

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST SENIOR YEAR, FALL SEMESTER

Whether you need help getting started or staying focused, this checklist will help you knockout your college admissions to-do list.

- College List/Spreadsheet – Include:
 - Surefire Safety Schools.
 - Match Schools.
 - Reach Schools.
 - Lottery Schools (if that's your thing).
 - For each school, list:
 - Application deadlines.
 - Supplemental Essay topics.
 - Testing info.
 - Contact info of regional officer
- Check for Priority Deadlines on each school's website.
 - Early decision?
 - Early action?
- Interviews
 - How to sign up.
 - Interview dates.
 - Confirm deadlines for signing up.
- Financial Aid
 - Contact your schools' financial aid offices.
 - Begin your FAFSA and CSS profiles on the open date, October 1.
- Demonstrated Interest
 - Request information and materials from each school.
 - Check spam folders regularly.
 - Contact regional admission officers.
- Follow each school's social media with a clean account.
- Tests
 - Take any remaining tests.
 - Check schools' self-reporting rules.
 - Confirm the score submission dates for your colleges.
- Resume
 - List and regularly update:
 - Education.
 - Extracurriculars.
 - Work Experience.
 - Community Service.
 - Interests and Hobbies.
 - Awards.
 - Honors.
 - Check which schools require a resume.
- Compile your Activities List.
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Ask 2-3 teachers who
 - You know well.
 - From core academic subjects.
 - Aim for one STEM and one humanities.
 - Check-in with your recommenders.
 - Thank them once they finish your letters!
- Personal Essay
 - Write that Personal Essay!
 - Aim to finish by October 15.
- Supplemental Essays
 - Organize by type.
 - Organize by due date.
 - Do you need an Additional Info Essay?
 - Write those Supplemental Essays!