The College Application Timeline

**SEPTEMBER**
- **DETERMINE THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES**
  - for each college, including FINANCIAL AID.
- **START LOOKING FOR PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS.**
- **TAKE ANY SEPTEMBER TESTS**
- **HAVE YOUR SCORE REPORTS SENT TO YOUR COLLEGES.**

**OCTOBER**
- **DETERMINE THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES**
  - for each college, including FINANCIAL AID.
- **FIND OUT WHICH OF THESE COLLEGES ACCEPT THE COMMON APPLICATION, UNIVERSAL COLLEGE APPLICATION, AND/OR COALITION APPLICATION.**
- **START LOOKING FOR PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS.**
- **START YOUR APPLICATIONS**
  - including your APPLICATION ESSAYS.
- **TAKE ANY SEPTEMBER TESTS**
- **HAVE YOUR SCORE REPORTS SENT TO YOUR COLLEGES.**

**NOVEMBER**
- **TAKE ANY NOVEMBER TESTS**
- **HAVE YOUR SCORE REPORTS SENT TO YOUR COLLEGES.**
- **ASK YOUR TEACHERS and possibly other adults for letters of recommendation, if necessary.**
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- **HAVE YOUR SCORE REPORTS SENT TO YOUR COLLEGES.**

**DECEMBER**
- **TAKE ANY DECEMBER TESTS**
- **HAVE YOUR SCORE REPORTS SENT TO YOUR COLLEGES.**
- **ASK YOUR TEACHERS and possibly other adults for letters of recommendation, if necessary.**
- **TAKE ANY DECEMBER TESTS**
- **HAVE YOUR SCORE REPORTS SENT TO YOUR COLLEGES.**

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY**
- **SUBMIT ANY REMAINING COMPLETED COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.**
- **WEIGH THE OFFERS AND DETERMINE THE BEST FIT.**
- **STUDY FOR YOUR ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (AP) TESTS.**
- **SUBMIT MIDYEAR REPORTS**
  - to colleges that require them.

**MARCH/APRIL**
- **COLLEGES WILL LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR OFFERS OF ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID AWARDS.**
- **STUDY FOR YOUR ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (AP) TESTS.**

**MAY**
- **TAKE AP EXAMS**
  - that will earn you college credit.

**JUNE**
- **SUBMIT ANY REMAINING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.**
- **SUBMIT MIDYEAR REPORTS**
  - to colleges that require them.

**JULY**
- **BEGIN THE LOAN APPLICATION PROCESS.**
- **APPLY TO COLLEGE**
  - that will be your best fit — ACADEMICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND FINANCIALLY.

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