

FAMILY CHECKLIST

Supporting a college student is not an easy task!

To help you feel as prepared as possible, here's a checklist of items for you and your student to consider before the semester starts.



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Connections with Auburn University

- ☐ **Create an account on The Auburn Family Portal.**
 - This allows you to see your student's class and grade information.
 - Submit your student's name and email address so you can connect to them.
- ☐ **Sign up for emergency communication. Ask your student to add you as an emergency contact on AU Access.**
 - Opt-in to receive AU ALERT text messages by texting AuburnFamily to 226787 (CAMPUS).
 - Download the Auburn Safety app to receive AU ALERT notifications.
- ☐ **Pay Tuition & Fees.**
 - Become an Authorized User on your student's eBill
 - Student must grant access first, then log in here to confirm your access.
 - Make a financial payment on your student's bill for the upcoming semester.
- ☐ **Follow AuburnParents on social media.**
 - Facebook
 - Instagram

Conversations with Your Student

- ☐ **Discuss important basic life skills.**
 - Banking (depositing money, cashing checks, using ATMs)
 - Automotive (warning lights, checking oil, flat tires, etc.)
 - Laundry (wash, dry, ironing/steaming, dry cleaning)
 - First Aid and Medications (ex. what to do if you get a cut or an upset stomach)
- ☐ **Discuss safety basics.**
 - Don't leave valuables unattended.
 - Lock apartment and car doors consistently.
 - Make a safety plan before going out at night.
 - Travel with a buddy.
- ☐ **Share academic expectations**
 - Discuss a realistic grade point average and what is required for grants and scholarships.
 - Consider how full-time student status (12+ hours) is required for scholarships, financial aid, car insurance, clubs/organizations, etc.
- ☐ **Make a financial plan.**
 - Talk about how to budget and pay for expenses.
 - Consider employment options, including on-campus jobs.

Extra Credit

- ☐ **Make plans to see your student every 6 weeks if possible.**
 - Consult the Academic Calendar to select the best dates.
- ☐ **Book a trip to Auburn for Fall Family Weekend and Homecoming.**

This checklist is for incoming families/students to use to prepare for their first semester at Auburn. These items should be completed prior to arriving on campus.