



# Senior Year 2024–2025



## July 2024

- Checklist:
- ✓ Research colleges on your list and keep SCOIR updated regarding preferences.
  - ✓ Visit college campuses if possible.
  - ✓ Work on your second draft of your main college essay and submit to your counselor for feedback.
  - ✓ Register for Aug, Sept, Oct. or Nov. standardized tests.
  - ✓ Work on the Senior Questionnaire in SCOIR for your college counselor.

July 13                      ACT Test Day

## August 2024

- Checklist:
- ✓ Visit college campuses if possible.
  - ✓ Edit your college essay after your counselor sends feedback.
  - ✓ Begin work on the Common Application and supplemental essay writing when the new version launches on August 1.
  - ✓ Register for Sept, Oct, Nov, or Dec. standardized tests (SAT or ACT).
  - ✓ Complete the Senior Questionnaire in SCOIR for your college counselor.

**August 1**                      **Draft #2 of your college essay due to your college counselor today**  
 Common Application launches for this application cycle (commonapp.org)

August 9                      Registration deadline for August SAT and September ACT

August 24                      SAT Test Day

## September 2024

- Checklist:
- ✓ Meet with college counselor.
  - ✓ Move towards finalizing college list; organize your application deadlines.
  - ✓ In SCOIR, move colleges to the “Applying” column.
  - ✓ Work on college applications.
  - ✓ Register for Oct, Nov, or Dec. standardized tests (SAT, ACT).
  - ✓ Attend college representative visits at Thayer (register in advance in SCOIR).
  - ✓ Complete the Senior Questionnaire in SCOIR for your college counselor.
  - ✓ Arrange for Parent/Guardian Questionnaire to be completed (access via a link).
  - ✓ Ask teachers to write letters of recommendation. Add them to your SCOIR account and provide them with any necessary paperwork.

September 5                      Scoir teacher recommendation request portal open

September 9                      Individual Senior Meetings begin (sign up counselor via calendar link)

September 14                      ACT Test Day

**September 16**                      **College Counseling meeting for Grade 12 parents/guardians (Thompson Hall)**

September 20                      Registration deadline for October SAT & October ACT

**September 23**                      **Choice to pursue Early Action/Early Decision/Priority is due to College Counselor**  
**Common Application account update & FERPA agreement due**  
**Requests due for teacher recommendations if applying EA/ED/Priority**

September 27                      **Update due for Student Activities and Achievements on Scoir**

## October 2024

- Checklist:
- ✓ Work on college applications. Submit to any colleges with mid-October deadlines.
  - ✓ In SCOIR, move colleges to the “Applying” column.
  - ✓ Make sure teacher recommendation writers have been asked and added to your SCOIR account. Give them any paperwork they require.
  - ✓ Take SAT or ACT Tests.
  - ✓ Register for Nov. and/or Dec. standardized tests (SAT or ACT).
  - ✓ Send SAT/ACT score reports via testing company to colleges requiring them.
  - ✓ Attend college representative visits at Thayer. Register in advance on SCOIR.
  - ✓ Complete Senior Questionnaire in SCOIR for your college counselor.
  - ✓ Arrange for Parent/Guardian Questionnaire to be completed (access via link).

October 1	CSS Profile & FAFSA available on this day. Open accounts & research deadlines
October 3	Rosh Hashana is observed (no school). Consider visiting a college campus.
October 4	EA/ED/Priority essays due to College Counselor Add EA/ED/Priority College list to the “Applying to” column on Scoir
October 5	SAT Test Day
October 14	Indigenous Peoples’ Day (no school). Consider visiting a college campus.
October 18	Registration deadline for November SAT All Teacher Recs are due to College Counselors for EA/ED/Priority apps Any additional forms for institutional apps should be turned into counselors
October 25	Professional Development Day (no school). Consider visiting a college campus.
October 26	ACT Exam Day

## November 2024

- Checklist:
- ✓ Submit Early Decision / Early Action applications.
  - ✓ Send SAT/ACT score reports via testing company to colleges requiring them.
  - ✓ Take SAT if registered.
  - ✓ Attend college representative visits at Thayer. Register in advance on SCOIR.
  - ✓ Ask teachers to write letters of recommendation for Regular Decision schools. Add them to your SCOIR account and get them any necessary paperwork.
  - ✓ In SCOIR, move colleges over to the “Applying” column.
  - ✓ Complete Senior Questionnaire in SCOIR for your college counselor.
  - ✓ Arrange for Parent/Guardian Questionnaire to be completed (access via link).

