develop a list of schools to apply to.

**WINTER BREAK**

**I** Continue studying for the SATs/ACTs.

**J** Narrow down your list of colleges to apply to and start thinking of colleges that you want to visit in the summer.

**K** Pick out three to five potential schools so that you have options.

**EARLY SPRING SEMESTER – JUNIOR YEAR**

**L** Sign up to take the SATs/ACTs. Do you need to take both? Check out the colleges that you are interested in to see what their requirements are.

**M** Start looking for scholarships that are applicable to you! SWE’s scholarship application will be available to you starting in March of your senior year of high school.

**LATE SPRING SEMESTER – JUNIOR YEAR**

**N** Take any AP/IB/Cambridge exams you’ve been in classes for. You can get college credit at most schools by taking the qualifying exams.

**O** For your senior year schedule, sign up for one or more AP/IB/Cambridge classes available to you.

**P** Finalize plans to visit colleges in the summer.

**Q** Interested in attending SWE’s Annual Conference? Learn more about the SWENext Awards you might be eligible for, typically May through August. [Check out the program here](#).

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