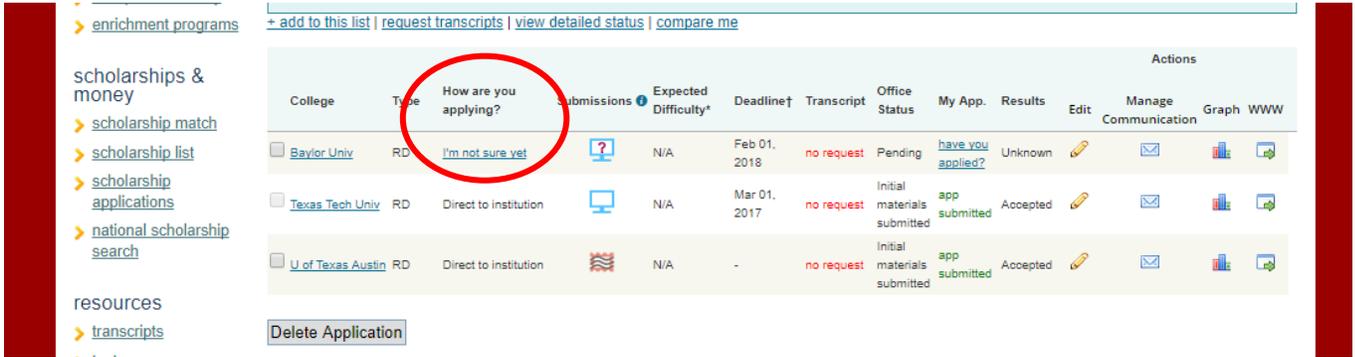


Senior Year College Application Timeline

Summer

Many of these tasks appear later on the checklist, but if you can accomplish them over the summer, notice how your to-do list will shrink in the fall!

	<p>Consider taking some of the self-assessments in Naviance such as Strengths Explorer, Career Interest Profiler, or Do What You Are 2.0. You can access these in Naviance by going to the tab labeled “About Me” and selecting any of these options under “My Assessments.”</p>																																												
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	If possible, visit colleges on your list. Come prepared—do research on the school ahead of time, present yourself professionally, be prepared with questions.
	If you're applying to Texas A&M or the University of Texas, prioritize those essay prompts and those applications. Submit your application as early as possible while still doing a thorough job. It's imperative that you apply early to these large competitive colleges. Consider making the end of September your deadline for UT and A&M.
	After you finalize your list, move them to "Colleges I'm applying to" in Naviance. To request transcripts, click on "request transcripts" at the top of the screen on the "Colleges I'm applying to" screen. IWA will begin sending transcripts in mid August.
	Polish your essays and write any remaining essays. Ask a couple of people for their feedback, but not too many people or the feedback may be overwhelming.

August-September

	Make sure you have all applications required for college admission and financial aid/ know what application the school requires. Put this in your chart.
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	Sign up for a one-on-one meeting with Ms. Cuneo. During this meeting, we will go over your transcript and make sure your list of colleges is appropriate to your academic and personal record.
	Register for the SAT or ACT if you plan to take it again. Be mindful of registration deadlines.
	Request recommendations at least three weeks before they are due. Ask politely-- don't assume he or she will write a letter. Don't forget to send a thank you note and keep the recommender posted on your plans. Give the recommender: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Resume -Recommendation request form -Stamped, addressed envelope if it will be mailed -If it will be done electronically, make sure colleges are in the "Colleges I'm applying to" on Naviance and that you've selected that teacher to write a recommendation on Naviance (but ALWAYS ask first in person).
	Visit colleges and attend college fairs/ IWA campus visits. Come prepared—do research on the school ahead of time, present yourself professionally, be prepared with questions.
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	Earn good grades ☺

October-November

	Complete and return your FAFSA as quickly as possible after it opens on October 1 . Check to make sure your colleges or state does not require any other financial aid forms. If they do, contact the college's financial aid office.
	If you completed a FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within four weeks after submitting the FAFSA. Review the SAR carefully and check for any inaccuracies. If necessary, correct any items on the SAR and return it to the FAFSA processor (if a college transmitted your data directly, notify the college of any change).
	Attend Catholic College Night at Strake Jesuit . Again, come prepared and professionally dressed. There will be a lot of colleges there, so make a plan in advance of what colleges you really want to visit with. Print labels with your name and address so you don't have to spend your time filling out your information on their postcards.
	Keep an eye on your application deadlines. Submit your applications well before the deadline to allow time for problems that might occur.
	If you're applying early action or early decision, submit your applications well in advance of the deadline. Remember, if you are accepted under the early decision option, you are expected to enroll at that college and to withdraw all other applications. Submit financial aid information if requested from early decision/action candidates.
	Have official test scores sent by the testing agency to colleges on your list. Remember that it takes some time for the colleges to receive the scores, so you should request them early.
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	Begin preparing to fill out the FAFSA. This is the only way you can receive federal financial aid. You can begin filling it out January 1, but it is helpful to begin compiling the necessary information now. www.fafsa.ed.gov has a worksheet to help your family prepare to fill out the official form in January. Make sure you're always looking at this official website. There are many "scam" websites that look like they are the official FAFSA website.
	Check to see if the college you are applying to require any additional financial aid forms.
	Registration deadline for December SAT is in November (This is usually the last SAT colleges will accept for seniors)
	Keep earning good grades!

December

	December 1 —Application deadline at the University of Texas and Texas A&M
	Have official test scores sent to colleges on your list if you have not done so.
	Meet with the college counselor again to review your final list of colleges. Be sure you have all bases covered. It is a good idea to make copies of everything before you drop those envelopes in the mail or print what you submitted online. If for some reason your application gets lost, you will have a back-up copy. File your last college application.
	If you applied for early decision, you should have an answer by now. If you are accepted, follow the instructions for admitted students. If the decision is deferred until spring or you are denied, submit applications now to other colleges.
	Submit copies of acceptance and denial letters to the college counselor for school records. Submit letters regarding awarded scholarships to the college counselor.

January-March

	Keep working in your classes! Grades and courses continue to count throughout the senior year.
	Remember to monitor your applications to be sure that all materials are sent and received on time and that they are complete. Stay on top of things and don't procrastinate; you can ruin your chances for admission by missing a deadline.
	Complete scholarship applications. You may be eligible for more scholarships than you think, so apply for as many as you can.
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	Enjoy your final year in high school, but don't catch senioritis!

April-May

	Review your college acceptances and financial aid awards. Be sure to compare financial aid packages in your decision-making process. If you are positive you will not enroll at one or more of the colleges which accepted you, please notify those colleges that you have selected another college. Keeping colleges abreast of your plans might enable those colleges to admit someone else. If you know which college you will attend, send your tuition deposit and follow all other instructions for admitted students. You must decide which offer of admission to accept by May 1 (postmark date).
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	If your first-choice college places you on their waiting list, do not lose all hope. Some students are admitted off the waiting list. Talk with the college counselor and contact the college to let them know you are still very interested. Keep the college updated on your activities.
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