

Admission/Financial Aid Calendar

August:

- Set up a college file for the information you request and receive from colleges as well as copies of the information you send to them.
- Explore college and scholarship information online.
- Create a schedule of admissions and scholarship deadlines.
- Register for the SAT/ACT

September:

- Mark your calendar for college fairs and admissions representative visits.
- Begin applications and essays.
- Look into fall overnight and weekend college visitation programs.
- Inquire about on-campus housing

October:

- Request transcripts and letters of recommendation.
- Take the October SAT/ACT if you are registered.

November:

- Follow up to ensure that you have collected letters of recommendation or that they have been submitted independently to your target schools.
- Submit applications.
- Discuss college costs with your parents.

December:

- Find out if your school district will have a financial aid program for you and your parents and attend them.
- Complete and submit your admission and scholarship applications if you have not done so.
- Apply for a PIN number for the FAFSA—you and your parent will each need a pin. (www.pin.ed.gov)
- Review the FAFSA form and organize the information you will need to complete it.
- Obtain any other financial aid forms that may be required by your target schools.
- Continue to research and apply for scholarships.
- Meet scholarship application deadlines.

January:

- Obtain income tax information and/or complete taxes early to help in completing the FAFSA.
- Complete and submit the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Schedule personal interviews at your target schools, if required.

February:

- Make sure that you have submitted all required financial aid forms to your target schools.
- Watch the mail for requests or responses from colleges regarding financial aid and admissions.

March:

- Ask about Advanced Placement (AP) exams for college credit.
- Watch the mail for your Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Take some time to review your files and follow up on submissions and requests to and from colleges and financial aid programs.
- Look for a summer job.

April:

- Watch the mail closely for admissions notifications and financial aid award letters.
- Compare financial aid awards to the cost of attendance at your target schools.
- Make your final enrollment decision and submit the enrollment deposit if requested. Remember there are deadlines for enrollment deposit; check with your selected school.
- Notify the schools you will not be attending as soon as possible.
- Sign and return award letters and any other required financial aid forms.

May:

- Study for your AP exams and finals.
- Order your final official transcript to your chosen college.
- Contact the financial aid office at your selected college to check your status.
- Finalize college housing plans.

June:

- Complete any remaining financial aid forms.
- Plan for college orientation and transportation.
- Start a list of everything you will need to bring to school.
- Make transportation arrangements. Purchase airline tickets early to save you money.
- Plan a budget.

July:

- Establish a bank account near your school.
- Make a last visit to the college campus. Locate businesses and community sites of importance (churches, synagogues, grocery stores, post office, doctor's office, etc.).
- Set up an address/phone book for relatives and friends you want to keep in touch with. Include emergency numbers like doctors and insurance companies.
- If you haven't done so, make sure that you schedule and attend freshman orientation.