

Rising Senior Summer Task List

We hope that you have found the help of your CoFo coach helpful in navigating your junior year. A coach will be assigned to you at the beginning of your senior year to help you through applying and preparing for college! The summer before senior year can be a great time to begin preparing for a few things. We've created a list of suggested activities to help make the most of your summer:

Complete any uncompleted tasks from Junior Year.

We get it! Things get busy. The summer can be a great time to catch up on things like:

Creating a [resume](#).

Writing a [college essay](#) draft. If you plan on applying to a school in Texas, check out the [ApplyTexas prompts](#).

Filling out a [college matrix](#) to narrow down schools.

Set at least three [SMART Goals](#) related to your professional future.

These could be things like:

An [informational interview](#): Reach out to someone who works in a field you are interested in to see if you can speak with them for 15-20 minutes about their position and career journey.

Internships (Check out the Volunteer & Internship Resource category in CoFo Connect!)

Volunteering

Researching your area of interest:

use [YouTube](#), take a free online course through [SkillsBuild](#) or [other sites](#), or read books about a potential area of interest.

Working:

Having a job builds important skills like time management, project management, customer service skills, and more!

What are your SMART Goals?

Apply for Scholarships

You can create a [Raise.me profile](#) and start earning scholarships for activities you already do! Similarly, if you make an account on [CollegeBoard](#), you can be entered into scholarship contests for completing different parts of the college search process, like making a college list or studying for the SAT! Here are a few scholarship search sites:

- [Unigo](#)
- [College Greenlight](#)
- [Do Something](#)
- [Niche](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Fast Web](#)
- [Cappex](#)
- Find more scholarships in CoFo Connect!

Practice Self Care

You did it! You made it through an unprecedented school year and rocked it! Take time for some [intentional rest](#) and replenish your energy :)

- **What are your Self Care Goals for the Summer?**

Prepare for Financial Aid

Prepare to fill out [financial aid applications](#) in the fall by:

Finding out if you will be filling out the FAFSA or TASFA

Discuss using your family's financial information, including tax records, to fill out this information

Deepen your Knowledge of your College Matrix picks:

Follow those universities on their social media

Check out their websites. If you are interested in a particular program, read up on it and read the faculty profiles

Reflect on the questions:

What is drawing me to this school?

Is there a deal-breaker that would make me decide not to attend this school?

You Know Your Dreams and Goals!

- **What are some personal goals you have for the summer?**
