

SENIOR COLLEGE TIMELINE



Application Process

1. Complete college or university online or paper application (online is preferred by most).
2. Letters of recommendation may be necessary. To request that a teacher write a letter:
 - a. Give the writer a minimum of two weeks
 - b. Compose a resume of activities, interests, and accomplishments to help the writer brag about you. Use the letter of recommendation template on the WWS website.
 - c. These may be sent with or without the other application materials depending on the school.
3. Fill out WWS Transcript Request Form (green form in office or print from WWS website)
4. Give application, all supplemental materials (ie, teacher recommendation letters, counselor form, essays, resumes), transcript request form, stamped addressed envelope, and transcript fee (\$5) to your counselor.
5. If you apply online, make sure you follow the instructions and give all necessary forms including signature page, transcript release form, and \$5 to counselor.
6. Contact ACT/SAT to have test scores sent.

August

- If pursuing an athletic scholarship, complete an NCAA application form available online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and turn in NCAA forms to the Registrar.
- Register for the ACT and/or SAT if you have not yet taken them or you want to improve your score.
- Senior Presentations and individual conferences start with your counselor.

September

- The Counseling Center will have Illinois college applications by the end of this month; for most other colleges you will need to apply on-line or request an application from a particular college. **Most colleges prefer applications to be submitted online.**
- Analyze application instructions to find out information required and deadline date.
- Internet scholarship search may be accessed by using www.fastweb.com, www.collegezone.com, or Prep HQ (access through WWS website).
- Meet with college representatives visiting Wheaton Warrenville South High School.
- Complete CSS/Profile financial aid form – appropriate for selected schools only.
- If applying for early decision/action, acquire and complete the necessary forms.
- **Attend College Fair at College of DuPage – Wednesday September 17th 6:30-9pm.**

October

- Look at Scholarship Bulletin on Prep HQ, now through the end of the school year.
- Register for SAT Subject tests if the colleges to which you are applying recommend or require them.
- Schedule college campus visits.
- Apply to Illinois state public universities.
- Apply early to colleges that have a rolling admissions policy.

- Requests for transcripts and counselor forms must be turned in at least 10 schooldays before the deadline date
 - **November 1 deadline** = **October 17**
 - **November 15 deadline** = **October 31**
 - **January deadlines** = **December 5**

November

- Use Thanksgiving as a target date for completion of college applications.
- Attend Financial Aid Program November 5th 7-9PM at Wheaton Warrenville South

December

- Access appropriate financial aid form – FAFSA Worksheet is available in the Counseling Center or go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. **Online is most efficient and preferred method.**
- Continue to investigate sources of financial aid.
- Prepare for semester final exams. These grades are important to colleges considering your application.

January

- Mail or submit on-line application for Federal Aid (FAFSA), or other individual college financial aid forms as soon after January 1st as possible. These forms will require current tax information.

February

- Complete common application for local scholarships and turn them in to the Counseling Center by 11:00 AM on February 26th.
- Be aware of application deadlines for college housing.

April

- Evaluate college acceptance letters and select the best college for you. Advise all other colleges of your decision by May 1st.

May

- Fill out a request for your final transcript to be sent to the college you will be attending in the fall.

Financial Aid Facts

<p>1. Sources of Aid</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Federal and State Programs Post-Secondary schools Private agencies Local & National Organizations 	<p>2. Sources of Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Publications available in Counseling Center and libraries College computer search Scholarship page on Prep HQ Financial Aid Night Nov. 2008 	<p>3. Basis of Aid</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Merit can be academic, ethnic, special talents, and athletic prowess. Need computed using FAFSA forms submitted after Jan. 1st 2009
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