

Senior Year

- **Fall**
 - Continue to take a full course load of college-prep courses. Colleges look at the strength of your curriculum even in your senior year.
 - Keep working on your grades.
 - Continue to participate in extracurricular and volunteer activities. Demonstrate initiative, creativity, commitment, and leadership in each.
 - Talk to counselors, teachers, and parents about your final college choices.
 - Make a calendar showing application deadlines for admission, [financial aid](#), and scholarships.
 - Monitor the scholarship page on the Guidance website to look for scholarships which you may potentially qualify for.
 - Request recommendations from the teachers you have chosen.
 - Request a transcript from Mrs. Jones and review it carefully.
 - Request transcripts to be sent to your chosen schools through Mrs. Jones in the front office.
 - Register for and take the [SAT](#), [ACT](#), as necessary.
 - Be sure you have requested (either by mail or online) that your test scores be sent to the colleges of your choice. If you request for scores to be sent at the time of registration up to 4 colleges are free. If you request after taking the exam you will have to pay for the scores to be sent.
 - Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) starting October 1st!
 - Mail or send electronically any college applications for early-decision admission by November 1.
 - If possible, visit colleges while classes are in session.
 - If you plan to apply for an ROTC scholarship, remember that your application is due by December 1.
 - Print extra copies or make photocopies of every application you send.
- **Winter**
 - Send midyear grade reports to colleges that require it. Continue to focus on your schoolwork!

- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) if you have not done so already. The application opened on October 1st.
- Mail or send electronically any remaining applications and financial aid forms before winter break. Make sure you apply to at least one college that you know you can afford and where you know you will be accepted.
- Follow up to make sure that the colleges have received all application information, including recommendations and test scores prior to their respective deadlines.
- **Spring**
 - Watch your mail notifications from colleges. When you hear from colleges let your counselor know. We love to hear where all students will be attending school.
 - Compare the financial aid packages from the colleges and universities that have accepted you.
 - Make your final choice, and notify all schools of your intentions by their deadline. Send your nonrefundable deposit to your chosen school by the deadline as well. Be sure and know what the deadlines are for each school.
 - Be sure that you have received a [FAFSA](#) acknowledgment. If you applied for a [Pell Grant](#) (on the FAFSA), you will receive the Student Aid Report ([SAR](#)) statement. Review this Pell notice, and forward it to the college you plan to attend. Make a copy for your record.
 - Complete follow-up paperwork for the college of your choice (scheduling, orientation session, housing arrangements, and other necessary forms).