

# Senior Year College Prep and Planning Timeline

## High School Senior Year:

### Summer:

- ✓ Visit colleges in person. Try to visit every school you are considering.
- ✓ Finalize your college list.
- ✓ Begin working on supplemental essays for college applications.
- ✓ Research and apply for scholarships at Scholarships.com.
- ✓ Complete the Common Application or other similar applications.

### Fall:

- ✓ Take or re-take SAT/ACT exams if necessary.
- ✓ Submit early decision/early action applications if applicable.
- ✓ Complete and submit regular decision college applications.
- ✓ Follow-up on letters of recommendation.
- ✓ Continue to search for and apply for scholarships.
- ✓ Keep an eye on deadlines for all college-related items (tests, applications, scholarships).

### Winter:

- ✓ Lots more scholarship programs will open in January; don't sleep on them.
- ✓ Monitor your application status in college portals.
- ✓ Apply for any and all free financial aid, keeping deadlines in mind.
- ✓ Continue exploring housing and campus life options.

### Spring:

- ✓ Review college acceptance letters and financial aid offers.
- ✓ Decide which college you will be attending.
- ✓ Submit any necessary housing deposits.
- ✓ If you still have financial need, there are still scholarships out there. Apply for them.
- ✓ Celebrate all your accomplishments and hard work!