

# CollegeReadyParent.org — 12th Grade Checklist

- Finalize your college list

- Include reach, match, and safety schools with known deadlines.

- Retake ACT/SAT if needed

- Aim for scholarship cutoffs — many schools superscore.

- Write and revise application essays

- Use real feedback. Focus on growth, identity, or purpose.

- Submit college applications

- Common App, institutional apps, and early action where possible.

- Submit the FAFSA after October 1

- Use your 2024 tax info; list all colleges you're applying to.

- Apply for scholarships (school & national)

- Track deadlines — many close between October and February.

- Send transcripts and test scores

- Confirm each college has received all required documents.

- Compare financial aid offers

- Understand grants vs loans; use a net price calculator if needed.

- Make your college decision

- Most deadlines are May 1. Submit deposits and housing forms.

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