

Countdown to college

Plan your path to education success with these month-by-month calendars, a resource from the CollegeSTEPS® Program.

September

- Meet with college admissions representatives visiting your school.
- Make a calendar of key application and financial aid deadlines.
- Ask teachers, guidance counselors and other adults who know you for letters of recommendation for scholarship and admissions applications.

October

- Take the SAT or ACT if necessary.
- Work on admissions application essays.
- Revisit your top school choices. Talk face to face with current students and faculty members at those schools.
- Continue to seek and apply for scholarship awards from a variety of sources.

November

- Take the SAT or ACT if necessary.
- Obtain financial aid applications from your colleges of choice.
- Prepare your college applications.

December

- Gather the data needed for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

January

- Submit your completed FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible.

February

- Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- Plan for AP exams or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.

March

- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. Pay particular attention to the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and discuss it with your parents and family.

April

- Watch the mail for acceptance letters and financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid packages.
- Choose a school and send in a deposit by the deadline.
- Contact the financial aid office at your chosen school to make certain your application is complete.
- Consider Wells Fargo as your lender and apply online.

May

- Take AP examinations.
- Write thank yous to the people who wrote you letters of recommendation.
- Celebrate your high school graduation!

Senior year

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