



College Application Timeline

Want to know if you're on track in the college application process? This timeline shows you what you should be doing, and when.

SEPTEMBER

- Create a list of 4–8 colleges.
- Create a master list or calendar with application fees and deadlines, test dates, and your school's application processing deadlines.
- Meet with your counselor, and download college applications and financial aid forms.
- Plan visits to these colleges.
- Talk to your counselor to see if you are eligible to receive fee waivers for applications and tests.
- Register for a college entrance exam, such as the SAT®.

OCTOBER

- Finalize your college choices.
- Prepare early decision, early action, or rolling admission applications.
- Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® if it is required by any of your selected colleges.
- Register for any tests that are required or recommended by the colleges on your list, such as the SAT or SAT Subject Tests™.
- Take any necessary tests and have your score reports sent to colleges.

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