



SENIOR-YEAR ROADMAP

NOVEMBER

Attacking College Applications

- ✦ Complete ApplyTexas or Common Application and submit by required deadlines.
- ✦ Submit scholarship applications.
- ✦ Request your transcript for any upcoming applications before semester break.
- ✦ Request admissions test results be sent to your college choices.

DECEMBER

Maximizing Your Break

- ✦ Submit any remaining applications. If deferred, send a letter or new information.
- ✦ Get advice from current college students.
- ✦ Over the holidays, participate in community service projects or find a job to start saving for college.

SUMMER

Focusing on Fall

- ✦ Get a job—earn money, save money.
- ✦ Apply for work-study at college.
- ✦ Attend freshman summer orientation.
- ✦ Talk to your student advisor and register for classes as early as possible.
- ✦ Make a to-do list of items that need to be done in June and July.
- ✦ Ask questions!

OCTOBER

Making College Choices

- ✦ Investigate postsecondary options and note deadlines.
- ✦ Make your top 3-5 college choices (choose "reach," "likely," and "safety" schools).
- ✦ Undecided? Get advice from counselors, parents and admissions advisors.
- ✦ Continue to work on your college applications.

FILL OUT
FAFSA

FEBRUARY

Applying for Financial Aid

- ✦ Submit financial aid forms and check status often.
- ✦ Apply for local scholarships and financial aid.
- ✦ Focus on academics. You still need to graduate high school!

JANUARY

Navigating FAFSA/TASFA

- ✦ Learn about the FAFSA & TASFA—and get your PIN.
- ✦ Ask your parents to complete their taxes ASAP.
- ✦ Attend financial aid workshops in the area.
- ✦ Complete FAFSA forms and submit them as early as possible.



MAY

Celebrating Graduation

- ✦ Check on housing and other required deposits.
- ✦ Ask for advice if waitlisted.
- ✦ Get a summer job or internship, and keep saving your earnings.
- ✦ Take any placement exams required by colleges.
- ✦ Finish strong. Enjoy the last weeks of your senior year!

SEPTEMBER

Planning Your Future

- ✦ Create a college applications portfolio.
- ✦ Check all high school transcripts and records.
- ✦ Request letters of recommendation.
- ✦ Polish all college application essays.
- ✦ Get ApplyTexas PIN.
- ✦ Start scholarship applications.

MARCH

Realizing the College Dream

- ✦ Check the Student Aid Report (SAR) and correct any errors.
- ✦ If rejected, apply to other colleges, or send more information.
- ✦ Await admissions letters. Be patient but persistent.
- ✦ Ask your counselor to send mid-year reports to colleges.

AUGUST

Telling About Yourself

- ✦ Complete your resume.
- ✦ Finalize your college application essay.
- ✦ Clean up your online image.

APRIL

Making College Decisions

- ✦ Attend a college weekend if still undecided.
- ✦ Select a college and notify the admissions office by May 1. Notify the others of your decision not to attend there.
- ✦ Create a budget. Make a financial plan.

START