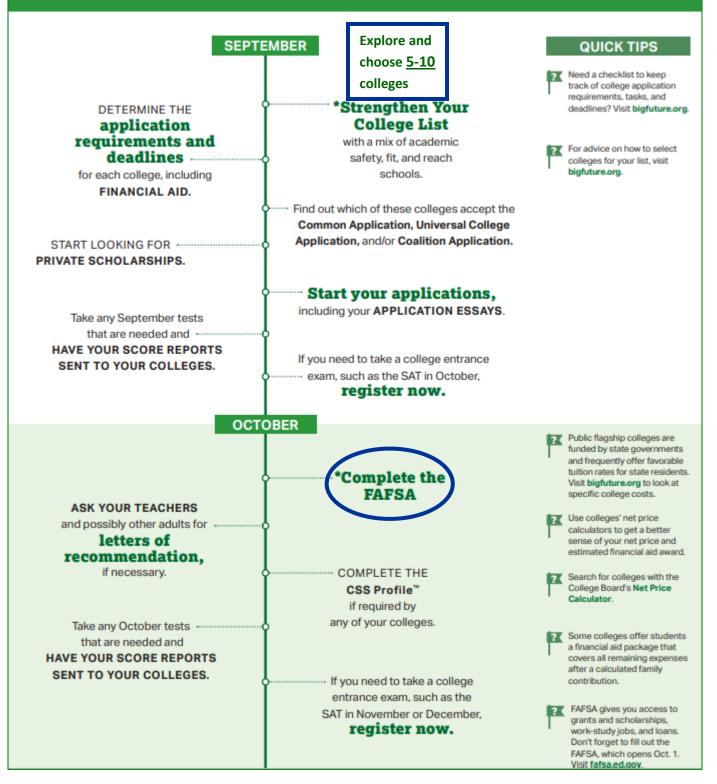
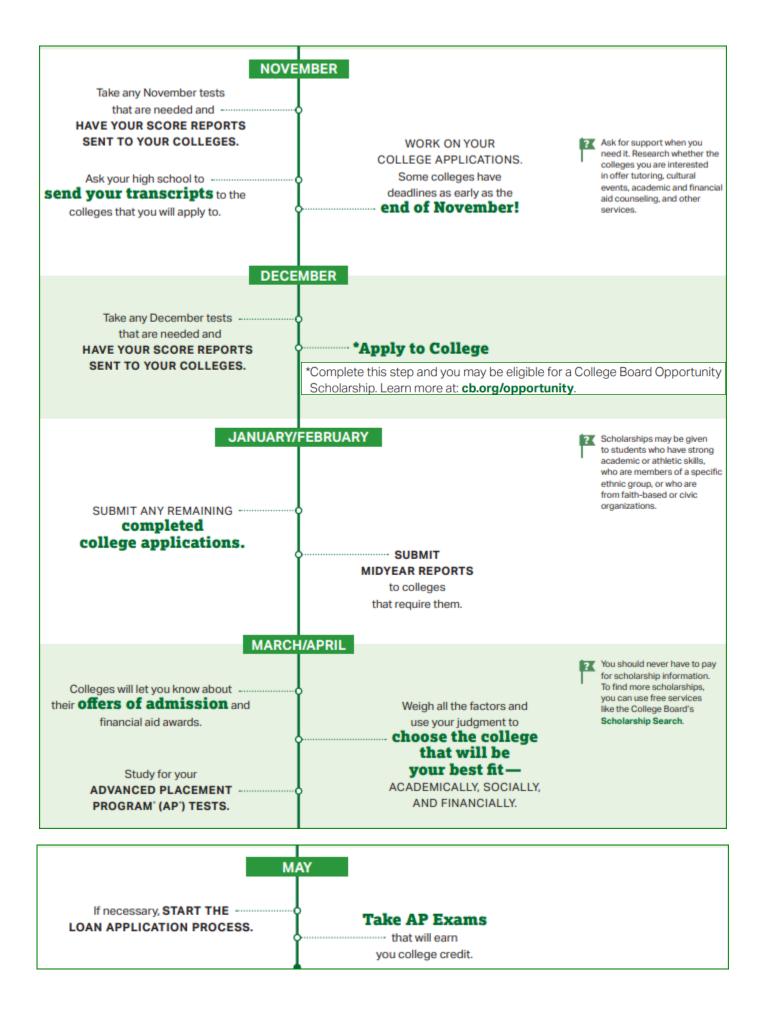
The College Application Timeline





