

TIMELINE FOR PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER:

- _____ Talk with counselor about college choices.
- _____ Visit colleges.
- _____ Talk with college representatives in Guidance Office.
- _____ Register for SAT I/SAT II by Sept. 9 for Oct. test.
- _____ Listen and look for information on early scholarships in **Senior News**.
- _____ Complete resume and college essay. Turn resume to Guidance Office.
- _____ Attend College Fair at UMO
- _____ Register for SAT I/SAT II by Sept. 26 for Nov. test.

OCTOBER:

- _____ Continue all the above.
- _____ Narrow choices to 3-5 colleges.
- _____ Begin college applications (may have to write to request for some – check Guidance Office for local colleges).
- _____ Check **Senior News** for important information.
- _____ Complete college essay and resume.

- _____ Mail applications for early decision at colleges.
- _____ Request recommendations.
- _____ Take SAT I/SAT II on Oct. 4.
- _____ If required by colleges of choice, complete College Scholarship Service (CSS – Profile) form.

NOVEMBER:

- _____ Take SAT I/SAT II on Nov. 1.
- _____ Register for December SAT I/SAT II by Nov 5.
- _____ Get recommendations.
- _____ Turn in college application to Guidance Counselor **BEFORE THANKSGIVING**.
- _____ Work on scholarship applications.

DECEMBER:

- _____ Take SAT I/SAT II on Dec. 1.
- _____ **Mail** college applications **before Christmas** – WATCH DEADLINES.
- _____ Work on scholarship applications.
- _____ Visit colleges. Do interviews at colleges.
- _____ Acceptance – early decisions – begin to arrive.
- _____ Get income figures ready for financial aid application.

JANUARY:

- ___ Attend Financial Aid Night.
- ___ Complete Financial Aid Form (FAFSA).
- ___ Check **SENIOR NEWS**.
- ___ Fill out scholarship applications.
- ___ Begin to receive acceptance letters.

FEBRUARY:

- ___ Mail FAFSA by February 1.
- ___ Check **SENIOR NEWS**.
- ___ Fill out scholarship applications.

MARCH – JUNE:

- ___ Check **SENIOR NEWS**.
- ___ Fill out scholarship applications.
- ___ More paperwork on financial aid.
- ___ Receive acceptances.
- ___ Receive financial aid packages.
- ___ Receive scholarship notices.
- ___ **CHOOSE COLLEGE**. Notify other schools of your decision.
- ___ Pay deposit.
- ___ **GRADUATE!!!!**

SUMMER:

- ___ Apply for Stafford Student Loans and Parent Loan Programs at bank/credit union.
- ___ Attend college orientation.
- ___ Find out about housing, roommates, etc.
- ___ Register for classes.