

Types of Financial Aid

Admissions Calendar

August

- Review your college plans with your parents and narrow your choices down to no more than five schools. Request applications and any additional information you need from these schools. Start applying as early as possible.
- If you still need to take your ACT or SAT, check testing site:
ACT: Go to www.actstudent.org
SAT: Go to www.collegeboard.com

September

- See if any of the schools or scholarships to which you are applying require letters of recommendation. If you have not already asked your counselors or teachers to write you a letter of recommendation, now is the time. Waiting to ask later might result in a rush job and a poorly written letter.
- Keep a check list or planning chart to mark off the documents you send to the schools you are applying to.
- If you still need to take your ACT or SAT, check testing site.

October

- Work on those application forms. Be sure you complete every section, and request that your high school transcripts be sent to the schools you are applying to.
- Attend local or regional college fairs and financial aid fairs with your parents.
- If you still need to take your ACT or SAT, check testing site.

November

- Continue working on applications, researching and applying for scholarships.
- Financial aid packets- contact the financial aid office at your school of choice to complete the worksheet and online application.
- If you still need to take your ACT or SAT, check testing site for dates and locations.

December

- A lot of scholarship deadlines are approaching. Consult your CAP Newsletter. If you are planning on filing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), start getting your information together now, as it will take some time to complete. Go to www.hpu.edu/financialaid and click on the **FAFSA on the Web Worksheet link**, fronting the page. This will help you prepare for the FAFSA application.
- If you still need to take your ACT or SAT, there is still time. Register to take them by going to the websites:
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January

- Apply for federal financial aid. Visit FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on the web at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. This is the first step to receiving federal aid at colleges and universities. While you can apply using a paper application, online applications are processed faster, and this method checks for many common errors.

- FAFSA applications can be filed after January 1st. Many schools have priority deadlines for some aid programs. Be sure to complete the FAFSA early in the year, and check with each school you are applying to.
- Encourage your parents to complete their federal income tax returns early this year. This information will be collected on the FAFSA to determine your financial aid eligibility.
- Go visit your school of choice in person. Speak with faculty and staff, take a tour, and get your questions answered. Contact the Office of Admissions for specific information for tours and Preview Days.

February

- Did any of the schools you applied to request your transcript showing first semester senior grades? If so, this is the time to request that they be sent.
- Make sure you submit your FAFSA application. Your FAFSA must be processed by this date so applications should be submitted earlier.
- Review your housing options. If you have been accepted by a 4 yr institution, you should have received this information in your Acceptance Packet. Mark your calendar so you don't forget the deadline to submit your housing application for the on-campus residence halls
- If you still need to take your ACT or SAT, check testing site:
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March

- Visit your school of choice faculty and staff, take a tour, and get your questions answered. Contact the Office of Admissions for specific information.
- If you applied in the fall, some schools may have already sent you a letter with your application status, or asking for further documentation.
- You should have your Student Aid Report (SAR) by now, if you filed your FAFSA in January. Review it for errors and make any necessary corrections online. If you or your parents have since completed your federal income taxes and your income has changed, you should make these corrections online.
- Check with the Office of Financial Aid to see what other documents are necessary to complete your financial aid application.
- Housing spaces are limited and filed on a first-come first-served basis.
- If you still need to take your ACT or SAT (we accept both), check testing site:
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SAT: Go to www.collegeboard.com

April

- Evaluate your options and make your decision. If you change your mind later, let these schools know as it will free up a space for another student.
- If you qualified for student or parent loans, get the right forms and [review lenders](#) to see which one is right for you.
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May

- If you have not already done so, return the Intent to Enroll form along with the registration deposit to the Office of Admissions.
- If you have applied for financial aid, make sure to sign and return all of the necessary forms to the Office of Financial Aid. Complete your course registration online, or by sending in your registration forms with the registration deposit.

June/July

- Let the Office of Financial Aid know about any outside scholarships, grants or other kinds of student aid from private agencies that you will receive. Your financial aid award may have to be adjusted.
- Send in your health records to the Registrar's Office with your Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) and TB shot records updated. Remember, your TB shot must be from within the past 12 months and from a U.S. doctor.
- If you haven't signed up for New Student Orientation, do so now by contacting the admissions office. It is a fun way to make your transition into your new college and make lasting friendships, perform well academically, and build strong relationships with your college faculty and staff.
- Send in your official, final high school transcript, showing the date of your graduation to the Office of Admissions. Remember, your acceptance is contingent upon your graduation from high school.

August

- *Congratulations, you made it!*