

# College Planning Checklist for 12th Graders ✓

Needless to say, senior year is full of important to-dos. Here's a checklist to help keep you on track for success when it comes time to apply for college.


## August-December To-Do's

- Finalize your college list**  
*Whittle down your list to 6-8 balanced colleges.*
- Consider and plan for re-testing**  
*There's still time to re-test if you want to increase your score.*
- Complete the FAFSA**  
*Review the [new changes to the FAFSA](#) this year!*
- Complete the CSS Profile**  
*Check to see if you're applying to a school that accepts this application for aid.*
- Tidy up those essays**  
*Have someone proofread your work*
- Stay on top of recommendations**  
*Do your recommenders have what they need to write you a stellar letter?*
- Prepare for early applications**  
*Applying early? Mark those due dates on your calendar and have your materials ready.*
- Start your application with Scoir**  
*Keep all your applications in one place! Learn more about [how to apply with Scoir](#).*
- Stay organized**
- Add your GPA and Test Scores**  
*If your school's settings allow, upload your [GPA](#) and [test scores](#) to your Scoir profile. This will help give you better-informed [scattergrams](#), which show historical admissions decisions using GPAs and SAT/ACT scores of students who graduated from your high school before you.*

## January-March To-Do's

- Confirm your applications**  
*Make sure you've received confirmation of your applications—it's never a bad idea to double check!*
  - Verify your financial aid**  
*Take time to review your Student Aid Report (SAR)*
  - Research scholarship opportunities**  
*Are there any scholarships you might be eligible for?*
  - Meet with your counselor**  
*At this point, it's never a bad idea to meet with your counselor for one more check-in before graduation.*
- Students on Scoir can also send their counselor a direct message to check in!*
- Write thank-you notes**  
*Whoever took the time to write a recommendation letter for you deserves to get a thank-you note!*
  - Continue making memories!**  
*Enjoy your senior year to its fullest!*

*If your school's settings allow you to enter test scores, you should see this +Add Test button in your Academic Overview!*



## April-July To-Do's

**Keep your grades up**

*How you finish your senior year matters. Keep your grades up, and don't slack! Colleges are still paying attention.*

**Review financial aid offer letters**

*Since there is no standard financial aid award letter, it's critical that you review your letters with a sharp eye. Doing so will ensure you're accepting the best package for you and your financial situation.*

**Make final decisions**

*With your final options in hand, it's time to make a choice ([listen to our podcast for tips on making this choice](#)). Moreover, once you've made a choice you need to reply with an acceptance or rejection.*

**Consider your waitlist options**

*Have you been waitlisted? Carefully [consider what your next steps](#) will be so that you can proceed with confidence.*

**Make your final deposit**

*Send the school you'll be attending the deposit due.*

**Ensure your final transcript is sent**

*Check in with your high school to make sure your final transcript is sent.*

**The journey to college starts with self-exploration. Our Network can help you take those first steps.**

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