

TOP 10 TIPS

to Own Your College Search



BUILD

strategies for storing physical and digital learning materials



ORGANIZE

physical and digital application materials



BRAINSTORM

what you want out of college



FAMILIARIZE

yourself with the different kinds of visit experiences



COLLECT MATERIALS

for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- Social security number
- Parents' social security numbers if you are a dependent student
- Driver's license number if you have one
- Alien registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal tax information, tax documents or tax returns, including IRS W-2 information, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are a dependent student:
 - · IRS Form1040
 - Foreign tax return or IRS Form 1040-NR
 - Tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia or Palau
 - · Records of untaxed income
 - Information on cash



TRACK

and double-check deadlines



RESERVE

calendar time for researching and drafting application materials



COMMUNICATE

with your high school guidance counselor



MEET

college/university admissions counselors where you are applying



FOLLOW

college social media accounts

