



The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships  
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# **FAFSA FRIDAYS**

An opportunity to virtually speak with a member of the financial aid team in regards to completing your **FREE APPLICATION** for Federal Student Aid

**NEW FRESHMAN  
NEW TRANSFER COLLEGE STUDENTS  
NEVER BEFORE COMPLETED FAFSA**

**EVERY FRIDAY BETWEEN  
9AM- 12PM AND 2PM- 4PM**

*\*Complete the form below to request assistance with your FAFSA on FAFSA Friday.*

**Be sure to have the following items ready for your session:**

- Student and/ or Parent FAFSA login ID information
- Parent and/ or Student tax information

**Email [finaid@xula.edu](mailto:finaid@xula.edu) to request a  
FAFSA Friday Appointment**

# JUNIORS

## Checklist for College Planning 2023-2024

AUGUST 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work with your School Counselor to confirm your class schedule for preparing for college.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aim to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) classes.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit <b>act.org</b> to create a personal student profile.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin studying vocabulary words for the ACT or SAT. Check out the mobile App.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider enrolling in a Dual Enrollment Program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for the PSAT. Your School Counselor can assist you in registering for the October test. The PSAT is also used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation as an initial screening of entrants in its annual competitions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register for the PSAT Test being offered in October.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin researching and comparing the colleges you like at <b>act.org</b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Determine how to select the right college for you (Cost, Academics, Scholarships, Environment or Location.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get involved in community activities related to your career interests.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participate in the George Rodrigue Art Scholarship for juniors. Check out <b>georgerodriguefoundation.org</b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Surf the web for scholarship opportunities</li> </ul>
DECEMBER 2023	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work with your School Counselor to learn about scholarship opportunities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seek part-time employment during holiday break.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit <b>louisianabelieves.com</b> for great hot topics on college planning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider putting together a portfolio that highlights your special skills, talents, community service, sports, hobbies, awards, and school activities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Think about financial aid. Talk with your parents about options on how to pay for college.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Think about your college goals and attending Xavier.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register for the April ACT Test at <a href="http://actstudent.org">actstudent.org</a>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit <b>March2Success.com</b> for free ACT prep lessons.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Start or update an academic and leadership resume.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to be on the lookout for any that may have slipped under your radar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit Xavier during a Preview Day or schedule a private visit through the Admissions/Recruiting Office.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer for activities and clubs related to your career interests.</li> </ul>
APRIL 2024	MAY 2024	JUNE/JULY 2024	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider volunteering to represent your school at a summer leadership conference (Boys/Girls State, Trailblazers, LYS, etc.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate what clubs or organizations you are a member of and consider running for a leadership position your senior year.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If you are interested in the military for your career path, begin planning to take the ASVAP Test and meet with a military representative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply for a summer job, apprenticeship or internship related to your career interest.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Job shadow in a profession that interests you.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Open a savings account and/or a checking account.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Team up with a study buddy in your preparations for your senior year.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get an estimate of your financial aid eligibility at <a href="http://FAFSA4caster">FAFSA4caster</a>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Search for scholarships at <b><a href="http://xula.edu/financialaid">xula.edu/financialaid</a></b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Include visits to Xavier during your summer vacation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Save a portion of your summer earnings for college expenses.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a few hours each week preparing for the ACT/SAT Test.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in an ACT/SAT preparation workshop or visit your local library for helpful resources.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read subject books to help you prepare for challenging senior courses.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create your FSA ID Username and Password at <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</a>. Take good notes and keep in a safe place.</li> </ul>	



# SENIORS

## Checklist for College Planning 2023-2024

SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2023	JANUARY 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your School Counselor to review high school transcripts and to evaluate your top 3 college choices. (Xavier)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register to take the ACT and/or SAT. Visit <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete online college admission application to top schools. (Xavier)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Males: Register with the U.S. Selective Service: <a href="http://sss.gov">sss.gov</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by creating your FSA ID at <a href="http://fsaid.ed.gov">fsaid.ed.gov</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet all admissions, financial aid and scholarship application deadlines at XULA.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Devote time, energy, and thought to writing any required essays.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remember to complete your admission application for Xavier.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit <a href="http://March2Success.com">March2Success.com</a> for free ACT prep lessons.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend a College and Career Fair at your high school or in your area. (Xavier)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Compile a list of teachers and mentors you can ask to write Letters of Recommendation on your behalf. This may also be needed for scholarship applications.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Search and apply for scholarships.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Finalize and have a teacher proof read any required essays.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register to take the ACT or SAT. Highest composite score will be accepted. Visit <a href="http://actstudent.org">actstudent.org</a> <a href="http://collegeboard.org">collegeboard.org</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit <a href="http://actprofile.org">actprofile.org</a> to compare colleges and research careers.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit all required information for admission application. Meet deadlines.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the FAFSA at <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</a> for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year using 2022 tax returns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact XULA Financial Aid Office with your Financial Aid questions at (504) 520-7835.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Surf the web for scholarship opportunities.</li> </ul>
FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2024	APRIL 2024	MAY 2024	JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register for Advanced Placement exams.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If you applied for early decision, responses should be coming to you. If not, follow up with your admissions representative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If you have completed the financial aid process, be on the lookout for your Financial Aid Letter or electronic notification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> March 13th is the recommended priority deadline for filing your FAFSA at XULA.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pay acceptance deposits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review your financial aid package with your parents; be sure you understand the terms and conditions that apply to each type of aid offered.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If your offer package includes student loans, only borrow what you NEED.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Notify the offices of Admissions and Financial Aid of your acceptance decision.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply for a summer program/jobs.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GRADUATION! Congratulations!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit Final High School Transcript, Health Immunization Form, &amp; Official Test Scores.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Find out when payment of school charges (such as tuition, fees, and room and board) are due.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a plan for saving a portion of your summer earnings.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend Freshman Orientation at XULA.</li> </ul>





# TAKE ME TO XULA THURSDAY

## *PROSPECTIVE XULA STUDENTS*

**SEND A REQUEST TO SET UP A VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT WITH A FINANCIAL AID ASSOCIATE FOR ASSISTANCE**

**Virtual appointments can be requested by prospective families and students to meet with a member of financial aid. Email us to communicate with a financial aid team member.**

[\*finaid@xula.edu\*](mailto:finaid@xula.edu)

*Every THURSDAY between the hours of*  
**12:30pm-4:00pm**

**If you desire an appointment outside of the posted times, please submit your request to your designated counselor via email. Submit two preferred meeting dates and times. Please allow up to two (2) business days for a response.**

[sboyd10@xula.edu](mailto:sboyd10@xula.edu) families whose last names begin with letters A-H

[sboyd10@xula.edu](mailto:sboyd10@xula.edu) families whose last names begin with I-M

[zdickers@xula.edu](mailto:zdickers@xula.edu) families whose last names begin with N-S

[zdickers@xula.edu](mailto:zdickers@xula.edu) whose last names begin with T-Z

**DON'T MISS OUT! FAFSA OPENS EVERY YEAR ON OCTOBER 1ST**

**SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE | HELP WITH FAFSA | GENERAL FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS**