The College Application Timeline

Heads Up: You may be eligible for fee waivers for SAT® and college applications. Go to sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-fee-waivers.

**September**

**Determine the application requirements and deadlines** for each college, including financial aid.

**Start looking for private scholarships.**

Take any September tests that are needed and have your score reports sent to your 8+ colleges.

**Quick Tips**

- Need a scholarship to keep track of college application requirements? Use the Student.gov site.
- Go to CollegeBoard.org/scholarships to find scholarships.

**October**

**Ask your teachers and possibly other adults for letters of recommendation,** if necessary.

Take any October tests that are needed and have your score reports sent to your 8+ colleges.

**Quick Tips**

- Public flagship colleges are funded by state governments and frequently offer favorable tuition rates for state residents. See the enclosed Net Price sheet.
- Use college’s/parents’ calculators to get a sense of your net price and estimated financial aid award.
- Net price calculators are available through student.collegeboard.org/financial-aid-calculator.
- Some colleges offer a 100% aid package that covers all remaining expenses after a calculated family contribution. See the enclosed list of Colleges and Universities That Meet 100% of Financial Need.

**November**

Take any November tests that are needed and have your score reports sent to your 8+ colleges.

**Ask your high school to send your transcripts to the colleges to which you will apply.**

**Quick Tips**

- Get things done now. If you don’t fill it out now, you may not get any aid.
- Ask for support when you need it. Research whether the colleges you are interested in offer tutoring, cultural events, academic and financial aid counseling, and other services.

**December**

Take any December tests that are needed and have your score reports sent to your 8+ colleges.

**Quick Tips**

- Scholarships may be given to students who have strong academic or athletic skills, who are members of a specific ethnic group, who are members of a faith-based or civic organization.
- FAFSA gives access to grants and work-study jobs, and more. See CollegeBoard.org/FAFSA.
- You should never have to pay for scholarship information. To find more scholarships, search CollegeBoard.org/scholarships.

**January/February**

**Submit any remaining completed college applications.**

**Quick Tips**

- National deadlines may differ. You have to check with each college and/or major for specific deadlines.

**March/April**

**Submit midyear reports** to colleges that require them.

**Quick Tips**

- Remember: Check your college’s website for specific deadlines.

**May**

**Take AP® Exams**

If necessary, start the loan application process.

**Quick Tips**

- If you need to take a college entrance exam, such as the SAT in November or December, register now.

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**Checklist**

- A checklist to keep track of college application requirements, tasks, and deadlines?

Go to College Application Checklist.

**Find out which of these colleges accept the COMMON APPLICATION and/or UNIVERSAL COLLEGE APPLICATION.**

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**Start your applications, including your APPLICATION ESSAY.**

**Choose your 8+ safety, fit, and reach colleges.**

**Start working on your college applications.**

Some colleges have deadlines as early as the end of November!

**Submit your completed college applications.**

**Submit midyear reports** to colleges that require them.

**Complete the FAFSA.**

**Submit any remaining completed college applications.**

**Take AP® Exams**

That will earn you college credit.

**Remember:**

December is your last chance to take tests that will help your applications!

**Quick Tips**

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**Colleges and Universities That Meet 100% of Financial Need**

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**CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®**

- Required by some schools.

**Study for your ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM® (AP) TESTS.**

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