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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