

Application Timeline for College Bound Students: You Should be...

Fall –Junior Year

- Taking academically rigorous classes
- Researching careers and academic majors that interest you
- Exploring both the SAT and ACT exams to find the right fit
- Building connections with teachers you may want to ask for recommendations
- Consistently participating in meaningful extracurricular activities

Spring –Junior Year

- Choosing senior year classes that will keep you challenged (Honors, AP, College level)
- Registering and preparing for the SAT or ACT exam
- Creating a wish list of your college preferences and researching colleges with your counselor
- Requesting college recommendations from teachers who know you well (2-3 letters are ideal)
- Touring college campuses
- Brainstorming potential topics for your college essay
- Gathering household income documents (e.g. tax returns) to determine program and fee waiver eligibility
- Seeking summer opportunities for professional and academic growth

Summer

- Finalizing your college list
- Working on your college essay draft
- Volunteering, interning, and participating in academic enrichment programs
- Creating a resume

Fall-Senior Year:

September

- Signing up for interviews, open houses, visits, and fly-in programs at colleges you are interested in
- Receiving feedback on your college essay draft and making edits focused on content
- Providing your recommenders any information that will assist them in writing their recommendation
- Creating your FSA ID (login) for the FAFSA
- Registering and preparing to retake the SAT or ACT

October

Re-taking SAT and/or ACT exam

Writing your final essay draft, focusing on grammatical edits

Submitting your FAFSA

Submitting the CUNY application

November 2016

Submitting the SUNY application

Submitting the Common application (for private colleges)

Sending new SAT/ACT score reports to colleges you have applied to (if applicable)

Updating your FAFSA by adding all colleges you have applied to

Submitting the CSS Profile (financial aid application used by many private colleges, if required) *

*Confirm whether CSS Profile is required with your counselor and/or colleges you apply to

December 2016

Checking the status of your college admission and financial aid applications

Submitting any additional documents required by colleges you have applied to

Researching, and applying for, scholarships

Consistently checking your email messages and keeping contact with your counselor