

SENIOR YEAR CHECK-LIST

FALL

- Continue taking challenging classes in high school and working hard to earn high grades.
- If you have not already done so, develop a list of colleges that meet your educational goals, needs, and preferences.
- If you have not already done so, plan visits to the colleges to which you are considering applying.
- If you have not yet taken the SAT or ACT, or wish to retake it, register for one of the fall test dates.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You can do this as soon as October 1.
- Begin working on college applications. Aim to submit at least one application before Thanksgiving!
- If any of your applications require letters of recommendations, ask someone to write a letter on your behalf. Be sure to ask at least 3-4 weeks before the due date and provide all necessary information (including where the writer needs to send the completed letter).
- If any of your applications require a personal essay, start working on this now!
- Apply for scholarships as applications become available.

WINTER

- Finalize and submit any remaining applications. Some colleges have deadlines as early as January 1. Plan ahead so you don't have to scramble.
- Confirm that your SAT or ACT scores were sent to the college(s) of your choice.
- Confirm that the school office mailed your high school transcript to the college(s) of your choice.

SPRING:

- If you do not already have one, start looking for a summer job.
- Most colleges will notify applicants of admission decisions and financial aid offers in March or April. After receiving this information, make your college selection and notify all schools to which you applied.
- Never hesitate to contact the financial aid office of your chosen college if questions arise.
- Ensure all required deposits are sent to the college you select.

SUMMER:

- Work to earn and save money.
- Keep your eyes open for information about new student orientations, class scheduling, etc. and reply promptly to any requests from the college you select.