

2016-2017 Senior Year Timeline

Summer before Senior Year

- ✓ Use college search tools to explore options and narrow your list of possibilities.
- ✓ Visit schools that interest you

September

- ✓ Register for entrance exam: **SAT I and II** – by September 1, **EXAM - October 1**
ACT - by September 16, **EXAM – October 22**
- ✓ Meet with your counselor to review your transcript and get an unofficial copy
- ✓ Narrow your list of colleges to include “safe”, “realistic”, and “reach” schools
- ✓ Request applications and course catalogs from schools
- ✓ Update your resume
- ✓ Register with NCAA for eligibility and submit SAT scores if you haven’t yet

October

- ✓ **Complete and submit FAFSA** soon after October 1 – **watch deadlines for your college**
- ✓ Register for entrance exam: **SAT I and II** – by October 7, **EXAM – November 5**
- ✓ Sign up for **ASVAB** for military entrance **by Oct. 31**
- ✓ Finalize your list of schools
- ✓ Make a list of important deadlines to meet
- ✓ Solicit letters of recommendation
- ✓ Draft and edit application essays
- ✓ Complete Early Decision and Early Action applications
- ✓ **Be sure you have Completed 12 Community Service Hours, 2 Postsecondary Planning Activities, and 1 Job Shadow with Thank You Letter for High School Project**
- ✓ **Attend FAFSA Completion Workshop at Clarion University Library Oct. 22 from 9:30 to 11:30**

November

- ✓ Register for entrance exam: **SAT I and II** – by November 3 , **EXAM - December 3**
ACT – by November 4, **EXAM – December 10**
- ✓ **High School Project Presentations – Nov. 1, 2, 3**
- ✓ **Attend Financial Aid Night at Clarion Area High School; November 7 at 6:00 pm**
- ✓ Take the **ASVAB** for military entrance – **November 10**
- ✓ Follow up on letters of recommendation
- ✓ Continue working on essays
- ✓ Meet Early Decision and Early Action application deadlines
- ✓ Complete CSS/Financial Aid **PROFILE** if needed
- ✓ Penn State Application Deadline November 30

December

- ✓ Use scholarship searches to find financial aid
- ✓ Register for entrance exam: **SAT I and II** – by December 21, **EXAM – January 21**
- ✓ Remember the holidays: get applications done early to meet January deadlines – **COPY!**
- ✓ Score well on midterms – some schools are waiting for mid-year grade reports!
- ✓ Look for Early Application responses

January

- ✓ Register for entrance exam: **ACT** - by January 13, **EXAM – February 11**
- ✓ Use scholarship searches to find financial aid

February

- ✓ Contact colleges to confirm that all materials were received
- ✓ Continue scholarship searches: watch deadlines
- ✓ Look for Student Aid Report after submitting FAFSA
- ✓ There is still time to apply to colleges

March

- ✓ Continue completing scholarship applications
- ✓ Begin watching for admission decisions
- ✓ Look for summer opportunities like internships or jobs

April

- ✓ Most admission decisions arrive this month
- ✓ Review acceptances and financial aid packages with parents and counselor
- ✓ Make a decision and mail deposit by **May 1**
- ✓ If waitlisted contact the admissions director
- ✓ Study for May AP Exams

May

- ✓ FAFSA deadline **May 1**
- ✓ Follow up with the loan process if needed
- ✓ Take AP Exams and have scores sent to the college you have selected to attend
- ✓ Be sure to notify schools if you are declining their admissions offer
- ✓ Send thank-you notes to those who wrote your recommendation letters and inform them of your intentions

June

- ✓ Have final transcripts sent to your college and NCAA Clearinghouse if playing sports
- ✓ Send thank-you notes to those who awarded you scholarships

Summer

- ✓ Attend College Orientation sessions and take college placement exams
- ✓ Finalize housing