



High School Senior Timeline

AUGUST

- Map out application and financial aid deadlines
- Start writing college essays
- Applications open August 1st

SEPTEMBER

- If applying for Early Action or Early Decision, confirm deadlines and get started (Due November 1st)
- Begin asking teachers for letters of recommendation, particularly if applying for Early Action or Early Decision - give recommenders one month to write letter
- Attend college representative visits all fall
- Visit colleges

OCTOBER

- Work on applications online. Submit applications according to deadlines
- Begin working on FAFSA (application opens Oct. 1 using 2019 tax info)
- Request official transcripts from counseling office

NOVEMBER

- Keep your grades up!
- Send SAT/ACT Score Reports to colleges if not requested on the original report - *The UW System will not be requiring an ACT or SAT score to be sent for the 2020–2021 and 2021–2022 academic year.*
- Request official transcripts from counseling office if not done already

DECEMBER/JANUARY

- Complete and submit college applications
- Don't forget to complete the FAFSA if not done already!
- Community Scholarships sent via email in January

FEBRUARY/MARCH

- Review FAFSA report
- Continue applying for scholarships (*Community Scholarships due in early March*)
- Start working on scholarships after winter break
- Send "Thank You's" to those that wrote letter of recommendations
- Compare financial aid packages

APRIL/MAY/JUNE

- Attend admitted student events
- Send in college deposit
- Send final transcript
- Take any AP exams
- Accept financial aid package
- Declare college by May 1st!
- FAFSA due by May 1st!
- Thank everyone who helped you
- Graduate and enjoy the summer!