

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

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