

Take the PSAT.

Make sure you're signed up to take the PSAT in October. This may qualify you for several scholarships and is great practice for the SAT.

Sign up to take the SAT/ACT.

Register to take the SAT/ACT in the spring. Ask your counselor or adviser about getting a fee waiver if you are having difficulty paying the registration fee.

Helpful websites:

- SAT Registration (sat.collegeboard.com)
- ACT Registration (actstudent.org)
- Should You Take the ACT or the SAT? (npr.org)
- GenTX Rock Your Future (gentx.org/rockyourfuture)

Download applications.

Begin downloading and familiarizing yourself with applications from those colleges to which you plan to apply.

Start your college essays.

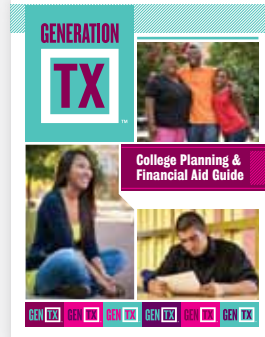
Begin drafting essays for your college applications, and have your mentor, counselor, or college adviser review them.

Helpful websites:

- Writing a College Essay (nacacnet.org)

Sign up for summer programs.

Apply to participate in summer enrichment programs, internships, and/or youth leadership programs.



GenTX College Planning Guide

This helpful guide provides a wealth of information for students and parents beginning the college planning process. From the first steps in making a plan

for higher education, to choosing a path that's right for you and applying, to paying for college, and including an in-depth look at the many types of financial aid, this is a great reference you can download and print in English or Spanish as you plan for college.

Download this guide at gentx.org/rockyourfuture

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