College Planning Guide

SENIOR YEAR

(Get Organized Before You Apply, p.42; Decision Matrix, p.16).

September

- ☐ Register to take or retake SAT and/or ACT.
- ☐ Request that official test scores be sent to schools where [illegible] applying.
- ☐ Meet with college representatives (Interviews, p.51).
- ☐ Check dates and locations of college fairs and parents nights in your area.
- ☐ Send thank you notes to each college representative who spends time with you.
- ☐ Decide which teachers and other people you would like to write letters of recommendation (Recommendations, p.45).
- ☐ Fill out Senior Information Profile for those writing recommendations (See p.46).
- ☐ Ask your parents to fill out the Parent Questionnaire (See p.47).
- ☐ Pass out formal recommendation forms along with the Senior Information Profile and Parent Questionnaire (Review, pp.44-48).

October and November

- ☐ Take or retake SAT and/or ACT.
- ☐ Make a final list of your six top college choices (Use Decision Matrix on p.16).

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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.

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

February

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

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).