

12th Grade: Navigating the Application Process

- [Step-by-Step Guide for the College Application Process](#)
 - This is reviewed at Senior Meetings in September
- [College Application Help](#) Sign-Ups (must sign up from student email address)
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- [Class of 2025 Senior Meeting Form](#) → Preparing for your future, (must sign up from student email address)
 - This is reviewed at Senior Meetings in September and is used by counselors to see what areas of assistance are needed for small groups
- [Class of 2025 Instant Decision Day Interest Form](#)
- College RepVisits will be listed on the School Counseling Calendar.

Fall (September–November):

- **Finalize College/Technical School List:** Ensure your list includes a balanced mix of reach, match, and safety schools or programs.
- **Application Deadlines:** Create a calendar of application and financial aid deadlines for each college, technical school, or military application.
- **Essays:** Draft and revise personal statements and supplemental essays; seek feedback from teachers or counselors.
- **Early Applications:** Submit Early Decision or Early Action applications if applicable.
- **FAFSA:** Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after October 1 as possible to maximize financial aid opportunities.
- **Technical School Applications:** If applying to technical schools, ensure applications are submitted with the required documentation (transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.).
- **Military Preparation:** If pursuing military enlistment, complete the ASVAB and begin discussions with a recruiter about possible career paths within the military.

Winter (December–February):

- **Regular Applications:** Submit remaining college, technical school, or military applications, ensuring all materials are complete and submitted on time.
- **Scholarships:** Search and apply for scholarships to help fund your education, whether for college, technical school, or the military.
- **Midyear Grades:** Ensure your counselor sends midyear grade reports to colleges, technical schools, or military branches as required.
- **Military Applications:** If applying for a military academy (e.g., U.S. Naval Academy), follow specific application instructions and deadlines.

Spring (March–May):

- **Admission Decisions:** Review acceptance letters and financial aid offers; compare packages to determine the best fit for college, technical school, or military enlistment.
- **Military Enlistment:** If enlisting in the military, begin preparation for boot camp or officer training. Make sure to understand all commitments and benefits.
- **College/Technical School Visits:** Attend admitted student events or revisit campuses to make informed decisions.
- **Decision Deadline:** Submit your enrollment deposit to your chosen college, technical school, or military service by the May 1 deadline.
- **Final Transcripts:** Request your high school to send final transcripts to the college, technical school, or military branch you will attend or enlist in.