



11th Grade Checklist

Enroll now - Discuss concurrent enrollment (college credit courses offered in high school) with your counselor. *Cherokee Nation offers a Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship for high school Juniors and Seniors. Eligible students have to apply each semester. Be aware of DEADLINES!

Entrance exams – Register for upcoming ACT/SAT testing throughout the year. These exams are important college preparation steps. Ask your counselor about fee waivers to help you cover the cost of the exam.

Internet surfing – Start researching scholarships online.

Camps – Check with the Cherokee Nation Foundation at www.cherokeemnationfoundation.org or give them a call at 918-207-0950. The Foundation offers an ACT Prep camp and a College Prep camp offered in the summer.

Start the process - You and your parent(s) may want to schedule campus visits during summer vacation. Attend a college fair event in your area. These events offer families a chance to talk with representatives from different colleges.

Take it to the next level - Enroll in AP and other honors-level classes, if possible.

Keep talking - Continue your conversations with your guidance counselor, teachers, family members and other trusted adults about your plans after high school.

Get in - Investigate admission requirements for your chosen school(s).

Pick your top five - Narrow your list of schools based on research you've already completed. Your list will probably include three to five schools.

Find some money for college – Begin researching financial aid and scholarship options.

Recruit some ambassadors - Ask teachers or other community members to write letters of recommendation for your college admission and scholarship applications. Think about what you'd like to include in these letters and politely ask those you respect if they'll help.

Decide what you like - Explore careers by taking a summer job or internship in your field of interest. Remember to set some money aside from your paycheck to pay future expenses.

Check the mail - Read your college mail and your email carefully and send replies to the schools that interest you.