9th / 10th Grade

+ Work hard to earn good grades! Penn State looks at GPAs as early as the ninth grade.

+ Does your school offer AP courses, honors-level classes, or classes that offer dual enrollment with a college? If so, consider taking some! These can help you enhance your learning and stand out when applying to college.

+ Explore careers! Chat with your counselor and research jobs online. Speak to people who work in the field. Use the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences degree explorer (see back of this card).

+ Begin building a résumé of your activities, community service work, awards, and other things that showcase your involvement, interests, and talents.

11th Grade

+ Attend a College of Agricultural Sciences Open House! Explore campus, our majors, and more.

+ Get personalized attention—book an appointment to meet with the College of Agricultural Sciences about your interests.

+ Continue to log your involvement in activities both in and out of school and update your résumé along the way.

+ Establish a permanent email address to use to communicate with our director of recruitment, current students, and faculty in our college.

12th Grade

+ Application time! Start early. Penn State’s opens on August 1.

+ If you’re interested in “Early Action,” submit all required materials by November 1 to receive an admissions decision by December 24.

+ Schedule a visit with the College of Agricultural Sciences.

+ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA opens on October 1. You can complete it prior to choosing a college.

+ Submit a College of Agricultural Sciences scholarship application.

+ Apply for scholarships from your high school and community.

+ If you accept a Penn State admissions offer, plan to attend an Accepted Student Programs event for a strong start to your college experience!

+ If offered admission by Penn State Ag Sciences, be sure to accept by May 1!