

College Planning

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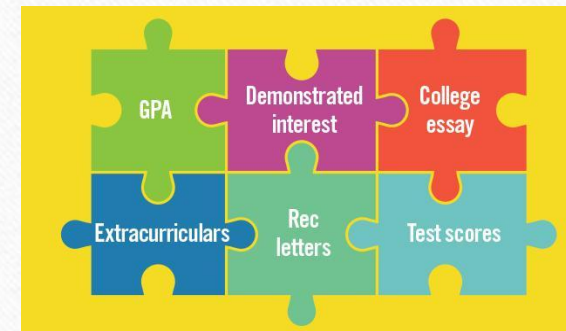
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Senior Year Time Line

September:

- Retake your SAT/ACT.
- Begin applying to colleges (3-5).
 - www.commonapp.edu
 - www.suny.edu
 - *Directly through the college website.*
- Request 1-3 letters of recommendation (teachers, coaches, counselors, employers, etc.) – Due by October 16th.



Things to Do Time Line Continues *Things to Do*

October:

- Complete the financial aid applications – Portal opens October 1st.
 - www.fafsa.gov
 - www.hesc.ny.gov
- All letters of recommendations are due to the Counseling Center by **October 16th**.
- Western New York College Night for Students with Disabilities @ Hilbert College – **October 23rd** at 5pm.

Time Line Goes on and on My Friends

November:

- Complete your financial aid application.
- November 9th – Fredonia and Buffalo State to host a Financial Aid Application Day.
- Begin applying for 3rd party scholarships at:
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.myeducation.com
 - www.raise.me/
 - <https://www.lakeshorecsd.org/Page/5040> (via the website/Sr. High/Counseling Center)
- Complete college applications – monitoring deadlines for **Early Action and Early Decision** – (typically November 1st, November 15th, December 1st). Check with each college.

Time Line Continues as the year wraps up

January – February :

- Monitors your e-mails from college admission and financial aid – respond to everything.
- Have 1st semester grades sent to all colleges. Complete another transcript request form.
- Continue to apply for 3rd party scholarships.

March – June:

- Stay active in school. Maintaining good grade.
- Review all acceptance and financial aid awards.
- In April, apply for local scholarships.
- In June, have your child's final transcript sent to the colleges they will be attending. Again, students must complete a transcript request form.



Final Thoughts

Letter of Recommendations – “brag sheet”.

Transcript Request Forms – Minimum of 3 times through-out the year.

College Essay – 7 Essay Prompts.

College Application Fees – Fee Waivers for Free and Reduced Lunch Students.

Admission Deadlines for competitive programs – Example: Physician Assistance (PA) Programs.

Interviews – Yes or No? (Some programs will require them - Example: PA).

STEM Award – New York State Scholarship. For the student who are in the top 10% of the class.

FREE SUNY Tuition. Must major in science, technology, engineering or math.

Excelsior Scholarship: Tuition Free for SUNY. \$125,000 family income.