



College Application Timeline

Senior Year

Fall Semester

- Keep academics strong.
- Possibly take the SAT/ACT (recommended that students finish testing by October).
- Meet with college admission representatives who visit GFS.
- Continue college visits.
- Attend Senior College Night with parents/caregivers (September).
- Continue meeting one-on-one with your college counselor.
- Keep Applying List in MaiaLearning updated and remember to click “request transcript” when you are ready to apply.
- Share your main Common App essay (personal statement) and any supplemental essays with your college counselor.
- Complete the Net Price Calculator on each college’s website to receive an estimate of what you might receive financially from each institution.
- Consult with your college counselor on whether or not to submit SAT/ACT scores to any test optional schools on your list.
- Meet with your college counselor to submit your first college application.
- Regularly check college application portals for each college to which you’ve applied and note any missing documents or important notifications about scholarships, admissions events, etc.
- Research scholarship opportunities for each college on your list and make note of any separate scholarship applications/deadlines.
- Research honors programs, if interested, for each college on your list and make note of any separate applications or requirements.
- Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and CSS Profile (if applicable) to apply for financial aid. Note financial aid deadlines specific to your colleges.
- Update MaiaLearning with college decisions.
- Begin to brainstorm Independent Senior Project (ISP) ideas.
- Stay involved in extracurricular activities in which you have interest and assume leadership roles, if possible.
- Continue to contribute meaningfully to the GFS community.

Spring Semester

- Continue college visits.

- Apply for outside scholarships utilizing the scholarship search sites provided by College Counseling.
- Finalize ISP plans and submit ISP proposal by the deadline (usually end of March).
- When you are ready to make your final college decision, remember you may submit an enrollment deposit to one college only.
- Note housing deposit deadlines.
- Note orientation dates and course registration deadlines and requirements.
- Continue to update MaiaLearning with final college decisions.