

# PROJECT LAUNCH

## Oct

- Build College Wishlist (*Meet with Kaitlyn for approval*)
- Create/Edit Resume (*Share in Google Docs*)
- College Essay Draft (*Share with mentor & Project Launch on Drive*)
- Submit 2 Teacher Rec Letter Requests
- Submit RAW Rec Letter Request to Launch for Review
- Fill Out the Common Application
- Draft Common Application Writing Supplements
- Register for SAT or ACT (SAT Subject Tests if required)
- Work on Art School/ Film Portfolios
- Gather Tax Info & Prepare the FAFSA
- Complete October & Begin November Scholarships

## Nov

- Complete the Common Application (*Review with mentor*)
- Finalize Common Application Writing Supplements Edits
- Finalize College Essay (*Share with Launch for approval*)
- Submit any Early Action applications - if needed (*Check with Launch for approval*)
- Create an FSA ID with a Parent/Guardian
- Gather Tax Info & Prepare the FAFSA
- Research Application Fee Waivers (*If needed*)
- Register for SAT or ACT (*SAT Subject Tests if required by colleges*)
- Work on Art School/ Film Portfolio
- Create Rec Letter Thank You Notes
- Complete November Scholarships & Begin December Scholarships

## Dec

- Let's Hit Submit On Early Apps w/ Launch
- Be prepared for any January 1st & 15th application deadlines by applying early
- Submit the FAFSA If You Haven't Already
- Meet with TRIO if you attend a LPS school
- Submit CSS Profiles (*If Requested By Specific Colleges - know which colleges require it early*)
- Submit Updated HS Transcript to Launch
- Finalize and Submit Art School/Film Portfolio
- Last Call for SAT or ACT Registration
- Submit Official SAT Score Reports Through CollegeBoard
- Distribute Any Rec Letter Thank You Notes
- Complete December Scholarships & Begin January Scholarships



### PRO-TIP

Send in your free SAT/ACT score reports when you register for the exam.



### TIME SENSITIVE

Request your letters of recommendation early on.



### DID YOU KNOW?

National Portfolio Day is virtual this year. Register on their website!

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## Jan

- Ensure Any Remaining College Applications Are Submitted Prior To Their Deadlines
- Confirm That Your Colleges Have Received All Required Application Materials  
*(Check your portal first! If not, email Admissions)*
- Submit the FAFSA & Any Other Documents
- Submit CSS Profile  
*(Only if the private college requires it)*
- Bring ALL Financial Aid Award Letters You Receive to Launch
- Review Your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) with Launch
- Distribute Rec Letter Thank You Notes
- Complete January Scholarships
- Begin February Scholarships
- Submit Art School/ Film Portfolios

## Feb

- Be Prepared For February 1st & 15th Application Deadlines By Applying Early
- Share ALL Admissions Decision Letters with Launch
- Turn In & Discuss ALL Financial Aid Award Letters with Project Launch
- Review Your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) with Launch
- If You're Selected For FAFSA Verification, Order Your Tax Transcript & Submit the Required Documents to Each College *(Check-in with Launch for help)*
- Confirm That Your Colleges Have All Required Application & Financial Aid Materials
- Frequently Check Your Email and Mailbox *(Be aware of deadlines and missing items!)*
- Complete February Scholarships & Begin March Scholarships

## Mar

- Be Prepared For March 1st & Rolling Application Deadlines By Applying Early
- Share ALL Admissions Decision Results with Launch
- Bring ALL Financial Aid Award Letters You Receive to Project Launch
- Stay Active in School - Colleges Will Require Your Mid-year & Final Transcripts
- If You're Selected For FAFSA Verification, Ensure Each College Has Received ALL Required Documents
- Prepare & Study for Any Advanced Placement (AP) Exams You Plan To Take
- Tour the Campus & Attend Any Accepted Student Days
- Complete March Scholarships
- Begin April Scholarships



### PRO-TIP

Scholarship season is in full swing! Inquire about local scholarships.



### BUILD YOUR BEST SELF

Find volunteer opportunities to strengthen your resume.



### STAY ORGANIZED

Keep your admissions decisions organized and track the status of each application.

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## Apr

- Schedule a Meeting with Launch to Discuss Your Final Decision *(Turn In ALL Financial Aid Letters to Launch)*
- Visit Final Choice Colleges & Attend Events for Accepted Students
- Submit Your Deposit to College of Choice *(Meet w/ Launch Before Paying Your Deposit!)*
- Update FAFSA If Corrections Are Necessary Using the Data Retrieval Tool
- Contact Any Colleges You Have Not Heard From *(Call/ Email Admissions!)*
- Contact the Financial Aid Offices of the Colleges You Were Accepted To
- Notify Project Launch of Any Scholarships You Apply For/Receive
- Complete April Scholarships & Begin May Scholarships

## May

- Ensure Your Enrollment Deposit Was Received *(Congrats you're in college!)*
- Schedule a Meeting with Launch to Discuss Your Final Decision *(Turn In Award Letters to Launch)*
- Check Your Email & Portal *(Your college will be notifying you of your next steps)*
- Check with the Financial Aid Office to Ensure You Have the Correct Balance
- Complete Any Financial Aid Appeals
- Meet with Launch to Discuss Loans Options to Cover Your Balance
- Notify Colleges You Will NOT Be Attending
- Notify Project Launch of Any Scholarships You Apply For/Receive
- Complete May Scholarships & Begin June Scholarships
- Follow Through w/ Senior Obligations to Earn RAW Hoodie

## June

- Frequently Check Your Email & Portals *(Be aware of deadlines and missing items!)*
- Inform Your Guidance Counselor of Your Final Decision
- Ask Your High School to Send Your Final Transcript to Your Chosen College
- Know Your Balance & Apply For Loans to Cover Any Remaining Costs
- Complete June Scholarships *(It's not too late to apply)*
- Notify Project Launch of Any Scholarships You Apply For/Receive
- Defeat Senioritis - Complete Obligations
- RSVP for the RAW Senior Celebration
- Join RAW Alumni Facebook Page
- Apply for FLY by Completing the FLY Enrollment Survey



### MONEY TALKS

Schedule a meeting with Project Launch to analyze your award letters.



### FIGHT SENIORITIS

Stay actively engaged in school and prioritize time management during those last busy weeks!



### SAVE THE DATE

May 1st is National Decision Day!