

## College Admission 101

As a senior, the college application process falls into three stages:

1. **Applying:** This step usually occurs during the first semester of senior year and involves finishing up college visits, speaking with admissions reps, completing research and compiling a list of possible colleges, taking college entrance exams for a last time, completing applications and meeting deadlines.
2. **Waiting:** Once all the applications have been sent, the replies will come in either on a rolling basis or by an early April date depending on the particular college. During this time, continue to work and earn good grades, which will help for mid-year transcripts sent out to all of your colleges.
3. **Deciding:** This decision will be one of the most difficult you will have to make. Speak with your parents, revisit colleges, and compare financial aid packages. You will most likely have to notify your schools by a strict May 1 deadline.

### Application Checklist

*Learn it, Live it, Love it*

The first step for the actual application process is to visit each college's website that details undergraduate admissions requirements. Follow each step and check it off as you go. The following are the parts of your college application for each school.

- Admissions application (online vs. paper)
- College essays or personal statements are typically required by may be optional (may copy and paste from Word)
- Application fees (range from \$0 to \$75 or more per school)
- SAT/ACT scores directly to each college
- Secondary School Reports
- Official Transcripts
- School Profile
- Letter of Recommendation(s)