

Countdown to college

Plan your path to education success with these month-by-month calendars, a resource from the **CollegeSTEPS®** Program.

September

- ☐ Meet with college admissions representatives visiting your school.
- ☐ Make a calendar of key application and financial aid deadlines.
- ☐ Ask teachers, guidance counselors and other adults who know you for letters of recommendation for scholarship and admissions applications.

October

- ☐ Take the SAT or ACT if necessary.
- ☐ Work on admissions application essays.
- ☐ Revisit your top school choices. Talk face to face with current students and faculty members at those schools.
- ☐ Continue to seek and apply for scholarship awards from a variety of sources.

November

- ☐ Take the SAT or ACT if necessary.
- ☐ Obtain financial aid applications from your colleges of choice.
- ☐ Prepare your college applications.

December

- ☐ Gather the data needed for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

January

- ☐ Submit your completed FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible.

February

- ☐ Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- ☐ Plan for AP exams or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.

March

- ☐ Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. Pay particular attention to the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and discuss it with your parents and family.

April

- ☐ Watch the mail for acceptance letters and financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid packages.
- ☐ Choose a school and send in a deposit by the deadline.
- ☐ Contact the financial aid office at your chosen school to make certain your application is complete.
- ☐ Consider Wells Fargo as your lender and apply online.

May

- ☐ Take AP examinations.
- ☐ Write thank yous to the people who wrote you letters of recommendation.
- ☐ Celebrate your high school graduation!

Senior Year

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