

# SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE CHECKLIST



- ☐ Register for and take the SAT/ACT
- ☐ Narrow down the list of colleges to which to apply and schedule any visits for the summer or early fall.
- ☐ Finish college visits
- ☐ Make final decision about which schools to which you will apply.
- ☐ Gather the information you need for each school's application including all application requirements and all deadlines (admission, financial aid, supplemental department applications, scholarships).
- ☐ Apply for outside scholarships.
- ☐ Fill out the FAFSA.
- ☐ After decisions are announced, make note of housing and other deposit deadlines.
- ☐ Possibly attend Admitted Students' Days at the schools you are trying to decide between.
- ☐ MAKE YOUR DECISION!
- ☐ Graduate from high school
- ☐ Send final transcript and anything else your school requires.
- ☐ Schedule your orientation.

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# SCHOOLS I AM THINKING ABOUT

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State:\_\_\_\_\_

Yearly Cost:\_\_\_\_\_

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# COLLEGES I APPLIED TO!!!

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# QUESTIONS to ask an ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

- WHAT IS THE AVERAGE INCOMING FRESHMAN'S SAT/ACT TEST SCORE?
- DO YOU HAVE CLUB OR ORGANIZATION ON CAMPUS?
- WHAT IS THE AVERAGE GPA OF YOUR ACCEPTED STUDENTS?
- DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE ANY UNIQUE TRADITIONS?
- WHAT ARE THE MOST POPULAR MAJORS AT YOUR SCHOOL?
- ARE THERE ANY DIVERSITY INITIATIVES ON YOUR CAMPUS?
- WHAT PERCENT OF YOUR STUDENTS ARE FROM IN-STATE VERSUS OUT-OF-STATE?
- DOES YOUR SCHOOL OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH WITH PROFESSORS?
- DO YOU GIVE MERIT BASED SCHOLARSHIPS? DO YOU GIVE NEED BASED SCHOLARSHIPS?
- WHAT IS THE AVERAGE CLASS SIZE?
- DO ALL FRESHMEN LIVE ON CAMPUS?
- HOW MANY CREDITS CAN A STUDENT BRING IN FROM HIGH SCHOOL?
- CAN STUDENTS HAVE CARS THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR?
- DO YOU HAVE PROGRAMS OR COHORTS FOR FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS?
- HOW ARE ROOMMATES PAIRED OR PICKED?
- ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AFTER MY FRESHMAN YEAR?
- ARE MEAL PLANS REQUIRED FOR ALL FRESHMEN?
- DO YOU HAVE A STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM?
- WHAT PERCENT OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN GREEK LIFE?
- DO YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK-STUDY ON CAMPUS?



# APPLICATION

## To-do LIST

1 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ONLINE

apply directly through a school's website or use a different portal like Common App, Coalition, or the Common Black Application

BE AWARE OF APPLICATION DEADLINES 2

- Early Decision: binding
- Early Action: hear back sooner but not binding
- Regular Decision: later deadline and not binding

### QUICK CHECK

DO THEY HAVE MY MAJOR? \_\_\_\_

IS IT A GOOD FIT IN TERMS OF:

SAT \_\_\_\_

ACT \_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_

3 follow your school counselor's directions for requesting and sending your transcript to colleges

4 send your SAT and ACT test scores to colleges through the testing agencies

SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

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check to see if letters of recommendation are required

ask your recommenders at least 2 weeks before the deadline

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name 3 people who would write strong recommendations for you:

EXAMPLES: SCHOOL COUNSELOR, TEACHER, COACH, MUSIC INSTRUCTOR, CLUB SPONSOR, EMPLOYER

# ESSAY BRAINSTORM SHEET

3 WORDS I USE TO  
DESCRIBE MYSELF:

HOW OTHERS SEE ME:

THE THING IM MOST  
COMMITTED TO AND WHY:

SOMETHING IM REALLY PROUD OF:

SOMETHING IVE OVERCOME:

WHERE I SEE MYSELF IN 5 YEARS:

SOMETHING UNIQUE  
ABOUT ME:

# WHAT IF

## I AM NOT GOING TO COLLEGE?

Hey, no sweat! What are you doing instead?

	Yes	No
Are you going straight into the workforce?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, do you need a certificate or trade school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you going into the military?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, do you know what branch?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, have you spoken with a recruiter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you taking a gap year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, do you have a plan for the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you going to get a part time job instead?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you traveling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do your parents/guardians know?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(a support system will help you go far!)		