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College Admissions Guide- Senior Year

September

- **Meet with counselor to finalize college list**
- **Begin applications for any school you may apply early action or early decision**
- Ask counselor for a copy of your transcript to review credits
- **Check SAT and or ACT test dates. Register for October, November or December SAT and or ACT**
- Visit schools and/or plan fall visits to help narrow choices.
- Look into fall overnight and weekend college visitation programs.
- Mark your calendar for college fairs and admissions rep visits.
- Open an account on www.collegeboard.com to research colleges and scholarships
- Begin the college application process. Use the Common Application at www.commonapp.org, to access information and applications for over 456 schools across the country. The common application for Historically Black Colleges and Universities is www.eduinonline.com.
- **Start essays/personal statements**
- **Start requesting recommendations from your teachers (give at least 2 week notice)**

October

- **Create a schedule of admissions and financial aid deadlines**
- **Take SAT and or ACT**
- **CUNY applications due**
- **Start SUNY applications**
- **Complete essay and have your essay reviewed by your English teacher**
- Explore college and scholarship information online.
- Make it a habit to check the Guidance Office for available scholarships and visitations by college reps.

November

- **Take the SAT and or ACT**
- **Follow up to ensure letters of recommendation are submitted**
- Send all test scores officially through collegeboard
- **Keep deadline dates for applications in mind (Remember this is your responsibility!)**
- Complete interviews and college visits
- **Finalize essays**
- **Submit applications for early action/early decision programs.**
- **Continue to work on all applications**
- **SUNY applications due**
- **Attend financial aid workshops and seminars**

December

- **Take the SAT and or ACT**
- **Complete, photocopy, and submit all remaining applications**
- Obtain a free application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA).
- Obtain any other financial aid forms that may be required by your target school.
- **Send all test scores officially through collegeboard**
- **Make sure ALL applications with a January 1st or 15th deadline are submitted to the guidance office by the second week of December. The guidance office as well as school admissions will be closed during the December break. Please submit two weeks before so that I will have the necessary time to process your application**

January

- **Parents obtain income tax information and/or complete taxes early to help in completing the FAFSA**
- **Complete, photocopy, and submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1st**
- Continue to check for scholarships
- Keep your counselor informed of any correspondence from your college. If you receive a letter or email indicating that they have not received your transcript or recommendations, please call the college first to confirm that something is missing. If they are still missing a piece of your application, inform your counselor
- **Keep working hard in the classroom. FIRST SEMESTER GRADES ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

February

- Be sure you have submitted all required financial aid forms.

- Request to have midyear grades sent to colleges.
- **Notify counselor of any acceptances or denials**
- Music majors should arrange for auditions
- Art majors should complete portfolios
- Continue to research scholarship opportunities

March

- If selected for verification, send copies of your income tax forms to financial aid offices.
- Watch the mail for your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Visit colleges for final decision making
- Be certain that all applications and tests have been completed

April

- Receive admissions notifications.
- Compare financial aid awards.
- Make your final enrollment decisions and submit the enrollment deposit if required.
- Notify the schools you will not be attending.
- Sign and return financial aid forms

May

- **FINAL DECISION.....Candidate final reply date is usually May 1st**
- Send deposit to one school
- Complete all materials that were sent to you from college such as health forms and room/board
- **Notify your counselor of final decision so that a final transcript will be sent to the school of your choice**
- Contact your financial aid office to check your status.
- Obtain student loan applications, fill them out, sign them and immediately send them back to your chosen college. Be sure to meet these deadlines!

June

- Complete any remaining financial aid forms.
- Plan for college orientation, transportation, and housing.
- **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

July

- Finalize college transportation and housing.
- Good luck in college!!