

SENIOR CHECKLIST

SEPTEMBER

- ☐ Register for October SAT/ACT if needed
- ☐ Map out application and financial aid deadlines
- ☐ Write college essays
- ☐ If applying for Early Action or Early Decision at a private college, confirm deadlines and get started

- ☐ Begin asking teachers for letters of recommendation, particularly



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- if applying for Early Action or Early Decision
- ☐ Attend UC, CSU and private college application workshops
- ☐ Attend college representative visits all fall
- ☐ Visit colleges
- ☐ Enter colleges applying to in Naviance

OCTOBER

- ☐ Work on UC and CSU applications online. Submit CSU app when completed; submit UC app beginning Nov. 1
- ☐ Give Letter of Recommendation packet to teachers and counselors for private colleges from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 (4 weeks prior to application deadlines)
- ☐ Register for November SAT or December ACT if needed
- ☐ Request transcripts for private colleges
- ☐ Start Common Application for private colleges
- ☐ Keep working on essays and application, meeting with college reps and visiting colleges

UC and CSU applications become available online on Oct. 1.



KEY DEADLINES

- Letter of Recommendation packets: Oct. 1–31
- UC and CSU application: midnight Nov. 30
- Most private college applications: Nov. 1 (Early Action) to Jan. 1
- Financial aid application (FAFSA): March 2
- Decision on which college to attend: May 1

NOVEMBER

- ☐ Register (last chance) for the December ACT and/or SAT exams
- ☐ Pay attention to all private college application deadlines
- ☐ Apply for pin for FAFSA application at www.pin.ed.gov
- ☐ Register for the CSS profile if the college to which you are applying requires it: <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/>
- ☐ For athletes: Register for Division I or II at www.eligibilitycenter.org and send SAT score report to NCAA Clearinghouse (Code 9999)
- ☐ Keep all records, test score reports, copies of applications and financial aid
- ☐ Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges through www.collegeboard.com
- ☐ Watch for scholarship listings in Naviance and go to Career Center for Scholarship Bulletins



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DECEMBER

- ☐ Attend Financial Aid Workshop with parents
- ☐ Visit college campuses over winter break
- ☐ Apply for scholarships
- ☐ Finish applications for private colleges



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