

NOVEMBER

- Be sure not to miss early decision application deadlines, many of which are in November.
- Complete your application essays. Be sure to proofread them for mistakes.
- Follow your school's procedure or ask your counselor and have transcripts sent to the colleges.
- Give your counselor the proper forms at least two weeks before colleges require them.
- Take any necessary tests and have your score reports sent to colleges.

DECEMBER

- Go to www.pin.ed.gov and get PINs for the FAFSA for both yourself and your parents.
- Take any necessary tests and have your score reports sent to colleges.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- Submit your FAFSA.
- Encourage your parents or guardians to file income tax returns early. Some colleges want copies of your family's returns before finalizing financial aid offers.
- Take any necessary tests and have your score reports sent to colleges.

MARCH & APRIL

- Stay active in school. If you are wait-listed, the college will want to know what you have accomplished since you applied.
- Expect to receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.
- If you haven't visited the college you've decided to attend, do so before accepting.
- Tell your counselor which college you'll be attending.
- If you have questions about housing, talk to your counselor or call the college.
- Prepare for any Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams you plan to take.

MAY & JUNE

- Inform all colleges to which you applied of your admission and financial aid decisions by May 1.
- Send a deposit to only one college.
- Work with your counselor to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.
- Ask your high school to send your final transcript to your chosen college.
- Take AP Exams that may earn you advanced placement or college credit.

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