



# SENIOR YEAR



## Timeline

### September

- Create calendar of admission & financial aid deadlines.
- Complete your resume
- Finalize your college essay(s).
- Request teacher recommendations.
- Retake the ACT I F needed
- Plan final college visits
- Check your high school transcript
- Sign transcript release form

### October

- Attend college rep visits at your school and financial aid workshops
- Finalize list of schools to apply to
- Undecided? Seek advice from counselor, teachers, family
- complete any financial aid forms
- Keep up with classes & extracurricular activities

### November

- Prepare to submit regular decision applications in advance of deadlines.
- Research and apply for scholarships.
- Request transcript for any upcoming applications.
- Clean up your online image

### December

- Follow up with teachers / counselor about recommendations.
- Send test scores and transcripts.
- Submit applications before winter break.

### January

- Submit any remaining applications with late deadlines.
- Send updated fall semester grade reports.
- Follow up with schools to make sure your applications are complete.
- Learn about FAFSA.
- Attend any financial aid workshops
- Complete FAFSA forms and submit them as early as possible.

### February

- Submit financial aid forms & check status often.
- Continue to apply for scholarships.
- Focus on academics! You still need to graduate!

### March

- Await admission letters. Be patient but persistent.
- Celebrate your offers of admission!
- Compare any financial aid awards.
- Think about summer (job? internships? travel?)
- Prepare for AP exams. Do your best for possible college credit.

### April

- Attend "admitted students" events at colleges you are considering.
- Select a college and notify the admissions office by May 1. Notify others of your decision not to attend.
- Keep grades up! The college you accept will require a final transcript.

### May

- Take AP tests.
- Inform counselors / teachers who wrote recommendations of your choice and write thank-you notes.
- Check on housing & other required deposits.
- Get a summer job or internship & keep saving your earnings.
- Finish strong! Enjoy your last weeks of senior year!