Senior year calendar

Summer

- Request admissions information and catalogs from the target schools.
- Start the search for scholarships.
- Combine vacation plans with campus visits.
- Start working on college application essays.
- Begin to gather information for the FAFSA.

February/March

- Check the mail for college acceptances and financial aid award letters.
- Discuss special financial situations with the financial aid office.

September/October

- Complete college applications.
- Send transcripts to selected schools.
- Submit a CSS (College Scholarship Service)/Financial Aid Profile, if required.
- Ask for letters of recommendation.
- Submit the FAFSA (fafsa.gov) beginning October 1 (new earlier date).

November/December

- Take SAT or Achievement tests.
- Watch for the Student Aid Report (SAR); review for accuracy.
- Complete scholarship submission forms.

January

- Fill out and submit additional college or state financial aid forms, if required.
- Stay on top of financial aid deadlines.

April/May

- Review the award letters carefully.
- Decide on a school and send the deposit.
- Review financing options; if a private student loan is needed, borrow responsibly and consider a cosigner.
- If applicable, confirm with your school that you have met the necessary requirements to secure on-campus housing.

June/July/August

- Pay first tuition bill.
- Start packing!
- Attend orientation and register for classes.