



Senior College Application Timeline

August

- ___ Draft your personal statement/essay.
- ___ Keep track of scholarships that you may qualify for.
- ___ Find out if you qualify for a fee waiver for the SAT and/or ACT
- ___ Register for SAT or ACT- if you need to take it for a first or second time.
- ___ If you are an athlete who might play Division I or II in college, register with NCAA
- ___ Start filling out The Common Application

September

- ___ Attend college visits at TSA.
- ___ Attend the college fair with TSA juniors.
- ___ Make sure your parents attend the college information night at TSA.
- ___ Set up evaluative interviews at the schools you are applying to that offer them.
- ___ Include all college application deadlines on a calendar that you reference regularly.
- ___ If you are applying to a program that requires auditions, check the audition schedule and keep track of dates on a calendar.
- ___ If your application requires a portfolio meet with a faculty member for feedback and/or consider attending Portfolio Day in Boston.
- ___ Meet with an adult at school to proof and give feedback on your personal statement/essay.
- ___ Check the requirements at each college you are applying to for recommendation letters.
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- ___ Request recommendation letters on Naviance (include your essay topic, deadline, a note of thanks)
- ___ Request recommendation letters in person.
- ___ Review your transcript with your parents and advisor.
- ___ Check the TSA newsletter for updates on scholarships, college visits, and more.
- ___ Send thank you notes/correspondence with admissions representatives you have met at colleges you are interested in applying to.

October

- ___ Complete and submit the FAFSA, VT State Grant, and, if required by your schools, The CSS Profile
- ___ Decide if you will be applying early to any schools (usually Nov 1 deadline).
- ___ Narrow down your list of schools that you are applying to in Naviance.
- ___ Be sure that your list includes "safety", "probable" and "reach" schools.
- ___ Make sure you communicate your deadlines to your counselor and your recommendation letter writers.
- ___ Request that test scores be sent to colleges on your application list (through the college board or ACT)
- ___ If you are applying to test-optional schools, meet with Ellen to discuss if you should send scores.
- ___ Request transcript for each school you are applying to (on Naviance).
- ___ Review your applications, activities with a TSA counselor/teacher and parents to make sure they are accurate and complete.
- ___ Make sure to sign the FERPA waiver.
- ___ Check the TSA newsletter for updates on scholarships, college visits, and more.

November

- If you completed a FAFSA you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within 4 weeks. Review and check for inaccuracies.
- Attend a VSAC "Paying for College" night (www.vsac.org)
- Check to see if the colleges to which you are applying require any forms besides the FAFSA.
- Know your deadlines and keep working on applications.
- Keep your counselor up to date on your thoughts and plans.

December

- Keep looking/applying for scholarships- get your college paid for!
- Check the TSA newsletter for updates on scholarships, college visits, and more.

January

- Submit all applications with a January due date.
- Check the TSA newsletter for updates on scholarships, college visits, and more.
- Keep working in your classes. Grades and courses continue to count throughout your senior year!

February

- Complete scholarship applications. You may be eligible for more than you think!
- Check to make sure your mid-year transcripts were sent by your counselor.

March

- Stay focused and keep studying- only a few more months to go!

April

- Review your acceptances and financial aid awards.
- Update Naviance with your acceptances, denials, waitlist, etc.
- If you are positive you will not enroll at a college then notify them.
- If you know what college you will attend send your deposit and follow instructions.
- If you plan to defer, request it now!

May

- Update Naviance with your choice of college.

June

- Notify the college of any private scholarships or grants you will be receiving
- Know when the payment for tuition, room & board, meal plans, etc. is due.
- Keep your grades up and get excited about graduation!
- Write thank you cards to the people who wrote your recommendation letters.