

# ROAD TO COLLEGE CHECKLIST

## For Undocumented Students in Texas



ImmSchools

### Texas in-State Tuition

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in Texas
- Resided in Texas for at least three years as of the date the person graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma
- Register as an entering student in an institution of higher education not earlier than the 2001 fall semester
- Provide an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so.

\*\*\*Note: You do not need Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) to go to college in Texas.

### Checklist for High School Students

Take AP and Dual Credit Classes

Volunteer & Intern

Test ( PSAT, SAT, ACT)

Identify Immigrant-friendly Colleges

Visit colleges (If you are able to)

Start College Applications

Apply for scholarships

Apply for TAFSA

Freshman  
Year



Sophomore  
Year



Junior  
Year



Senior  
Year



### Five Things You Should Know!

1. You can go to college
2. You are not alone
3. You are resilient
4. Your immigration status does not define you
5. You can achieve your dreams

### Check Out These Sites For More Info!

[www.immschools.org](http://www.immschools.org)

[www.mydocumentedlife.org](http://www.mydocumentedlife.org)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.collegeforalltexas.org](http://www.collegeforalltexas.org)

[www.cafecollege.org](http://www.cafecollege.org)

[www.immigrantsrising.org](http://www.immigrantsrising.org)



# FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE CHECKLIST



## Items You Must Complete

	Completed?	Deadline
Take Pre-AP, AP and Dual Credit Classes	[ ]	
Study Hard and Get Good Grades	[ ]	
Get to Know Your Teachers and Counselor	[ ]	
Participate in Extra Curricular Activities & Sports	[ ]	
Explore Your Interest and Possible Careers	[ ]	
Volunteer	[ ]	
Create Your Resume	[ ]	
Get Involved in Your Community	[ ]	

## Taking the Right Classes in High School

To be college-bound and ready, you must complete the most rigorous educational plan available during your high school career.

- ✔ 4 units of English
- ✔ 4 units of math
- ✔ 4 units of science
- ✔ 3 units of history/Social studies
- ✔ 2 units of non-English language
- ✔ 1 unit of fine arts or speech
- ✔ At least 5 electives

## What Immigrant Students Should Know!

### Be Your Biggest Advocate

Never take NO for an answer. Do your research, ask questions, and advocate for yourself.

### Teachers & Counselors Do Not Know Your Status

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# JUNIOR CHECKLIST



## Items You Must Complete

## Completed?

## Deadline

Take Pre-AP, AP and Dual Credit Classes

[ ]

Study Hard and Get Good Grades

[ ]

Get to Know Your Teachers and Counselor

[ ]

Participate in Extra Curricular Activities & Sports

[ ]

Prepare for the PSAT

[ ]

Explore Your Interest and Possible Careers

[ ]

Volunteer

[ ]

Create Your Resume

[ ]

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# SENIOR CHECKLIST



## Summer before 12th Grade

Complete

### Explore Your Interest and Possible Careers

[ ]

#### University Research

[ ]

- Admission requirements
- How friendly are they towards DACA/Undocumented students?
- Graduation rate
- Deadlines
- Demographics of the school
- Academic programs /degrees

#### Scholarship Search

[ ]

#### Register to take ACT or SAT

[ ]

#### Fine Tune Your Resume

[ ]

#### Start Drafting College Essays

[ ]

## Helpful Websites!

[www.bls.gov/ooh](http://www.bls.gov/ooh)

[www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org)

[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

[www.collegescorecard.ed.gov](http://www.collegescorecard.ed.gov)

[www.collegegreenlight.com](http://www.collegegreenlight.com)

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

[www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat)

## Texas University Websites!

[www.world.utexas.edu/undocumented/about](http://www.world.utexas.edu/undocumented/about)

[www.utsa.edu/dreamers/](http://www.utsa.edu/dreamers/)

[www.alamo.edu/district/daca/](http://www.alamo.edu/district/daca/)

[www.scs.tamu.edu/?q=node/151](http://www.scs.tamu.edu/?q=node/151)

[www.sdi.txstate.edu/Support-and-Empowerment/](http://www.sdi.txstate.edu/Support-and-Empowerment/)

[www.tamusa.edu/InternationalAffairs/dreamers-resource-hub/](http://www.tamusa.edu/InternationalAffairs/dreamers-resource-hub/)

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# SENIOR CHECKLIST



## September



- Complete your resume [ ]
- Start the ApplyTexas application [ ]
- Start the Common Application [ ]
- Ask 2 teachers for recommendation letters [ ]
- Start drafting your college essays [ ]
- Meet with your HS college counselor [ ]
- Join a student club or organization [ ]

## October



- Start the TAFSA application [ ]
- Apply for scholarships [ ]
- Get feedback on your college essays [ ]
- Take the SAT or ACT [ ]

## November



- Finalize your college essays [ ]
- Complete the Apply Texas application [ ]
- Complete the Common Application [ ]
- Complete the TAFSA [ ]
- Apply for scholarships [ ]
- Submit recommendation letters [ ]
- Get Affidavit of Intent notarized [ ]

## December



- Submit the Apply Texas application [ ]
- Submit the Common Application [ ]
- Submit TAFSA [ ]
- Apply for scholarships [ ]
- Mail Transcripts [ ]
- Mail notarized Affidavit of Intent [ ]
- Give yourself a High Five! [ ]

\*Don't forget to review ImmSchools Spring College Plan for action steps to complete from January - June

## Quick Tips!

Make copies of everything

Check your work and applications before submitting

Ask for help!

Follow up with each university to ensure they receive:

- Transcripts
- TAFSA and Affidavit of Intent

## Believe in yourself

**You are your  
ancestors' wildest  
dreams**

