

# 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.*