



The College Bound Senior Application Timeline

August

- * Register for any remaining ACT, SAT, or SAT Subject Tests. Test dates all vary by subject.
- * Meet with your College Counselor to finalize list of schools.
- * Create an account with the Common Application at www.commonapp.org

September

- * Barrett, The Honors College at ASU application opens online.
- * Military Academy Applications should be completed this month.
- * Meet with college representatives when they visit your school.
- * Follow up with teachers for letters of recommendation. Be sure to give teachers sufficient notice.
- * Apply to ASU, NAU, and U of A to meet scholarship and housing deadlines.
- * Attend the Great Hearts College Symposium and Essay Writing Workshop.

October

- * Continue to meet with college representatives.
- * Schedule college admissions interviews with universities.
- * Submit CSS Profile, if necessary, for financial aid if applying early.
- * Revise your college essay/personal statement. Have your counselor edit it!
- * Students applying to an Early Action or Early Decision should complete their applications by the November 1 deadline (varies with some schools.)

November

- * November 1/November 15--deadline for most Early Action/Early Decision applications.
- * November 15—priority deadline for Barrett, The Honors College at ASU.
- * Students should strive to complete remaining college applications before Thanksgiving.

Mid-Year Reports and Transcripts

Mid-year transcripts and evaluations are submitted to all colleges and universities, as long as that school is posted in Naviance and your application has already been submitted. You must update Naviance with admissions decisions so we can best assist you as we contact schools.

Financial Aid

Start filling out your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as you can.

(The FAFSA website is: www.fafsa.ed.gov). Both you and one of your parents will need *separate pins* for the electronic FAFSA. Apply for them now, if you have not done so already. All male seniors must have registered with Selective Service. For students who need to also fill out the CSS Profile, log on to the College Board website (www.collegeboard.com). Make absolutely sure to meet the school's financial aid deadlines if you need aid for college. Check college websites for additional scholarships and deadlines or come in to see your Counselor.

Once you have chosen which college you will attend

In addition to Financial Aid, there are a number of other steps prior to attending college.

*Put down a deposit (if required) by May 1st

* Notify other colleges by May 1st that you will not attend.

* If you plan to live on-campus, apply for housing now. Those who apply early have priority at most colleges.

* Turn in immunization forms. These are required by law at almost all colleges.

* Register for Orientation. Timing varies widely depending on the school, so know when it is and what your options are. If the college has multiple dates, it can benefit you to attend early to get the best class schedule.

* Take placement tests, as required, for subjects such as English, Math, and Foreign Languages. Placement tests do not earn you college credit, but you may be waived from lower classes. If you want college credit, see below.

College Credit by Exam

CLEP Tests: Many colleges accept the CLEP tests (administered by the College Board) or AP tests for college credit or advanced standing. Most colleges have a testing center where you can sign up to take the tests whenever you are ready, and you often can take them there, even if you are not a student at that college. (If you took Latin, which does not have a CLEP test, inquire at the college foreign language department to see if they have a placement exam.) There are CLEP tests in many subjects, but each college decides which tests to grant credit for. Don't take the test unless you will get credit, so check with your schools.

AP Tests: Finally, if the college does not accept CLEP, but it accepts AP tests, you can contact a high school with an AP program and see if you can take the test there. However, do it SOON since the tests must be ordered in early spring and you must take the tests in May.

Community Colleges

If you are planning on attending one of the area community colleges they start registering for fall classes in the spring. You will have to fill out a one-page application, fill out a transcript request for Trivium to send your transcripts, and arrange to take the ACCESS test at the college. (It will take several hours just like the SAT or ACT.) It is a placement test to make sure you start math and English classes at the right level. A great time to do it is on an early release Friday. So, if you know this is the route you are going to go, contact the appropriate school and find out when they would like you to take care of these steps.

Honors Colleges

If you are interested in the ASU, U of A, or the NAU Honors Program, please make sure you apply soon if you were not automatically considered. If you are considering other schools, in or out of state, inquire now.

Other Items

* Don't get Senioritis. You have to submit a final transcript from Trivium to the college you will attend, so stay focused and keep your grades up. Colleges can rescind offers of admission.

* Keep us updated as you receive admissions decisions from your colleges, and be sure to let your College Counselor know where you have decided to attend so we can get a transcript out at the end of the year.

If you applied to a college with rolling admissions and have not heard from it within six weeks, call and check on the status of your application. If you applied to a college with a specific deadline and you have not received confirmation that all items have been received, call and ask, or check the website if the college updates your status online. If anything is missing from your file at a college, please contact your College Counselor ASAP. Also, for colleges that have spring notification dates, keep them updated on your achievements. We can send quarter grades in March and you can update them on athletic awards and other honors.

If you still need to apply to a college with a later deadline, do so NOW!