

College Application Timeline & Checklist

A senior-year roadmap — adjust dates to your deadlines (many are Nov 1 / Jan 1).

SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR

- ☐ Finalize college list (reach/match/likely)
- ☐ Draft the main essay
- ☐ Line up recommenders
- ☐ Register for fall SAT/ACT (if submitting)
- ☐ Note each school's deadlines & requirements

FALL

- ☐ Complete applications & supplements
- ☐ Submit FAFSA (opens Oct 1) & CSS Profile if needed
- ☐ Send transcripts & test scores
- ☐ Request recommendation letters
- ☐ Apply Early Action/Decision if desired

WINTER

- ☐ Submit Regular Decision apps
- ☐ Finish all financial-aid forms
- ☐ Confirm everything was received
- ☐ Apply for scholarships

SPRING

- ☐ Compare admission & aid offers
- ☐ Visit/revisit if possible
- ☐ Commit & submit deposit by May 1
- ☐ Send final transcript