

Ready, Set, Go TO COLLEGE

A COLLEGE PREP CHECKLIST FOR SENIORS



COLLEGE ESSAY:

- Think about what you want your essay to say about you.
- What have you done that conveys a good story of who you are?



TEST TIME:

- If you haven't already, take SAT/ACT tests.
- Consider taking them multiple times to improve your score.



COMPLETE ADMISSION APPLICATIONS:

- Revisit your list of colleges on CollegeRaptor.com.
- Know the application requirements / deadlines; mark them on your calendar.
- Submit applications for your preferred colleges.



REMINDER:

Complete the FAFSA even if you don't think that your family will qualify for financial aid. Institutional grants from colleges often depend on your FAFSA and many families are surprised to find out that they can qualify for more aid than they expect.



COMPETE FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

- Complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form.
- Complete the CSS Profile, if required by colleges to which you're applying.
- Apply for scholarships.



REVIEW YOUR REQUIREMENTS:

- Make sure you've taken all required classes for your preferred colleges.



DECISION DEADLINE:

- Once you've received acceptances, choose the school that's best for you.
- If you've been deferred or waitlisted, provide colleges with any new info to help them make a decision.
- Send in your deposit, final transcript, and any other requirements for your school of choice.
- Celebrate! You made it!

