



COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

JUNIOR YEAR - SPRING

Take SAT or ACT prep course, start test prep tutorials, and/or utilized Khan Academy.

Create a master college list spreadsheet that includes:

- Tests you'll take and their fees, dates, and registration deadlines
- College application due dates
- Required financial aid application forms and their deadlines (aid applications may be due before college applications)
- Other materials you'll need (recommendations, transcripts, etc.)
- Your high school's application processing deadlines

Take the SAT or ACT & continue taking whichever one you feel you do better on.

Begin researching colleges and making spring college visits.

Ask a counselor or teacher for recommendations if you need them. Give each teacher/counselor your strategic activities resume. If not submitted online, provide a stamped, addressed envelope to each recommender.

Narrow your list of colleges to between four and seven.

Create a professional, branded activities resume.

SUMMER JUNIOR/SENIOR YEAR

MOST APPLICATIONS OPEN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1ST
IN MANY CASES, APPLYING EARLY IS AN ADVANTAGE!

Create a ZeeMee profile and begin planning for video recordings (for schools that accept).

Research majors and careers. Compare degree plans and requirements for each university. This can vary greatly.

Download a PDF of each application in preparation for online submission. Some information may be needed from parents.

Write first drafts of essays and seek professional feedback. Prioritize essays based on due dates.

Request necessary information from high school required to get counselor recommendation – packet or Naviance

SENIOR YEAR - FALL

Be sure to have your SAT or ACT scores sent to the colleges to which you are applying.

Complete FAFSA which is required for federal aid. Don't forget the CSS profile as well.

Complete honors college applications and essays.

Have high school and dual credit transcripts sent to colleges. Some schools this is in writing. Others via Naviance (online).

Follow up on recommendation letters that you requested and write thank you notes.

Submit all applications and required materials prior to deadlines! Many are as early as November and December!

SENIOR YEAR - SPRING

Explore other scholarship opportunities and write essays.

Place your enrollment deposit no later than May 1 (preferably sooner). Housing is often prioritized by date enrollment deposit is received. Withdraw app from schools not attending.

Visit your final college before accepting. You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.

Apply for housing & get a roommate if living on campus.