

Senior Year Checklist for College

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

August

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

September

- Review your college list with your high school counselor.
- Create a spreadsheet to track application deadlines and requirements.
- Attend a financial aid workshop with a parent.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers and mentors.
- Tour schools in person or online.
- Decide if you're applying early decision or early action.
- Prepare for the FAFSA® by gathering tax information and federal school codes.

October

- Submit the FAFSA as early as possible (some aid is offered on a first-come, first-served basis).
- Complete the CSS Profile® (if applicable)
- Request that transcripts be sent to each college on your list.
- Finish writing your application essays and have them proofread.
- Fill out college applications.

November

- Submit early applications.
- Fill out the FAFSA if you haven't already done so.
- It's National Scholarship Month! Continue to research and apply.

December

- 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 anyone who helped you apply for college.

March

- Receive your notifications of admission, waitlist, or rejection.
- Compare financial aid award letters.
- 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

- Clarify waitlist timelines (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.
- Continue applying for scholarships.

July

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



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