

College Planning Guide



SENIOR YEAR (Continued)

Make note of **all** deadlines.

- Attend college fairs.
- Finalize application packets.
- Send early decision and early action applications (Filling Out and Submitting the Application, p.53).
- Request high school forward official copies of transcript and counselor recommendation to schools where you applied.
- Promptly respond to any request from admissions officers.

December

- Submit admission applications (Sample Checklist for Application Completion, p.54).

January

- Request transcripts of first semester grades be sent to select colleges/universities.
- Apply for outside scholarships.

February

- Verify that schools have received all application materials.
- See if mid-year transcripts have been sent.
- Mail FAFSA.

Refine your time management skills. (See p.61)

March

- Register and start studying for advanced placement tests.
- Look for Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail and submit to financial aid office.
- Contact ARNG recruiter for ROTC scholarship information.

April

- Expect to receive letters of acceptance or non-acceptance.
- Review all acceptance packages carefully.
- Make final visits to schools that have sent acceptance letters to make final decision.
- Select the school you plan to attend and send a deposit by specified deadline.
- Notify schools of your decision (Sample Letter of Acceptance or Refusal, p.55).
- Send thank you notes to those who wrote recommendations.
- Register for/take advanced placement tests.

Graduate from high school!

May and June

- Take any remaining Advanced Placement (AP) tests.
- Request that your final transcript be sent to the college you have selected.

July and August

- Finalize your college budget (College Expenses Worksheet, p.22; Family Expenses Worksheet, p.23, and Estimating Your College Budget, p.24).
- Note deadlines for tuition and room and board payments.
- Apply for student loans if necessary.
- Attend freshman orientation.

Make a list of things to take to college (I'm On My Way, Now What?, pp.56-61).