

COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDE

It's never too early to get started
on your college search.

The Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences
offers this suggested high school timeline to
help you stay on track.

9th & 10th GRADE



+ **Continue working hard on your academics.** Penn State looks at grade-point averages from the 9th grade or earlier.

+ **Consider taking AP courses**, honors-level classes, or classes that include dual enrollment with a college to help your college application stand out.



+ **Review the high school academic requirements** of colleges of interest. See admissions.psu.edu/apply/requirements for details on Penn State.

+ **Explore careers and college majors.** Meet with your counselor and research jobs online. Speak to people who work in jobs that interest you. Visit agsci.psu.edu/degree-explorer to compare Ag Sciences options within Penn State.



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

11th GRADE



+ **Establish a permanent email address** to use when communicating with colleges.

+ **Attend college open houses** to explore campuses, majors, and more.



+ **Contact college recruiters** for personalized attention and visits. Email agsci@psu.edu or call **814-865-7521** to schedule a conversation with the College of Ag Sciences at Penn State!



+ **Stay involved in activities** both in and out of school and update your résumé along the way.



12th GRADE



+ Your senior year marks the **time to apply to college**. Start early and submit all required materials by college deadlines.

+ Continue to **interact with recruiters** and book visits.



+ **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** even prior to choosing a college.

+ **Apply for scholarships**. Explore opportunities with your high school and community. Visit agsci.psu.edu/scholarships to learn about applying for College of Ag Sciences scholarships as soon as you are offered admission.



+ **Accept your offer** to your college of choice by May 1 and plan to **attend Accepted Student Programs** for a strong start to your college experience!

IMPORTANT DATES



Penn State's application for admission opens
admissions.psu.edu/apply



Deadline to submit your Penn State application for a decision by Jan. 31



Free Application for Federal Student Aid opens
studentaid.gov



National College Decision Day—the general deadline for seniors to choose a college



Deadline to submit your Penn State application for a decision by Dec. 24

EXPLORE MORE!

Get the information you need.

Penn State Ag Sciences is here to help you every step of the way!

Connect with us today!

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Sign up for valuable information!



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