

Class of 2017

College Application Process Timeline

July

- Research colleges, gather information, build list of schools
- Work on college essay
- Set-up an appropriate email
- Start Common Application
- Work on resume
- Identify and ask recommenders for letters of recommendation
- Visit colleges
- College interviews (if applicable)
- Talk to your parents about college

August

- Continue to research colleges and build your list of schools
- Put final touches on college essay
- **Monday, August 1st** – The 2016-17 Common Application goes live.
- **Friday, August 5th** – Registration deadline for the September ACT, which is on Saturday, September 10th.
- Ask Miguel or Marek for an SAT Fee Waiver for October SAT (you are allowed 2 waivers).
- Visit colleges
- College interviews (if applicable)
- Talk to your parents about college (if you haven't already)

September

- **Thursday, September 1st** – Registration deadline for the October 1 SAT.
- As soon as you get back to school, check in with your recommenders in person. Make sure they have everything they need.
- As soon as you get back to school, ask a trusted English teacher to read your college essay and give you feedback.
- **Saturday, September 10th** – ACT test day
- **Friday, September 16th** – Registration deadline for October 22 ACT. Ask your guidance counselor/career center for a fee waiver (tell them you are a part of Upward Bound Math-Science).
- Check in with Miguel or Marek on your progress. You should be doing this throughout the process. **CHECK YOUR EMAIL!**
- During September you should set up a meeting with you guidance counselor regarding the application process.
 - Set up an appointment with counselor as soon as you get back to school.
 - Ask about what they need from you in order to release your records to schools. What is the procedure? How to submit recommendations?
 - Share your list with them. **DO NOT** let them bully you off your list.
- You should have a finalized list of where you will be applying to by the end of the month.
- Continue working on Common App, and begin to work on applications for schools not using the Common App.
- Visit colleges

October

- **Thursday, October 1st** – Deadline to meet with your guidance counselor (for at least the first time). You should have already done this by now.
- Begin completing the CSS Profile through collegeboard.com if you are applying to schools that need it. The Profile is longer and more invasive than the FAFSA. If you want/need help with it, please make an appointment with Marek or Miguel.
- You can start the FAFSA this month. Ask Marek or Miguel for assistance.
- **Saturday, October 1st** – SAT test day.

- Ask Miguel or Marek for an SAT Fee Waiver for November SAT (you are allowed 2 waivers).
- **Friday, October 7th** – Registration deadline for the November 5 SAT
- **Saturday, October 22nd** – ACT test day
- Check in with Marek or Miguel on your progress. You should be doing this throughout the process. CHECK YOUR EMAIL!
- College list should be complete
- Recommendations should be complete. If not, remind your teacher(s) and other recommenders.
 - Depending on your school (ask your counselor!) and where you are applying to your recommenders may have to submit their letters by a certain date.
- You should be completing the Common App. Meet with Marek or Miguel to review before submission.
- Put any final touches on your essay
- Visit colleges

November

- **November 1st and 15th** – These are common Early Action and Early Decision deadlines for many schools. EVERYTHING needs to be submitted by these dates.
- If you are applying EA or ED, and the school requires the CSS Profile, make sure you submit it by the school's deadline.
- Start the FAFSA if you haven't already. Ask Marek or Miguel for assistance.
- **Saturday, November 5th** – SAT test day. This is your last chance to take the SAT in order to send the scores out to schools.
- Check in with Marek or Miguel on your progress. You should be doing this throughout. CHECK YOUR EMAIL!
- You should be completing all applications this month. Meet with Marek or Miguel to review before submission.
- Make sure you check-in with your guidance counselor and get them the information they need to send your transcripts and other school reports out.
- Start your scholarship search
- Visit colleges

December

- **Tuesday, December 1st** – Recommended submission deadline for all applications.
 - You need to meet with Marek or Miguel to review applications before you submit them.
 - Get everything you need to your guidance counselor.
 - Follow whatever procedure your school has to release your records.
 - Make sure you release your SAT scores to the schools that need them.
- Check in with Marek or Miguel to finalize your applications. Make sure you've clicked SUBMIT on all apps and received confirmation that everything went through.
- Follow-up with schools to make sure they received everything. Check your e-mail! Look out for correspondence from admissions offices.
- Submit the CSS Profile for schools that require it
- Submit the FAFSA. Schedule an appointment with Marek or Miguel for assistance.
- Continue scholarship search
- Visit colleges