

Senior Year College Timeline Checklist

Fall (September – November)

- ☐ Stay active in extracurriculars and keep up your grades — first semester counts.
- ☐ Create a calendar of deadlines and important dates.
- ☐ Take or retake the SAT/ACT if needed.
- ☐ Visit colleges you're considering (or attend virtual tours).
- ☐ Fill out the FAFSA (opens October 1) and submit required documents.
- ☐ Submit Early Action/Early Decision college applications.
- ☐ Apply for scholarships (many deadlines start in the fall).

Winter (December – February)

- ☐ Submit remaining Regular Decision college applications.
- ☐ Meet with your counselor to confirm transcripts and recommendation letters were sent.
- ☐ Keep grades strong — midyear reports are important.
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships (check new opportunities).

Spring (March – April)

- ☐ Compare your acceptance letters and financial aid offers.
- ☐ Attend admitted student days or revisit campuses.
- ☐ Stay involved in extracurriculars and keep grades up.

Late Spring & Summer (May-August)

- ☐ Reviewed and compared financial aid offers from colleges and made an informed decision.
- ☐ Choose your school and send your deposit (usually by May 1).
- ☐ Applied for scholarships and tracked any awards you received.
- ☐ Confirmed housing and meal plan arrangements at your chosen college.
- ☐ Registered for orientation, bridge programs, and any placement tests required by your school.
- ☐ Planned for the transition: discuss budgeting, time management, and what to bring to college.
- ☐ **Celebrate your decision!**