



# COLLEGE Prep TIMELINE

## JUNIOR

### fall

- Get the best grades in the toughest classes

### winter

- Prep for the SAT or ACT
- Prep for your AP test(s)
- Research and apply for rad summer programs and jobs (related to your major = bonus)

### Spring

- Take SAT or ACT for the first time
- Rock your AP Test(s)
- Finalize rad summer program or job
- Research schools and start developing your college list

### summer

- Visit 2-3 colleges
- Attend summer program (or) Work summer job (or) Both
- Begin your personal statement

## COLLEGE ESSAY

## SENIOR

### September

- Attend college fairs
- Take the SAT or ACT for second time
- Request your recommendation letters
- Decide if you'll apply Early Action or Early Decision

### fall

### October

- Finalize your college list
- Finish your personal statement
- Start your supplemental essays
- Submit your Early Action or Early Decision application (if applicable)

### November & December

- Finish your personal statement and supplemental essays
- Last chance to take the SAT or ACT
- **Arts and Theater students:**
  - Finalize portfolios, audition tapes, writing samples
- Send official test scores to colleges
- Finalize and submit all your applications

*crunch time*

### CONTENT

What should I write about?

### STRUCTURE

How do I structure my essay?

### DETAILS

How do I stand out?

*For free essay help go to:*

[www.collegeessayguy.com](http://www.collegeessayguy.com)

### winter

- Fight off Senioritis
- Apply for scholarships
- Submit your FAFSA: Jan. 1 - Mar. 2 (earlier = better)
- Keep getting the best grades in the toughest classes
- Send thank you card to everyone who helped you with college apps

### Spring

- Hear back from colleges
- Decide where you'll spend the next four years of your life
- Send in deposit by May 1
- Rock your finals
- Relax. Because you did it.

