

SENIOR YEAR | COLLEGE & CAREER TIMELINE

YOUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

TODAY

📌 **SEPTEMBER** ← **START HERE**

Use this timeline as your checklist. Dates and requirements can vary by college, so always verify each school's deadlines.

SEPTEMBER • APPLY TO COLLEGES ✓ Take your ACT test (ask about ACT fee waivers) ✓ Begin submitting applications ✓ Start researching scholarships ✓ Update your resume ✓ Schedule college visits ✓ Meet with college representatives during lunchtime visits	OCTOBER • EARLY APPLICATION & TEST SCORE IMPROVEMENT ✓ Submit an early application, if desired ✓ Pay attention to rolling admissions ✓ Take or retake your ACT test ✓ FAFSA application opens
NOVEMBER • APPLICATION DEADLINES ✓ November 1 is a major college application deadline ✓ If reducing your school day second semester, meet with your counselor to finalize plans ✓ Register for the December ACT for a chance to improve your scores	DECEMBER • CONTINUE APPLYING ✓ December 1 & 15 are major college application deadlines—make sure you know your deadlines ✓ Submit your final regular admission application ✓ Turn in scholarship applications early, if possible ✓ Complete FAFSA, if you have not already done so
JANUARY / FEBRUARY • APPLY FOR \$\$\$ ✓ Apply for local scholarships ✓ Complete the “Senior Future Plans Survey” ✓ Report scholarships on the “Senior Scholarship Information” form ✓ Continue working hard—don’t let up!	MARCH / APRIL • DEADLINES ✓ Pay attention to FAFSA dates and deadlines for state financial assistance ✓ You guessed it... keep applying for scholarships and schools! ✓ Contact schools regarding any financial assistance or scholarships you have been granted
MAY • YOU’RE ALMOST THERE! ✓ Continue making decisions about where you are going, if you haven’t already ✓ Request final transcripts in Parchment ✓ Accept or decline financial aid ✓ Start planning orientation events, enrollment activities, and housing	JUNE / JULY • FINAL DETAILS ✓ Send thank-you notes to those who wrote letters of recommendation or helped with college applications or scholarships ✓ Follow up with your college financial aid office ✓ Start packing lists and connect with roommate(s)

★ **TIP:** Keep your own list of college, scholarship, FAFSA, and ACT deadlines so nothing sneaks up on you!