

16 ☐ **SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR**

You don't have to do stuff during this time, but don't say I didn't warn you.

17 ☐ **1. GATHER YOUR INFO (SUMMER)**

- Make a college email
- Learn your SSN!!
- Create a CommonApp account
- FSA ID
- Make a list of teachers/adults you want to ask for a Letters of Recommendation
- Narrow down your college list
- Think of people you would want to review your essays (preferably adults)
- Familiarize yourself with what college applications will ask for (College Applications in a Nutshell - On Website)

22 ☐ **Q1 SENIOR YEAR**

August - Mid-October

23 ☐ **2. COLLEGE APPS OPEN (Q1)**

- Start on applications as soon as possible
- Ask your list of recommenders. This gives them time to start, or at least puts it into their mind
- Get your personal essay done by the end of Q1
- If you don't have a school that you want to Early Decision to, consider Early Action when available
- October: COMPLETE FAFSA & CSS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

28 ☐ **Q2 SENIOR YEAR**

Mid-October - December

29 ☐ **3. FINISH UP APPLICATIONS (Q2)**

- Submit any Early Action/Early Decision applications
- Submit regular decision applications you care the most about (I really suggest as many as possible)
 - If you submit them all, you will be done before 2nd semester senior year (where senioritis hits the hardest)
- Submit FAFSA by NOV 15
- College interviews
- SUBMIT UTK BEFORE NOVEMBER 1ST 🙏

35 ☐ **Q3 SENIOR YEAR**

January - Early March

36 ☐ **4. START COMPARING (Q3)**

- Update statuses of schools (on however you are organizing your list)
- Review financial aid awards
- Exhale.
- Have mid-year transcript sent in to schools that ask
- Dive deeper into schools and start deciding which you like the most
- Keep up with deadlines

39 ☐ **Q4 SENIOR YEAR**

Early March - May

40 ☐ **5. MAKE CHOICES (Q4)**

- Commit to a school by May 1st. (Typically the deadline schools give)
- Attend admitted students webinars and things like that!
- Look at housing options
- Connect with future students when you can
- If you are taking AP tests, study up!

43 ☐ **RECAP**

- Use CommonApp when you can (unless you like paying application fees)
- It's better to do stuff as early as possible
- Have all of your documents and dates in order
- Check your college email REGULARLY
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