



TIMELINE

12th Grade

July, August & September

- Meet with your guidance counselor and parents. Again, be sure that you comply with NCAA Core Course requirements. Discuss Advanced Placement opportunities, financial aid opportunities other than athletic scholarships, and your academic potential at the schools on your list.
- Finalize application essay topics. These essays are a very important aspect of the packet, and admissions directors place great emphasis on them.
- Remember that college coaches can begin making contact after July 1 before your senior year.
- Continue to maintain your SportsWorx web site and to track college hits.
- Continue to market yourself to college coaches.
- Obtain current NCAA Guide for the College Bound Student Athlete.
- Verify dates for the ACT and SAT tests and registration deadlines.
- Review NCAA, NAIA, and NJCAA recruiting rules.
- Meet with your coaches for an athletic assessment. Discuss with them the schools you are interested in, and get their input on what improvement you need to make.
- Make arrangements for a current highlight video, and upload the footage to your SportsWorx Athlete Portfolio.
- Refine the list of schools you are interested in based on a realistic assessment of your academic and athletic standing.
- Make official college visits. Your SportsWorx representative will explain the parameters of official visits as you only are allowed to make a certain number of official visits, which are paid for by the school.
- Continue to expand your extra-curricular activities and community service involvement.

October, November & December

- Discuss the proper application procedure with college coaches. Remember that not all sports offer full scholarships, and coaches can help you to obtain information on admissions policies and additional financial aid options.
- Update the college portfolio in which you track your marketing efforts and contacts with college coaches.
- Review application essays with teachers and parents for suggestions and proofreading.
- Complete and file early admission applications.
- Check application deadlines for schools you are interested in. Schools often fill their out-of-state enrollments quite early. Don't be caught short.
- Apply to at least one school that will meet your needs if you do not play a sport.
- Get tax records and other financial information needed to prepare financial aid forms.
- Work with your parents to prepare financial aid forms.
- If highly recruited, ask your coach to help with persistent recruiters.
- Make sure your SAT or ACT is better than the minimum NCAA qualifying score. It is also important to make sure that your scores will meet the entrance requirements for the school you are interested in attending. Some schools require higher scores than others.
- Talk with your coach to assess your potential and what he or she thinks is best for you.
- Meet with your guidance counselor and make sure that you will graduate with at least 16 core course credits.

January, February & March

- File financial aid forms as soon as possible after January 1.
- Take final visits to schools you have applied to.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to verify that all transcript information is complete and accurate.
- Make sure that your core course GPA is above 2.0 (2.5 would be better).
- Market - market - market yourself. Explore all options (NCJAA, NAIA, NCAA D1, D2 & D3).
- Continue to update and improve your SportsWorx Athlete Portfolio.
- Compare all offers and sign with your choice of schools.
- Keep working to be the perfect student/athlete.

April, May & June

- Notify the college you have chosen to attend.
- Notify those colleges you have chosen not to attend.
- Send letters to coaches thanking them for their interest and informing them of your decision.
- Have your counselor send final grades, proof of graduation, and other data to the college you have chosen to attend.