

SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

Pay attention to deadlines

Apply to schools as soon as possible.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) begins OCTOBER 1 (fafsa.ed.gov)

Contact the Financial Aid office if there have been any changes in your family's financial situation. You will be using your 2016 tax information

You and your parents must each have a **FSA ID (studentaid.gov/fsa-id)**

You must be accepted to a school to receive financial aid

Financial aid is given on a first-come first-serve basis

Check college admission requirement and criteria, especially out-of-state schools

Talk with college reps in the Guidance Office or online

Visit any prospective college/school. Contact the Admissions Office to set up a visit. Keep the name(s) of the people you talk to

Take the last round of ACTs

Trim your list of colleges (Reach, Acceptable, Safety net) However many schools you get accepted to, that's how many choices you have.

Do not let the cost of a school keep from applying, but it may keep you from attending.

End of the calendar year and first of the year, check your **SAR (Student Aid Report)** and your **EFC (Expected Family Contribution)**. Stay in contact with the Financial Aid Office. Keep the names of the people you talk to. Make sure they are aware of any changes in your family's financial situation

You need to have a plan between now and May, 2020

Four-year college/university

Two-year school

Technical school

Apprenticeship programs

Military

Job market