

Senior Timeline/Checklist

Summer Before Senior Year

- ☐ Research colleges and other post-secondary options. Verify that you meet admissions requirements.
- ☐ Prepare and register for the SAT/ACT (if needed)
- ☐ Start thinking about who you will ask for a letter of recommendation (you'll need 2-3 max)
- ☐ Start applying for scholarships
- ☐ Meet with your counselor in August to review credits and graduation requirements and complete your Senior Contract

College research: MaiaLearning (through student portal)
Niche.com

Test prep www.khanacademy.org

Test dates and registration:

SAT www.collegeboard.com

ACT www.actstudent.org

Scholarships – get started:

www.denverscholarship.org/scholarshipdirectory

September

- ☐ Meet with the College Advisor in the Future Center to make a plan for the year
- ☐ Meet with college reps who visit GW
- ☐ Finalize your list of colleges you will apply to, note deadlines, and start working on applications
- ☐ Request letters of recommendation
- ☐ Write your personal statement/college essay(s)
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships

October

- ☐ Complete your FAFSA (it opens October 1); attend a FAFSA workshop at GW for help
- ☐ Attend college fairs at GW and in the Denver area
- ☐ Follow-up on letters of recommendation
- ☐ Complete early action/early decision applications, if applicable (due Nov. 1 & Nov. 15)
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships

FAFSA website: Studentaid.gov
(**Never** pay to complete the FAFSA)!

November/December

- ☐ Complete and submit college applications
- ☐ Follow GW processes for requesting transcripts in MaiaLearning
- ☐ Complete the CSS Profile if any of your schools require it (deadlines vary)
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships

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January/February

- ☐ Continue completing and submitting college applications and following GW processes for requesting transcripts
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships
- ☐ Open college student portal accounts
- ☐ Complete institutional scholarship applications
- ☐ Submit additional documents to financial aid if needed

March/April

- ☐ Respond to requests from colleges for additional information
- ☐ Complete housing applications if you will live on campus
- ☐ Watch out for financial aid award letters and confirm awards by deadlines
- ☐ Complete the COF (College Opportunity Fund)
- ☐ Sign up online for New Student Orientation
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships
- ☐ Complete the DSF scholarship application
- ☐ Complete your ICAP so you can graduate!

May

- ☐ Notify colleges of your final decision, submit enrollment deposits (due dates vary in May)
- ☐ Identify support services at the college you will attend
- ☐ Request final transcript be sent to college of choice
- ☐ Senior checkout (date TBD)
- ☐ Graduation ceremony (date TBD)

Summer After Graduation – Final Reminders

- ☐ Attend New Student Orientation
- ☐ Financial aid must be COMPLETE by July 15! Contact your college's financial aid office to make sure your file is complete