

12TH GRADE/SENIOR YEAR

FALL SEMESTER



SEPTEMBER

- Check your transcripts to make sure you have all the credits you need to get into your college(s) of choice. Find out from the colleges to which you are applying whether or not they need official copies of your transcripts (transcripts sent directly from your high school) sent at the time of application.
- Register for October/November [SAT](#), and [ACT](#).
- Take another look at your list of colleges, and make sure that they still satisfy your requirements. Add and/or remove colleges as necessary.
- Make sure you meet the requirements (including any transcript requirements) for all the colleges to which you want to apply. Double-check the deadlines, and [apply](#).
- Give any recommendation forms to the appropriate teachers or counselors with stamped, college-addressed, envelopes making certain that your portion of the forms are filled out completely and accurately.
- Most early decision and early action applications are due between October 1 and November 1. Keep this in mind if you intend to take advantage of these options and remember to request that your high school send your official transcripts to the college to which you are applying.

OCTOBER

- Submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) on or after October 1. Contact the Financial Aid Office to see if you need to complete additional financial aid forms and check into other financial aid options. In order to be considered for financial aid, you'll need to submit these forms even if you haven't yet been notified of your acceptance to the college(s) to which you applied.
- Go to the [FAFSA on the Web](#) to complete the form.
- Request that your high school send your official transcripts to the colleges to which you are applying.
- Contact the admissions office of the college(s) to which you have applied to make sure that your information has been received, and that they have everything they need from you.
- Make a final list of schools that interest you and keep a file of deadlines and required admission items for each school.
- Take the [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#) tests. Have the official scores sent by the testing agency to the postsecondary schools that have made your final list of schools.
- Continue thinking about and beginning writing (if you have not already started) any essays to be included with your applications



NOVEMBER

- Submit your college admission applications.

DECEMBER

- Early decision replies usually arrive between December 1 and December 31.
- If you haven't already done so, make sure your official test scores are being sent to the colleges to which you are applying.
- Schedule any remaining required interviews.

Source: US Department of Education, <http://www.studentaid.ed.gov>