



# HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR PREPARING FOR COLLEGE TIMELINE

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## August

- \_\_\_\_\_ Decide what careers you are interested in and which colleges fit your needs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review the courses you have signed up to take...are you on track?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Request admissions information and college catalogs if you haven't already done so.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Develop a financial plan for college. You can afford to go to college.

## September

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend college fairs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Follow up on your college filing system ([www.sdcollegeprep.info](http://www.sdcollegeprep.info)).

## October

- \_\_\_\_\_ Retake the SAT or ACT if you need to better your scores.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do a follow-up visit to your top three to five college choices.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Request forms for scholarships and financial aid from the colleges you have selected.

## November

- \_\_\_\_\_ Review financial aid information and deadlines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Start out your admissions applications (check on due dates).

## December

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up a financial aid form (FAFSA) from your high school counselor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gather necessary information to fill out the form in January.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Finalize your admissions applications and get them in the mail.

## January

- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit your FAFSA after January 1st and before the end of February to receive the best possible financial aid package.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you eligible for the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship? Visit [www.sdcollegeprep.info](http://www.sdcollegeprep.info) to find out.

## February

- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider taking Advanced Placement or College-Level Examination Program exams, if you didn't take them your junior year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Start narrowing down your college selections.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ask your high school to send a copy of your transcript to the colleges you have selected.

## March

- \_\_\_\_\_ Check with your selected colleges' financial aid offices to ensure you do not have any incomplete items.

## April

- \_\_\_\_\_ Watch for acceptance letters and financial aid awards from your selected colleges. Compare packages. Confirm with your college which ones you are accepting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make your final college selection and notify colleges you will not be attending.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make sure you are completing your college filing system.

## May

- \_\_\_\_\_ Send final transcript and write thank you notes for scholarships.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for a summer orientation at your selected college.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check to see what you need to do to register for classes and make tuition payments.

## June/July

- \_\_\_\_\_ Finalize plans for college. Complete your college filing system.