

MEFA's Guide to College Admissions

There's a lot to keep track of when applying to college. MEFA is here to guide you in the process and help you stay organized. Follow this timeline as you plan for life after high school. And for more information on the college admissions process, visit us online at mefa.org/applying-to-college.

Spring/Summer Junior Year

- Register for an account on mefapathway.org, the dynamic and interactive college planning portal that includes a college application manager, scholarship search engine, career matching tool, and so much more
- Research colleges and begin to build the college list
- Attend college fairs and visit campuses
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
- Take the SAT/ACT
- Brainstorm college essay topics and start writing

Fall Senior Year

- Finalize the college list
- Retake the SAT/ACT
- Secure letters of recommendation
- Write the college essay(s)
- Attend MEFA's College Financing Seminar
- Start all admissions applications
- Begin to complete the FAFSA® and other required financial aid applications
- If applying Early Decision or Early Action, submit admissions and financial aid applications

Winter Senior Year

- Submit admissions applications
- Submit the FAFSA and other required financial aid applications
- Apply for private scholarships

Spring Senior Year

- Receive admissions and financial aid offers
- Attend MEFA's After the College Acceptance Seminar to learn how to compare financial aid awards and develop a strategy for paying the college bill
- Attend college open house programs
- Choose a college by May 1

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College Application Manager

As you explore schools and build your college list, keep track of your requirements here. Remember that deadlines are so important when applying to college and requesting financial aid, so set yourself reminders to ensure you submit all applications on time. If you're applying to more than five schools, make a copy of this chart.

School Name	Admissions Application Requirements	Early Admissions? * Y/N	Admissions Deadline	Financial Aid Application(s) Required and Deadlines	Notes
1. University of USA	Application: <u>Common App</u> Test(s): <u>SAT, 2 SAT Subject Tests</u> # Letters of Rec: <u>2</u> # of Essays: <u>1 (Common App)</u> Interview: <u>yes, evaluative</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N Early Decision	Nov 1st	FAFSA? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y / N Deadline: <u>Feb 1st</u> CSS Profile? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y / N Deadline: <u>Feb 1st</u> College Form? <u>Y / N</u> Deadline: _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school visit: Oct 1st Strong nursing program 4-hour drive away
2.	Application: _____ Test(s): _____ # Letters of Rec: _____ # of Essays: _____ Interview: _____	Y/N		FAFSA? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y / N Deadline: _____ CSS Profile? _____ Y / N Deadline: _____ College Form? _____ Y / N Deadline: _____	
3.	Application: _____ Test(s): _____ # Letters of Rec: _____ # of Essays: _____ Interview: _____	Y/N		FAFSA? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y / N Deadline: _____ CSS Profile? _____ Y / N Deadline: _____ College Form? _____ Y / N Deadline: _____	
4.	Application: _____ Test(s): _____ # Letters of Rec: _____ # of Essays: _____ Interview: _____	Y/N		FAFSA? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y / N Deadline: _____ CSS Profile? _____ Y / N Deadline: _____ College Form? _____ Y / N Deadline: _____	
5.	Application: _____ Test(s): _____ # Letters of Rec: _____ # of Essays: _____ Interview: _____	Y/N		FAFSA? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y / N Deadline: _____ CSS Profile? _____ Y / N Deadline: _____ College Form? _____ Y / N Deadline: _____	
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* If you're applying Early Action or Early Decision to a school, your admissions and financial aid deadlines will likely be earlier than the standard admissions and financial aid deadlines.