November 2	SAT Test Day
November 8	Registration deadline for December ACT
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday observed (no school). Consider visiting a college campus.
November 22	Registration deadline for December SAT



## December 2024

- Checklist:
- ✓ Decisions arrive for Early Decision and some Early Action applicants.
  - ✓ Take SAT or ACT.
  - ✓ Complete all applications and submit.
  - ✓ Make sure teacher recommendation writers have been asked and added to your SCOIR account. Give them any paperwork they require.
  - ✓ In SCOIR, move Regular Decision colleges to the “Applying” column. **For deadlines over Winter Recess, colleges must be in place by December 6.**
  - ✓ Organize all financial aid application details
  - ✓ Send SAT/ACT score reports via testing company to colleges requiring them.

- December 6                    **Add Regular Decision college list to the “Applying to” column on Scoir. Any additional forms for institutional apps should be turned into counselors.**
- December 7                    SAT Test Day
- December 14                  ACT Testing Date

## January 2025

- Checklist:
- ✓ Submit remaining applications.
  - ✓ In SCOIR, move colleges on your final list over to the “Applying” column
  - ✓ Send SAT/ACT score reports to any remaining colleges requiring them.
  - ✓ Respond to an Early Decision acceptance if applicable.
  - ✓ Contact colleges (via internet or phone) to make sure your applications are complete and that online applications have been received.
  - ✓ Financial Aid documents (FAFSA/CSS Profile) are due to many colleges this month.

- January 20                    **MLK, Jr. Day (no school).** Consider visiting a college campus.
- January 21                    **Faculty Work Day (no school).** Consider visiting a college campus.

## February / March 2025

- Checklist:
- ✓ Provide additional information to colleges as requested.
  - ✓ Deferred at a favorite school? Write a letter of continued interest.
  - ✓ Receive admission decisions and communicate them to your college counselor.
  - ✓ Financial Aid documents (FAFSA/CSS Profile) are due to many colleges this month. Confirm financial aid files are complete.
  - ✓ Wait patiently and research/think about options.
  - ✓ Visit colleges as necessary.

- February 17                    **President’s Day (no school).** Consider visiting a college campus.
- March 10–23                    **Spring Recess.** Visit colleges if necessary.

## April 2025

- Checklist:
- ✓ Receive admission decisions and communicate with your college counselor.
  - ✓ Think through options.
  - ✓ Visit colleges if necessary.
  - ✓ Make final decision.

**April 21**                      **Patriots Day Holiday.** Consider visiting a college campus today.

## May 2025

May 1                              Enrollment deposit due at your college.

## June 2025

June 7                              Thayer Commencement. Congratulations!

### Notes:

1. Many of the dates above represent the deadline (last possible date). Plan ahead and act early!
2. It is the responsibility of the student to understand the test requirements of the colleges to which they are applying.
3. Thayer is not a testing site for the SAT or ACT.

## Helpful Websites

Scoir                                      [www.scoir.com](http://www.scoir.com)  
Common Application                [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
Test-Optional College List         [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)  
The College Board                    [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Want to learn more about the financial aid process?

College Money Method [www.collegemoneymethod.com/thayer](http://www.collegemoneymethod.com/thayer) (Password: tacmm2223)

If you are applying to schools that still require standardized testing, register here:

SAT    [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT    [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

*For fee waiver eligibility questions, please contact your college counselor.*

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