

High School Seniors: College Planning Calendar

- Use this calendar as a starting point to guide you through and track your college application process.
- Go over it with your college guidance counselors in your high schools and customize for your specific goals and needs
- Share your plans with family and friends so they can help you stay on track.

September

Registration Deadline Oct SAT
Late Registration Deadline Oct SAT (US)
Registration Deadline Nov SAT

- Continue to research financial aid options.
- Make sure you have all applications required for financial aid and admission.
- Check admission and financial aid deadlines for the schools you plan to apply to.
- Register for the fall ACT and/or SAT test dates as needed.
- Get letters of recommendation and plan college visits.

October

Oct SAT Test Day
Late Reg Deadline Nov SAT (US)

- Meet with your guidance counselor to review your final list of colleges.
- File early decision applications if decision made
- Attend college fairs to schools you plan to apply
- Have official test scores sent by the testing agency to the colleges on short list.

November

Nov SAT Test Day
Registration Deadline Dec SAT
Late Registration Deadline Dec SAT (US)

- Edit application essays with school guidance counselors and other writing professionals/counselors
- Complete your college applications (make copies before mailing).

December

Dec SAT Test Day
Registration Deadline Jan SAT

- Mail all applications.
- Schedule college admission interviews, if applicable.

January

Late Registration Deadline Jan SAT (US)
Jan SAT Test Day

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1 as possible. *
- Request high school send grade reports/transcripts to the colleges applied
- Complete your tax forms as soon as possible. Contact the colleges to see if they require more forms.**
- Contact colleges to confirm they got all application materials (transcripts, recommendations, and financial aid forms)

February

Registration Deadline Mar SAT
Late Registration Deadline Mar SAT (US)
Late Registration Deadline Mar SAT (US)

- You will get your Student Aid Report (SAR) within 4 weeks of completing the FAFSA online (longer for the paper application).
- Review the SAR, make any necessary corrections, and return it to the FAFSA processor. (If you have not received your SAR and more than four weeks has passed, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center.)
- Complete Scholarship applications

March

Mar SAT Test Day
Registration Deadline May SAT

April

Late Registration Deadline May SAT (US)

- Review acceptances and compare financial aid packages

May

May SAT Test Day
Registration Deadline Jun SAT
Late Registration Deadline Jun SAT (US)

- By May 1, decide what school to attend and send acceptance of the school's offer along with any other necessary paperwork.
- Notify other prospective colleges that you have selected another school.
- If the 1st-choice college placed you on waiting list, let school know that you are still interested in attending the school.

June

Jun SAT Test Day

July

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