



South Dakota College Application Week

Senior Year Checklist: April

- Look for decision letters from colleges.
 - If you haven't heard back from the colleges you've applied to yet, they should be coming this month!
 - Be sure to share your acceptances with counselors, parents, and friends.
- Compare financial aid award letters.
 - Financial aid award package letters usually arrive shortly after the end of March. If you don't receive yours by mid-April contact the financial aid office at your colleges. You may be missing required documents.
 - Go over these carefully and ask an adult if you have questions.
- Sign up for and attend preview days.
 - Whether you're deciding between two colleges, or just want to get more familiar with your first choice, make sure you sign up for prospective students weekends.
- Decide where to attend college in the fall.
 - Decision time! Think carefully and critically about the pros and cons for each school – consider size, academics, cost, location, and more.
 - Find out when your colleges require a confirmation and initial deposit.

Next month: Plan a budget and start making lists of what you'll need!