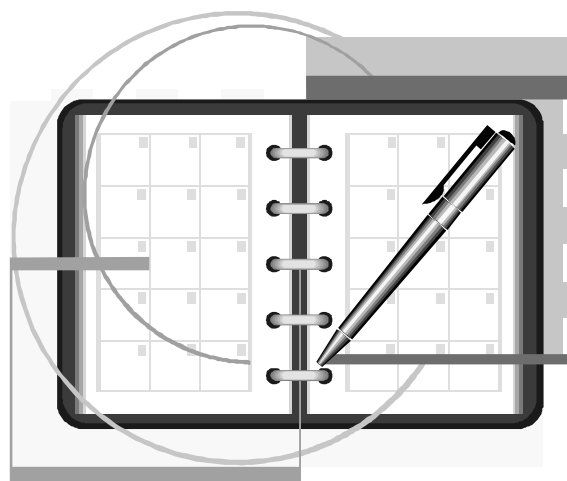




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*Building the Pipeline from High School to College to Work*

# Senior Year Calendar & Checklist



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## College To Do List

- ✓ Maintain good grades · 85 or better!
- ✓ Join a school club or team
- ✓ Visit your CollegeBound Specialist
- ✓ Mark important dates on calendar · meet all deadlines
- ✓ Register for SAT/ACT
- ✓ Take or Retake SAT/ACT
- ✓ Request admission info from colleges
- ✓ Pick up CollegeBound Consider MD+guide
- ✓ Attend college fairs
- ✓ Make college choices
- ✓ Ask for letters of recommendation
- ✓ Write application/scholarship essays
- ✓ Fill out college applications
- ✓ Mail college applications
- ✓ Research scholarship opportunities
- ✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ✓ Complete the CollegeBound Foundation Last Dollar Grant & Competitive Scholarship Application
- ✓ Keep a record of employment, including the name of your supervisor (to use as a reference later)
- ✓ Record financial aid awards from schools where you have been accepted
- ✓ Record any honors you've received

## SAT

Date Taken \_\_\_\_\_

Math \_\_\_\_ Critical Reading \_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_

Date Taken \_\_\_\_\_

Math \_\_\_\_ Critical Reading \_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_

## College Application Checklist

College 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Requirements

- Essay
- Interview
- Letter of recommendation
- Transcript
- Application form
- College test scores

Accepted?  Yes  No

Amount of financial aid award: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

College 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Requirements

- Essay
- Interview
- Letter of recommendation
- Transcript
- Application form
- College test scores

Accepted?  Yes  No

Amount of financial aid award: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## August

- ◆ Review your career plans and decide which type of school is right for you.
- ◆ Visit some college campuses.
- ◆ Narrow your college list to approximately five schools.
- ◆ Request catalogs and admission information.
- ◆ Get started on estimating your financial needs for college. Complete the FAFSA4caster online at [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov).
- ◆ Visit your CBF Specialist for registration info and test dates for the ACT and SAT.

## September

- ◆ Meet with admissions representatives who visit your school.
- ◆ Make a list of tests, dates and fees, registration deadlines, college application deadlines, and financial aid applications and deadlines.
- ◆ Take tests like the SAT and ACT *at least* six weeks before scores must be submitted to colleges.
- ◆ For your admissions and/or scholarship applications, begin asking former teachers, guidance counselors and employers for letters of recommendation.
- ◆ Look for scholarships in PrepHQ.

## October

- ◆ Take SAT I and/or SAT II exams, if necessary.
- ◆ Work on application essays.
- ◆ Visit your top school choices. Interview some students, faculty and staff if possible.
- ◆ Attend special programs such as college fairs and financial aid nights.
- ◆ Find out which financial aid applications your college choices require and their deadlines.

## November

- ◆ Re-take SAT I and/or SAT II exams, if necessary.
- ◆ Obtain scholarship and financial aid applications from your CBF Specialist. Read carefully to determine what information is required and when applications are due.
- ◆ Begin preparing your college applications. Check with the colleges to find out when materials must be postmarked.

## December

- ◆ Get started on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the FAFSA4caster online at [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov).
- ◆ Apply for outside funding and/or scholarships.
- ◆ PARENTS: Gather your income tax returns or save your year-end payroll stub if it shows your earnings for the year to prepare the FAFSA.

## January

- ◆ **Parents:** Get your income tax returns prepared early for the FAFSA.
- ◆ Submit your completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the processor as soon after January 1<sup>st</sup> as possible.
- ◆ **Keep copies all forms you submit.**
- ◆ Continue your scholarship search in PrepHQ.

## February

- ◆ Make sure your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- ◆ Submit your FAFSA by February 15<sup>th</sup> to qualify for institutional awards.
- ◆ Research taking the Advanced Placement (AP) or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.
- ◆ Rank your final list of colleges.

## March

- ◆ Submit the FAFSA by March 1<sup>st</sup> to qualify for Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) scholarships and grants.
- ◆ Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) which contains Federal Pell Grant Program information.
- ◆ If verification is required, submit tax forms to the financial aid office. Contact each office to make certain that your application is complete. Find out what else you need to do to establish and maintain your eligibility for financial aid.
- ◆ If you have not received your SAR within four weeks of sending in your FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1.800.4.FED.AID (1.800.433.3243).

## April

- ◆ Watch the mail for college acceptance letters. Compare the financial aid awards you receive.
- ◆ Make your final decision and send in a deposit by the deadline.
- ◆ Check with your college choice about the details of signing and returning financial aid award letters.
- ◆ Notify the schools that you will not be attending.
- ◆ Watch for important deadlines at your college of choice (housing, financial aid, etc.).

## May

- ◆ AP examinations are given.
- ◆ Finalize summer school or summer job plans.
- ◆ Request final transcript to be sent to your college of choice.
- ◆ Send in your tuition deposit(s).



**Don't let the clock beat you!  
Be sure to keep track of all your  
application deadlines.**

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