First, if you are unsure about your future career path, education, school selection, etc., **IT'S OK!** That is why you do things like research careers/trades/schools/programs on https://login.xello.world/, or Occupational Outlook Handbook go to college fairs, take campus tours, and get more information online or from experts.

Suggestions for next steps: do your research, complete your EDP, get an account & read some articles on <u>www.getschooled.com</u>, ask questions, and fill out your FAFSA beginning October 1st!

When you are looking at schools, remember...you are looking for the best place for YOU! Not your sister, not your uncle, not your best friend...you. Where do YOU feel comfortable? Where will YOU get the most for what you want in your future? Where is your right fit?

- 1. <u>Research schools and programs</u> at <u>https://login.xello.world/</u> ...or just on the internet
 - a. (I would choose up to 10)
 - b. You may want to look into a possible career path first, and then find schools that carry programs to get you there, but it is not necessary...you could pick a school that simply has many career choices, and also has the right size, extra-curriculars, etc

2. <u>-OR- access websites for military and/or trade schools</u>

- a. To access military information, go to: https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces
- b. Look at job prospects, or search for trade schools in the Occupational Outlook Handbook <u>https://www.bls.gov/ooh</u> <u>https://www.bls.gov/k12/students.htm</u> or on <u>https://www.going-pro.com/</u>
- 3. <u>Some schools have their own scholarships</u>...you may need to look at their website to see if you have to <u>apply</u> to be considered for special scholarships...they may have deadlines as soon as October or November, so check it out soon.
- 4. *Fill out your FAFSA* at www.FAFSA.ed.gov Do this starting on October 1st of your senior year
- 5. <u>Transcripts</u>: Create an account at <u>www.parchment.com</u> so that you can easily send your transcripts to schools.
- 6. Make sure that you can access your SAT scores at www.collegeboard.org You may need to pay to send them to schools
 - a. If you need to re-take tests like the SAT, do so by December
 - b. If you cannot access your account, CALL COLLEGEBOARD!

7. <u>Complete applications for the schools that you would like to attend.</u>

- a. Some schools use the Common Application, and some use their own
- b. many schools require an application fee, check that out as well...although some do not cost anything to apply.
- c. Make sure to look at the GPA/SAT/ACT requirements for each school to be sure you are eligible (most schools report freshman "averages"), although many schools accept students that fall below...don't let that dissuade you from applying...there may be other reasons that the school will want you.
- d. You may want to visit to be sure of the right fit...if you are accepted; hopefully you WANT to go there.

8. Work on private scholarship applications

- a. Make a goal for yourself...maybe 1-2 per week?
- b. You can start at a clearinghouse that allows you to create a profile, and then lets you know which scholarships you might be eligible for. Try <u>www.goingmerry.com</u>, <u>www.fastweb.com</u>, <u>www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org</u>, <u>https://cfsem.org/Scholarships/</u>, your Xello site, or even Scholly, an app for your phone which does the same thing (there may be a fee for Scholly?)
- c. There are also links to scholarships at the Roseville student-run website...you will have to check the requirements on your own
- d. Any scholarships sent to you via e-mail...you may need to take the links to the online application.
 - i. HOWEVER: some applications are attached via Microsoft Word or a PDF file...they will need to be printed, filled out and mailed in. If you cannot do this, stop by the counseling office to see if they are available in hardcopy form.