

# Senior Year Checklist

## For Parents

**Disclaimer:** This is a general timeline, and dates may vary depending on individual college and program deadlines. It's important to stay organized and keep track of deadlines to ensure a smooth and successful senior year for your student.

### ***May-June (end of Junior year)***

- Encourage your student to finalize their list of prospective colleges and/or post-secondary programs they are interested in.
- Help your student register and prepare for any standardized tests, such as the SAT or ACT.
- Research and plan college visits to prospective colleges or attend virtual college fairs.

### ***July-August***

- Assist your student in writing and finalizing their college essays.
- Register for any additional standardized tests and review study materials with your student.
- Research scholarship and financial aid opportunities and begin to gather necessary documentation.

### ***September***

- Ensure your student is registered for all necessary standardized tests.
- Attend college fairs or college information sessions with your student.
- Review college applications and deadlines with your student, and ensure that they are meeting all requirements.

## ***October***

- Help your student complete and submit college applications before early decision and early action deadlines.
- Ensure your student is registered for any remaining standardized tests and is continuing to study and prepare.

## ***November***

- Continue to assist your student in completing and submitting college applications before regular decision deadlines.
- Review the FAFSA and other financial aid applications with your student, and ensure they are submitted on time.

## ***December***

- Follow up on any college applications that require additional information or documentation.
- Research and apply for additional scholarship opportunities.
- Ensure all required transcripts and letters of recommendation have been sent to colleges.

## ***January***

- Check in with your student to ensure they are on track to complete their high school graduation requirements.
- Encourage your student to research and apply for summer internship or job opportunities.
- Review college financial aid award letters with your student and determine the best options for paying for college.

## ***February***

- Encourage your student to make a final decision on which college or post-secondary program they will attend.

- Help your student complete any necessary housing or financial aid paperwork.

### ***March-April***

- Attend college orientation sessions with your student.
- Help your student prepare for the transition from high school to college, including logistical and emotional considerations.
- Celebrate your student's accomplishments and support them as they embark on their post-secondary journey.