



## Senior Checklist in Approximate Order

### Fall or Before

- Continue college discussion(s) with your parent(s).
- Do you have a file bin organized with folders for each?
- Have a final list of colleges where you will apply. 6 – 9 of them is plenty.
- Review your college plans with your counselor. Solidify your relationship.
- Will you take the SAT or ACT again? If so, register – watch deadlines.
- Be sure you have all your applications downloaded and essays in progress.
- Ask for your letters of recommendation and send thank-you's a bit later.
- Can you obtain any private interviews at your target colleges?
- Calendar deadlines for applications and financial aid. What forms are required when?
- Will you consider early decision or early action?
- File all applications and keep copies of each and certificates of mailing as needed.
- Be sure all transcripts, test scores and required forms are proofed and sent.
- Obtain your FAFSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>.
- File the FAFSA in October or January (the dates are changing)

### Winter

- Have you filed your FAFSA?
- Do any colleges require a mid-year report? (first semester senior grades)
- Keep up your grades. No Senioritis.

### Spring

- As you obtain acceptances, watch for financial aid letters and housing information.
- Register and take any AP tests needed.
- Carefully analyze financial aid offers. Compare and even consider appealing.
- Notify all colleges of your decision and accept one by May 1. Send applicable deposit.

### Summer

- Fill out and send housing forms, roommate info and any other required paperwork.
- Study hard for senior finals. This is not a time to slip.
- Send final thank you's and notify anyone who helped you of your decision.
- Register for and attend any orientation programs at your college.
- Think about what you'll need at college: computer, phone, bike, etc.
- Consider a summer job to give you some college dollars.
- Relax and enjoy your summer. Congrats on a job well done!