

Time Table for Applying to Graduate School

During your Junior Year

- Begin thinking about where you'd like to apply.
- Request catalogs and applications, browse websites, talk with career counselors to help you develop a course of action for graduate school.
- Determine admission requirements of programs you are interested in.
- Begin preparing for standardized tests.
- Begin budgeting for paying fee waivers or look in to which schools provide fee exemptions.

During your Senior Year

Summer through September

- If you haven't already done so, take the necessary standardized tests.
- Consider which faculty members to ask for letters of recommendation.
- Prepare a Resume or CV for programs that require them.

September through October

- Research sources of financial aid.
- Write a draft of your statement of purpose, and have others review it.
- Ask faculty members to write letters of recommendation.

November through December

- Arrange for your official transcripts to be sent to each program to which you apply.
- Apply for fellowships and other sources of financial aid.
- Finalize essays and statement of purpose.

January

- Complete the application forms for each program.
- Mail your applications.

February

- Don't freak out while waiting to hear back from schools. Stay focused on your studies.
- Start planning for admission interviews.
- Fill out the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application.

March through April

- Visit Schools to which you have been accepted.
- Notify schools about which programs you are accepting or declining.

May

- Graduate!
- Send final, updated transcripts to programs that require them.

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