

August

- Create a short list of post-secondary schools/programs to which you plan to apply <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Research financial aid opportunities.
- Mark your calendar for all pertinent deadlines.
- Gather application materials: college apps, financial aid forms, transcript requests, letters of recommendation, etc. <https://www.goingmerry.com>
<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org>
- Begin the Common Application and/or private university application.

October

- Complete the FAFSA.
- Submit Early Action Applications.
- Complete the CSS Profile.

December

- Submit SAT/ACT scores.
- Apply to Community Colleges.
- Set up portals for 4-year universities.

February

- Check email and college portals for “To Do” items.
- Complete FAFSA or CADA by March 2nd.
- Maintain good grades.

April

- Confirm school of attendance if Cal Grant was received. <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>
- Register for the Analytical Writing Exam if attending a UC. (Test is in early May.)
- Check email and college portals for “To Do” items. Plan for EOY assignments and finals.
- Maintain good grades.

September

- Begin completing early admission apps.
- Take virtual tours of colleges and universities. If you haven’t already taken them, register for the SAT/ACT to be considered for scholarships.
- Complete the CSS Profile.
- Write the first draft of essays if you’re submitting them. Have a teacher review them.

November

- Submit Early Decision Applications. (CSU/ and UC deadline is 11/30. EOP is December/January).
- Research scholarships and begin to apply.

January

- Start submitting regular decision applications.
- Continue appropriate registration steps for Community Colleges (online orientation, placement tools/tests, meet with CC counselor, register for classes)
- Check email and college portals for “To Do” items.
- Apply for scholarships.

March

- Compare financial aid packages.
- Check email and college portals for “To Do” items.
- Complete housing applications.
- Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) deposit due by May 1st.
- Continue applying for scholarships.

May

- SIR is due May 1. Send AP scores to colleges/universities of attendance.
- Request final official transcript to be sent to college/university of attendance.
- Maintain good grades.