

Your College Application Timeline

TIMEFRAME	WHAT TO DO
Junior year: fall semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start brainstorming your college list• Prep for the SAT/ACT
Junior year: spring semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top priority: keep those grades high!• Begin visiting colleges• Take the SAT or ACT• Start researching scholarships, costs, and financial aid• Ask two teachers for recommendations
Summer before senior year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a list of schools you want to apply to, including potential EA/ED schools• Write your résumé• Ask 1 or 2 people to be on your committee• Start writing your essays in July or early August• By Labor Day, complete the Common App personal essay and supplemental essays for one school
Senior year: fall semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish writing your supplemental essays• Finalize your EA/ED list and RD list• Fill out the FAFSA and CSS Profile• Apply for admission, financial aid, and scholarships!
Senior year: spring semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch for admissions decisions from schools• Review your offers and pick a school• Relax and enjoy senior spring; just be sure to keep your grades up (a college can rescind its offer if your grades tank!)