



College Planning Timeline Senior Year

September

- Start preparing applications. Know the requirements/qualifications for acceptance at the colleges of your choice.
- See your senior/college counselor with your list of potential colleges.
- Check registration dates for October SAT and ACT. You might need to or want to take these again. You definitely NEED to take them if you didn't during your junior year.
- Visit college reps that come to Nolan during the school day.
- Attend college nights at Nolan Catholic and area schools.
- If you are considering early acceptance for college, know the deadlines in addition to the rules and stipulation of early acceptance.
- Start looking for financial aid and scholarships—The Scholarship Book, bulletin announcements. Please use scholarship searches available online at Naviance.com, Cappex.com, Fastweb.com, Universities and departments, and Google.com.
- Check the scholarship list on a regular basis and get information from the Guidance office. **Watch for deadline dates!!!**

October

- Check registration dates for Nov/Dec SAT and ACT tests if you have to retake either of these.
- Check to see if the college of your choice requires SAT II tests. UT and many private selective schools do require SAT II.
- If you need evaluations or recommendations, request them well in advance of the deadlines. (Counselors require 10 business days in advance)
- **Know and keep deadline dates for applications and scholarships.** Some deadlines are as early as NOW! Know the different types of deadlines such as early decision, scholarship deadlines, and final deadlines.

November

- Absolute deadlines for Texas Christian University **November 1 for early action.** This is a postmark date for TCU.
- Take or retake SAT and ACT if necessary.
- If you are considering an ROTC scholarship (and it's a great scholarship) get your application in by December 1. You have a better chance when you apply early.
- College applications should definitely be in process, if not already sent by mail or electronically. Housing is limited so apply early.
- Keep up your grades. 7-semester GPA is extremely important now.

December

- The application absolute deadline for the University of Texas is **December 1**, in their office not post-marked. The application should be in their office—NOT POSTMARKED by the deadline date.
- Absolute deadlines for Texas Christian University **December 15 for scholarships**. This is a postmark date for TCU.
- All seniors should have at least one college application on file by the middle of the month.
- If you intend to apply for financial aid, get the FAFSA worksheet from the Guidance Office, but do not send your FAFSA in until after January 1.
- Do well in your exams...GPA is involved...and important for 7-semester record.

January

- Begin the 2nd semester with energy and determination. Start your spring semester courses off right.
- Complete FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Absolute deadline for Texas A&M-College Station is **January 15**. The application should be in their office—NOT POSTMARKED by the deadline date.

February

- Absolute deadline for Texas Christian University **February 15 for final deadline**, this is a postmark date for TCU.
- Maintain your grades. Don't let senioritis kill you. If your application was put "on hold" or "in review," what you are doing now will count.
- March 1 is deadline for many scholarships as well as many applications. Don't miss it!

March

- This is the waiting period for most decisions.
- Check credit by examination, especially CLEP and AP credit.
- Maintain your grades.

April

- You may have received acceptances from several colleges by now. You need to make the decision, inform the colleges of it and complete your housing arrangements.
- Maintain your grades. Realize that if you are going to a Texas state supported college, you are required to take and pass the THEA (unless exempt through SAT or ACT scores).

May

- Maintain your grades. Your acceptance is provisional, dependent upon successful completion of high school. SO GRADUATE!

Summer

- Get a summer job. Many times your financial aid package will include these earnings.
- Go to the college orientation days and get a good start!