



SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER

- **Make** sure you are on track for graduation. Check if you are missing classes or credits required by schools you're applying to. Plan to work your hardest this term, because your first semester (mid-year) grades will be included in your college applications.
- If applying to a CUNY school, create an account with **CUNY** at www2.cuny.edu. Work on completing your CUNY application.
- If you haven't already, create an account with the **Common Application** at www.commonapp.org for use of applying to SUNY and most private colleges. Be sure to sign the **FERPA Privacy Waiver** on the Common Application. If this step is not complete, our Counseling Office **WILL NOT** have access to processing your applications online. Complete your Common Application first and then any required supplemental applications.
- **Solidify your list of college choices** and make sure this complete list appears in your Family Connection (Naviance) account. Review the list with your counselor to make sure it includes a healthy mix of reach, possible and likely schools.
- **Attend** presentations by college admissions officers who visit Clinton during the school day (or who are elsewhere in NYC in the evening giving presentations).
- **Register to retake the SAT or ACT** if needed. Also register for the SAT Subject Exams if the college(s) you are applying to ask for it.

OCTOBER

- Be sure to attend your **scheduled appointment** with your counselor to review and finalize your list of applications.
- **Early Decision or Early Action** candidates need to meet with your counselor immediately. You have fast approaching deadlines!
- **Research scholarships.** You can find plenty of opportunities in your Family Connection (Naviance) account.



OCTOBER/CONTINUED

- Start the ***financial aid process*** by completing the FAFSA online. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. Once you complete your FAFSA review your **Student Aid Report (SAR)** that is generated from the FAFSA.
- Check to see if the schools you are applying to require the **CSS Profile**. Visit www.collegeboard.com for further information.
- Did you ***assign teachers in the “recommender’s section”*** of the Common App? Remember to input their email addresses. Make sure this same information appears in your Family Connection (Naviance) account.

NOVEMBER

- Contact an admissions counselor of the school you wish to attend. Colleges want to know how much you want them. However, don't be overly aggressive!
- Have you sent your **test scores** through the testing agency? SATs www.collegeboard.org; ACT www.actstudent.org.

DECEMBER

- Many colleges will make EA/ED decisions in December.
- **All Clinton students' regular decision college applications are expected to be completed by December 1st**. This will increase your chances of acceptance to a particular major program, financial aid, scholarship and housing.

JANUARY-MARCH

- Have you reported which colleges require **mid-year grades** to the Counseling Office?
- If possible, set up an **interview with the college**. Some colleges will ask alumni to reach out to you for an interview. After the interview, write a thank you note.
- As you **receive your college admissions decisions**, please make sure to hold on to the letters and emails. Either forward the email or make a copy of the letter and give it to your counselor. **The Counseling Office requires a copy of this documentation.**



APRIL

- Colleges, if they have not already done so, will notify you of their decisions.
- **Evaluate your financial aid package** with the cost of attendance. Contact the Financial Aid Office at the college with questions. Also see your Counselor with questions and for help with the decision of which college you will attend.
- Visit schools for admitted students day and make your college decision!

MAY

- **Determine** the college you plan to attend and **send a deposit by May 1st**.
- Notify the Counseling Office of your **final college decision**.

JUNE

- Fill out the **Post-Graduation Survey** provided by the Counseling Office.

Congratulations!
You're off to college!