

SENIOR TIMELINE

Testing

Try your best to have test scores that are in line with the profile of the colleges that you are interested in attending. The first ACT for the school year is in September. The first SAT for the school year is in August. These are the last exams to take if hoping to submit test scores before the early application deadline of October 15 (EA at FSU, UGA & UNC). The October 5 SAT may work for November 1 application deadlines.

Students are responsible for submitting testing to colleges. The process could take weeks.

College Essay (Common App & Others)

Over 1,000 colleges use the Common Application. The Common App provides seven prompts for applicants to choose from. When the prompt is chosen and the essay is uploaded, every Common App college receives the same essay. Many colleges that require an essay but do not use the Common Application often tailor their essay prompts to be similar so there is the likelihood that these prompts will work for most colleges that require an essay,

Note: Many highly selective colleges require additional essays/short responses. Based on colleges of interest, some students will be required to complete multiple essays.

Schools that use the Common Application

Most Applications are Live by August 1

The Common Application and many other school specific applications are available on August 1st for seniors of the upcoming school year. There are individual college applications which may be available during the summer. However, there is no need to rush to be the first to submit. Most seniors submit their college applications in September or early October.

Complete Essay(s)

This is a perfect time to finish up your college essays. The school year will only get busier. Finish your essay(s) now to prevent feeling overwhelmed by schoolwork, tests and other writing assignments.

Need help? Check out this [presentation](#). Last slide has additional resources.

Canterbury's Application Deadline

It is our recommendation that seniors submit all applications to colleges of interest by *early October*. October 15th and November 1st are popular early deadlines. Applying early is almost always better. Not only could there be a slight strategic advantage, submitting applications in early fall allows seniors to focus on other parts of their senior year, thus reducing anxiety.

At the very least, applying a minimum of two weeks before a deadline allows sufficient time for a college to process a student's application and attach supporting documents, such as transcripts, test scores and recommendations. Applying early also gives students ample time to resolve any issues that may arise and still meet the deadline. Technology sometimes goes haywire. Perhaps, documents aren't received or application checklist don't update. It's a good idea to have a buffer just in case.

Update Scoir

Canterbury's Registrar/College Counseling sends required documents to colleges after students have submitted their applications. Scoir sends a message to College Counseling when a student has moved their colleges to the Scoir 'Applied' column. **Don't forget to update admission decisions and communicate scholarship awards when decisions are rendered!**

Check Application Portals

When students apply to college, most colleges will acknowledge the receipt of the application and provide the student with access to an application portal which is a personalized account that normally houses the application checklist. Students should keep track of the user ID and password for each college's portal. They should use these portals to confirm that all required documents have been received. Occasionally, document submissions are unsuccessful. However, college counseling does not receive communication from colleges about missing documents. If students know that documents have been sent but their checklist does not update appropriately, they need to let the Registrar or College Counseling know that documents may need to be resent.