

4 Year College Timeline

Spring 11th grade

- Complete a college search
Using: www.mefapathway.org Search Colleges tab, Get Started and <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>
- Research each school you are interested in and find out:
 - Application deadline
 - Type of Application: Common App, Coalition app, direct to school?
 - Application requirements: # of Letters of Rec, Testing requirements, etc.
 - Financial Aid requirements: FAFSA, CSS Profile?
 - Financial Aid deadline
 - Application fee
 - Cost of Attendance=Tuition, Fees, Room & Board
- List all of the colleges you are applying to in MEFA Pathway by adding them to *My College List*
- Make request for letters of recommendation from 2 teachers & your school counselor
- Complete [Brag sheet](#) for your letter of recommendation from your school counselor
- If Standardized testing is required, register for the SATs and/or ACTs: SAT/ACT registration www.collegeboard.org - www.act.org (pay fees-fee waivers available for student eligible for free/reduced lunch)

Summer before/Fall of 12th grade

- Create a resume
- If Standardized testing is required, register for the SATs and/or ACTs: SAT/ACT registration www.collegeboard.org - www.act.org (pay fees-fee waivers available for student eligible for free/reduced lunch)
- SAT score reports sent directly to colleges from College Board/ACT Score reports sent directly from ACT
- Create a Common App account (if applicable) <https://www.commonapp.org/>
 - Sign FERPA Waiver on Common App
 - Complete Common Application
- ❑ Teacher 1 Letter of Recommendation _____
 - ❑ verbally make request of teacher
 - ❑ list teacher in Common App (if using CA) _____
- ❑ Teacher 2 Letter of Recommendation _____
 - ❑ verbally make request of teacher
 - ❑ list teacher in Common App (if using CA) _____
- ❑ School Counselor Letter of Recommendation
 - ❑ Share resume
 - ❑ Get Parent/Guardian to complete the [Parent/Guardian Brag Sheet](#)
 - ❑ Verbally make request
- ❑ College Essay
- ❑ Complete College Applications on college websites (if applicable-e.g. Schools that don't use Common App)
- ❑ Complete Financial Aid Paperwork
 - ❑ FAFSA (Available Oct. 1st): **FREE** <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
 - ❑ CSS Profile (Avail Oct 1, complete only if required by your schools)- **fee required** follow deadlines for each school (fee waivers available for student eligible for free/reduced lunch) <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

- ❑ Complete transcript request form (legal requirement for MHS to release your transcript)
 - Must be signed by parent/guardian if you are under 18
 - Must be completed at least **10 school days before the application due date**
- ❑ Submit all applications when complete
 - pay fees (fee waivers available for student eligible for free and reduced lunch)