

## August

**Research colleges and identify schools or training programs** you may want to consider. Go to [vsac.org/compareprograms](https://vsac.org/compareprograms) to download VSAC's comparison chart to start building a wish list of schools and **create a file folder** for each school you may want to apply to.

**Explore colleges and costs** at [collegescorecard.ed.gov](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov) once you've started your school list. Find info on average annual costs, test scores and acceptance, financial aid and debt, and salary by field of study.

**Get a head start on your college admissions essay.** At [commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org), find essay prompts for the Common Application; and for essay-writing tips, visit [vsac.org/essay](https://vsac.org/essay)

## September

**Meet with your school counselor** to talk about your education and training options.

- Review school admissions applications and recommendation letters you may need.
- Develop a resumé and talk about doing a job shadow.

**Register for standardized tests**

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## April

Look for your Vermont grant notification from VSAC.

**Make your final choice.** Most colleges require students to submit a deposit and commit to attend by