Summer Transition Checklist

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☐ **Have you completed your FAFSA?**

- Completing the FAFSA is the first step to getting financial aid. Some aid is on a first-come, first-served basis. The earlier you complete the FAFSA, the more likely you are to receive some forms of financial aid. Complete the FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov.

☐ **Have you completed any additional financial aid forms required?**

- Your college may ask you for income verification; promptly provide the information, or you may be denied financial aid.

☐ **Have you been notified of your college awarding you financial aid?**

- Most colleges have a "net price" calculator on their website, which shares the total estimated cost of going to school there, including tuition, fees, books, meals and housing. Consider how much aid you are being offered from the college and the total cost to attend school there. Do you or your family have enough savings to cover the difference? If not, how will you cover the difference?

☐ **Have you logged in to your college's web portal?**

- Every school has a student portal where you will log into your student account. Check it often as most schools send information about deadlines through this system.

☐ **Have you completed any required placement test?**

- If you will be pursuing an Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), or Associate of Professional Studies (APS) degree from a state college, you must schedule and take a placement test. You can either call the testing center or schedule your appointment online. Check with your institution to determine any costs for placement tests and how they are being administered.

☐ **Have you confirmed your enrollment?**

- You must confirm that you will be attending the school of your choice and pay a deposit by the school's deadline. Check with your institution to determine the enrollment deposit fee and the deadline.

☐ **Have you submitted all housing forms and deposits (if you are going to live on campus)?**

- Housing fills up fast, so you don't want to delay. Usually, you are required to pay the enrollment deposit before you are allowed to submit your housing application. Housing deposits are required to secure your spot. It is the student's responsibility to check their

student account to determine any outstanding balances and check your school's housing website for payment deadlines.

☐ **Have you registered for or attended new student orientation and registered for classes?**

- All schools have a required Freshman Orientation that you must attend before you will be allowed to register for classes. This can be another cost; check with your institution to determine any costs to attend new student orientation.
- Often, at new student orientation you will register for your classes. Check with your college about the process. Many schools will have you meet with an academic advisor who guides you through the registration process the first time and helps you understand the courses required for your major.

☐ **Have you signed up for a meal plan?**

- Many students find it helpful to sign up for a meal plan for at least their first year, especially if they are living on campus. That way, they don't need to worry about making meals.

☐ **Have you checked your school's move-in checklist for supplies you'll need to live on campus?**

- Most colleges and many stores can provide you with checklists of the items students most commonly bring to help their dorm room feel more like home. Check your school's housing website to know what things are allowed while living on-campus.

☐ **Have you made a plan for transportation?**

- Make a plan for getting to campus the first time to move in. Find out what local transportation options are available on campus and in the area. Make a plan for getting home and back on breaks.
- Check if your school allows freshmen to bring their own car. If so and you choose to do so, buy a parking permit.