

ETHS Senior Timeline for 4 Year College Applications

SEPTEMBER

- Review the [ETHS College Workshop Series](#)
- Use California Colleges to create a list of colleges you'll apply to (safety-target-reach by looking at major impact & eligibility index for CSUs)
- Make a decision if you want to use [Early Decision/Early Action](#) and meet those deadlines
- Ask your teacher(s) if they would be willing to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf
- Start working on your [letter of recommendation Google Form from your school counselor](#)
- Add your recommenders' email addresses (per the guideline instructions) to the Common App
- Connect with College Admissions Reps either here at school or by doing a campus visit. These interactions are important to let the colleges know you're interested in attending, which can sometimes help your chances.
- Create your Parchment Account and order transcript to be sent to Common App and NCAA (if potential collegiate athletes) - [more information here](#)
- Register for fall SATs/ACTs (SATs and ACTs are not considered by UCs or CSUs)
- Start scholarship searches (Fastweb, [ETHS Website](#))

OCTOBER

- Launch applications of [University of California \(UC\)](#) and [California State University \(CSU\)](#), and the [Common Application](#). Make sure to fill out the [CSS Profile](#) as well if the schools that you're applying to require it.
- Save usernames and passwords
- Work on [personal insight questions \(PIQs\)](#) with your current English teacher
- Participate in Future Ready California
- Start FAFSA/CADAA (based on prior year's parent/guardian taxes)
- Attend Financial Aid Night
- Continue scholarship applications

NOVEMBER

- Sign up for Counseling 100
- Complete matriculation process for community college and be sure to meet all Promise Program requirements (see community college counselor on campus for assistance)
- Check on Housing Deposit Deadlines
- Finish college applications -- UC (Nov. 30th deadline), CSUs (Nov. 30th deadline), Early Action/Early Decision (typically Nov. 1 for Early action - but check your respective schools for EA/ED deadlines)
- Checking housing dates for deposits, etc.
- Follow up with letters of rec
- Continue scholarship applications
- Finish up FAFSA for March deadline
- EOP apps

DECEMBER

- Set up portals with colleges - check here to see that applications are complete.
- Continue/finish Common App for Regular Decision deadlines
- Continue scholarship applications
- Finish up FAFSA for March deadline
- Apply to community college's early bird programs
- Write thank you notes to each person that wrote a letter of recommendation for you

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- Send mid-year transcripts to Common App and CSU's that ask for it via Parchment
- Continue scholarship applications
- Finish up FAFSA for March deadline
- THHS Records Office automatically uploads your CalGrant GPA
- Continue to check you admissions portals for decisions. If you're waitlisted, read [this article](#) for next steps

MARCH - APRIL

- Submit FAFSA by March 2nd (later deadlines for Community College students)
- Check student portals to start receiving college admissions info.
- Continue scholarship applications

MAY

- Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
- Send in deposit
- Roommate/housing decisions
- AP exams/finals
- Thank you for letters of rec
- Fill out Senior Survey
- Enjoy all the senior activities and this special time with your family and friends
- Thank your parents, guardians, trusted adults

JUNE

- Send your final transcripts to the university you are attending via Parchment