

Checklist for College Enrollment

Aside from being an opportunity to celebrate your postsecondary choices, College Decision Day is also a great reminder of the steps you need to take to officially enroll in your chosen school. Most schools expect an enrollment decision on or before May 1. Below is a checklist of common enrollment steps, but be sure to check with your colleges to ensure you are doing everything they expect.

- ❑ Talk to your family, teachers, counselors and other people you trust to help you make a final decision about where to enroll.
- ❑ If you've been accepted to more than one college, compare the financial aid award letters to make sure you understand the types of aid you qualify for at each school and if you will owe any money out of pocket.
 - If you've been selected for verification, complete all necessary steps with the school you choose to attend to avoid any delays with payment of your financial aid.
- ❑ To enroll, follow the directions in the official acceptance letter/email you received from the college. Each college has its own steps and system for officially enrolling. Most likely you will need to go to the college's website to set up a student account. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask for it!
- ❑ Some colleges may require a monetary deposit (some may call it a tuition deposit) to officially enroll. If you need help with the deposit, don't hesitate to contact the admissions rep you've been working with at the school or the school's financial aid office to discuss your options.
- ❑ As a part of the enrollment process, you may be prompted by your college to accept your financial aid award, sign up for a campus email address, apply for campus housing and/or take placement exams.
- ❑ Upon enrollment, you will usually receive information about orientation dates. Sign up for the earliest orientation date possible. This is typically when you will sign up for your classes.
- ❑ Don't forget to request a final copy of your high school transcript be sent to your college after graduation.
- ❑ Stay engaged with your college throughout the summer. Follow social media feeds, communicate with your roommate if living on campus, and talk with your family and friends about what you are excited or worried about so they can help you with this important transition.

