

JUNIOR TIMELINE

Don't forget that the 11th grade PSAT/NMSQT score is what is considered for National Merit eligibility.

Begin Testing

Juniors should take the SAT and/or ACT during junior year engaging in test prep as needed. The goal is to finish the junior year with satisfactory testing

Do not wait to test for the first time during the summer after junior year. If you wait summer to test and don't like your scores, you will have limited time to prep and test before early application deadlines.

Apply for Scholarships

Not all scholarships are limited to seniors. There are scholarship opportunities available for any students of high school age. Check out the websites below.

- [Going Merry](#)
- [Niche](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Unigo](#)

Add Colleges of Interest to Scoir

Add your colleges of interest to Scoir under '**Following**'. You are under no obligation to submit applications to these colleges. This features helps to communicate to college counseling your current colleges of interest

Admission Requirements

In addition to adding your colleges of interest into Scoir, go to the college's website to check their application requirements. Do they require students to self-report their grades? Are recommendations required? If so, how many?

Before the end of your junior year, you will provide college counseling with the names of teacher(s) who have agreed to write a recommendation for you.

Application Prompts (*Common App*)

Typically most of the colleges that our students apply to use the Common Application. Normally, the Common App announces during the spring any changes to their essay prompts. Juniors can get a head start on their essay before the Common App is live for their senior year.

[List of schools that use the Common Application](#)

Complete Student Questionnaire

Mid-spring, College Counseling will ask students to complete a student questionnaire. Responses from the questionnaire can provide insight that can be useful for counselor recommendations. Parents will also have an opportunity to complete a parent questionnaire.

Request Recommendations

Now that you have created your college list, you should know if your colleges required teacher recommendations and if so, how many. There is no need to ask for more recommendations than a college requires. Sending more than a college ask for typically isn't helpful.

Before requesting a teacher recommendation through Scoir, you should ask your teacher face-to-face. Some teacher may ask for a copy of your resume to help them write a letter for you.

Finish Strong

During senior year, you will be encouraged to submit your college applications in early October. That means that you will be applying to college with a six-semester transcript. Your junior grades will be the most recent grades that colleges will use in determining admission. (An updated seven-semester transcript will be submitted in January as appropriate.)