
Worksheet 5: Checklist for Parents: How to Support Your Student

1. Complete parent questionnaires and provide feedback.
2. Be familiar with the process and items on the Checklist for Students (Worksheet 3).
3. Help to compile and detail your student's extracurricular timeline and records.
4. Be knowledgeable about deadlines and testing commitments.
5. Assist student in paying SAT/ACT exam fees or obtaining waivers.³
6. Have high expectations for quality work.
7. Proofread all application materials for accuracy and spelling/grammar.
8. Assist student in paying college application fees or obtaining waivers.³
9. Work cooperatively with your student to estimate the total cost of attendance for each year of college.
10. Provide accurate details regarding your planned financial support during college.
11. Communicate clearly the expectations of the college student.
12. Manage and participate in scholarship search efforts.
13. Complete financial aid forms in a timely fashion.
14. Attend guidance counselor meetings, information sessions, and financial aid workshops, when offered.
15. Assist when asked. Provide support and guidance when needed.
16. Enjoy the plans and celebrate the achievements.
17. Support the student in visiting and selecting a college before the May 1st deadline.
18. Be knowledgeable and realistic about student-debt totals.
19. Ask the difficult questions.

³ Fee waivers are available to families with "demonstrated financial need" for SAT and ACT college entrance exams and college application fees. Obtain forms and program requirements from your student's guidance counselor.