



4-YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

This is a general year-long timeline for the college application process for high school seniors who will be applying to 4-year colleges & universities. **Note:** there may be additional steps you will need to complete, we recommend you refer to the specific college websites for additional information.

SEPTEMBER

- Complete college list (Safety, Target, Reach)
- Draft essays
 - Scholarships, EOP, UC, or Common App.
- Begin research scholarships
- Create document for all login information
- Create email for college purposes only
- ACT/SAT optional

OCTOBER

- Complete financial aid application
 - FAFSA & CA Dream Act - open October 1
- Edit & proofread college application essays
- Begin college applications
- Work on scholarship applications
- Note deadlines for private school applications
- ACT/SAT optional
- Apply to the CCS profile if required by your school

NOVEMBER

- **November 30:** CSU & UC Application Deadline
- Work on Scholarship Applications
- ACT/SAT optional

DECEMBER

- Create college portals as you receive emails
- Save each portal login on yourlogin tracker
- Check college portals weekly
 - Complete any to-do list items
- Work on scholarship applications
- Last ACT/SAT Test Date
- Submit CSU EOP Letters of Recommendation
- Apply to the CCS profile if required by your school

JANUARY

- Create college portals as you receive emails
- Check college portals weekly
 - Complete any to-do list items
- Work on scholarship applications
- Send ACT/SAT Scores to colleges (optional)
- Apply to the CCS profile if required by your school

FEBRUARY

- Check college portals weekly
 - Complete any to-do list items
- Work on scholarship applications
- Complete financial aid application
 - FAFSA or CADA - deadline **March 2nd**

MARCH

- Check college portals weekly
 - Complete any to-do list items
- Work on scholarship applications
- FAFSA/CADA deadline **March 2nd**
- Begin reviewing your financial aid offer letters
- Begin housing application
 - note any deposits and deadlines
- Research admitted schools to compare your options

APRIL

- Check college portals weekly
 - Complete any to-do list items
- Submit housing application
- Work on scholarship applications
- Compare your financial aid offer letters
- Create WebGrants4Students Portal (if Cal Grant eligible)
- Check placement test requirement(s) (English and/or math)

MAY

- **May 1:** Decision Day
 - pay any enrollment/orientation fees
- Check college portals weekly
 - Complete any to-do list items
- Work on scholarship applications
- Register for Orientation
- Update college of attendance in your WebGrants4Students portal
- UC ELWR Test (English placement test)

JUNE

- Check college portal for updates
- Work on scholarship applications
- Submit your final transcripts to your college
- Verify Graduation Date in your WebGrants4Students portal

JULY

- Check college portal for updates
- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Accept Loans (if necessary)

AUGUST

- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Prepare for move-in day
- Look for a job on-campus (if eligible)