

STUDENT GOALS CHECKLIST FOR

Seniors

AUGUST-DECEMBER

- Apply for admission to your top 3-6 schools**
The Common App (commonapp.org) opens August 1, so you can apply before you start your senior year of high school!
- Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov> — it's available beginning October 1.
- Continue to **visit colleges**, and ask if you can meet with professors, coaches and financial aid experts. Schedule a visit to Hood at hood.edu/visit
- Keep in mind, many college students change their major two or three times. **Don't make a college choice based solely on major.**
- Request letters of recommendation** from teachers, counselors, coaches, employers, etc.
- Submit applications for scholarships** offered by colleges and local, state and national organizations. Visit hood.edu/scholarships.

JANUARY-APRIL

- Compare and evaluate the financial award packages** as you receive them from each college.
- Visit your top choice schools again** this will help you make your decision and allow you to see things you didn't see on your first visit. Many schools will host spring events specifically for students ready to make their college decision. Hood hosts Accepted Students' Day every year—find out more at hood.edu/asd.
- National College Decision Day is May 1.**
Decide and commit to a college on or before this date to secure your place in the incoming class.



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