

Senior Year College Prep Checklist

Stay on track during your countdown to college. For even more guidance throughout senior year, visit CollegeCovered.com/Calendar.

August

- Refine your college list.
- Start drafting your application essays.
- Register and study for ACT® and SAT® exams if you're taking them again.



Apply for scholarships.

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September

- Finalize your college list with your high school counselor.
- Create a spreadsheet for application deadlines and requirements.
- Attend a financial aid workshop with a parent.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from your teachers and mentors.
- Tour schools in person or online.
- Decide if you're applying early decision or early action.

October

- Complete the CSS Profile®, if applicable.
- Request transcripts be sent to each college on your list.
- Finish writing your application essays.
- Fill out applications.

November

- Submit your early applications.
- Gather your financial information to fill out the FAFSA®.



It's National Scholarship Month!

Use the free Discover® scholarship search tool at DiscoverStudentLoans.com/Search to search over 4 million scholarships worth more than \$22 billion.

December

- Complete the FAFSA as early as possible.
- Review your FAFSA Submission Summary.
- Accept early admission and financial package, if applicable.
- Submit applications to your regular admission schools.

January

- Make enrollment deposits for early admission, if applicable.
- Submit any outstanding applications.

February

- Continue applying for scholarships.
- Send thank-you notes to people who helped you with your applications.

March

- Receive your notifications of admission, waitlist, or rejection.
- Appeal financial aid offers if your financial situation has changed.
- Visit campuses during spring break.

April

- Make a final college decision.
- Submit your enrollment deposit by May 1.
- Notify other schools that you won't be attending.
- Accept your financial aid and scholarships.

May

- Reach out about waitlists, if applicable.
- Look into campus housing and meal plan options.
- Send your final transcripts, if required.

June

- Apply for private student loans, if needed.
- Register for new student orientation.
- Apply for summer scholarships.

July

- Select private student loans.
- Get in touch with your roommate(s).
- Make your first tuition payment.



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