High School Sophomore College Checklist Plan

Summer: Start studying/preparing for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).
Start of School Year: Review your college preparatory plans and 4-year plan for college with your high school counselor.
Early Fall: Consider taking the PSAT in October.
Start of 2 nd Semester: Review your college preparatory course selection with your counselor.
Make a list of 10 colleges you'd like to attend, join their mailing list, and review their scholarships, eligibility requirements and deadlines.
Review financial resources and financial aid sources.
Ongoing: Save your class essays. Record any honors and special recognitions you've received. Record any leadership roles, school publications, etc.
Track your extracurricular activities (ex. sports, volunteer work). Jot down when you participated, total hours served, your role, what you learned about yourself, and any other takeaways.
End of Activity: Consider asking your activity leader for a recommendation letter or reference.
Enroll in a writing class or scholarship workshop to finetune your essay-writing skills.
Apply for scholarships.

