

Yarmouth High School

College Search Timeline – Senior Year

2024-2025

September

- Get off to a good start academically; colleges will look closely at your first quarter grades.
- Register for the Oct. 5 SAT Deadline: Sept. 20
- Register for Oct. 26 ACT Deadline: Sept. 20
- Have senior meeting with your counselor in Sept., Oct., or Nov. to review your transcript, test scores, and extracurricular activities, as well as to develop/refine your list of colleges.
- Meet in person and virtually with college representatives visiting YHS ([Link](#) found on Guidance web page)
- Attend virtual college fairs
<https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs>
- Review each college's deadline and requirements
- Begin drafts of your college essay
- Arrange college visits and interviews
- Register for the Nov. 2 SAT Deadline: Oct. 18

October

- Take SAT on Oct. 5.
- Take ACT Test on Oct 26.
- Continue working on your college essay and review with your counselor & English teacher
- Meet in person and virtually with college representatives visiting YHS ([Link](#) found on Guidance web page)
- Attend virtual college fairs
<https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs>
- Ask teachers for recommendations
- Begin filling out applications (be especially aware of deadlines if you are applying early decision or early action)
- Register for Nov. 2 SAT Deadline: Oct. 18
- Register for Dec. 7 SAT Deadline: Nov. 22
- File College Scholarship Service (CSS) Financial Aid Profile if required by your colleges anytime after Oct. 1
- Attend YHS Financial Aid Night on October 2 at 6:30pm
- Submit transcript request forms to the Guidance Office at least **two weeks** ahead of all application deadlines.

November

- Register for Dec. 7 SAT Deadline: Nov. 22.
Register for Dec. 14 ACT Deadline: Nov. 8
- Take SAT on Nov. 2.
- Complete your college essay
- Complete your early decision or early action application(s) and review with your counselor.

- Submit early decision or early action application(s)

December

- Take SAT on Dec. 7
- Take ACT on Dec. 14
- File Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after Dec. 1
- Complete Applications, review with your counselor
- Submit applications

January

- Complete your remaining applications and review with your counselor
- Submit applications

February

- Investigate and apply for local and private scholarships (see link below)
- Make sure you have sent all necessary forms and applications to the colleges on your list

March

- Continue to learn more about your colleges
- Decision letters begin to arrive
- Avoid "senioritis" and maintain your grades; colleges may withdraw admission to students whose grades drop!
- Receive AP bulletin from College Board

April

- Decision letters arrive
- Review and compare your college responses and financial aid offers with your parents and counselor
- Visit colleges and attend Accepted Student Days
- Make final decision; notify college and send in deposit by May 1, 2025. Notify other colleges in writing that you will not be attending; only then can they offer your seat to another student
- Make sure you have received your FAFSA acknowledgment and Student Aid Report (SAR)

May

- Take AP exams
- Fill out college housing/dormitory forms
- Send signed, original SAR to your chosen college; keep a copy for your records

June

- Graduation – June 8, 2025!

Summer

- Register for fall courses, attend orientation
- Enjoy yourself, you deserve it!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION - Local: Visit the YHS Guidance web page for an updated list. National: Click on <http://collegeguidanceconsultants.com/scholarships>. Username = yarmouth-student Password = yarmouth-student(lower case)