

# Life After Ombudsman: Senior Year Timeline [NCAA]

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Start of School

- Review your ACT/SAT scores and determine if you need to retake the test to improve your score.
- Register now to retake or take the ACT/SAT if you have not taken it yet.
- Plan virtual tours, where possible, and organize trips over spring break to visit colleges.

## August to December

- See your school counselor, center staff, or academic advisor to verify you are on track to graduate and you will fulfill college admission requirements.
- Start asking for personal references and recommendation letters from teachers, counselors, or employers. Ask in advance so you will have the information in time to complete the college application.
- Connect with college reps through visits, fairs, or other opportunities.
- Be sure to have a volunteer efforts tracking tool and have continued documenting your volunteer involvement.
- Start applying for admission to the colleges you've chosen. Begin writing your college essay(s).
- Check if you qualify for any scholarships at each college that you applied at.
- Start the financial aid application process.
- Check with your center staff or academic advisor for any help with the financial aid forms, scholarship information or help with the college admission process.
- Complete College Application {community college or technical school}
- Complete a resume [optional Linked In: Professional Network Profile]
- Create a cover letter or letter of interest.

Any **additional important deadlines** that you must meet in order to reach you goal:

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## January to May

- Complete the FAFSA online. [View help video: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kor\\_9cK593M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kor_9cK593M)] If you need additional help, see center staff or academic advisor.
- Provide your home school the list of schools to which you are applying.
- Decide on the college you want to attend and let them know of your decision.
- Make note of due dates for required paperwork and fees due.
- Notify the schools that you did not choose of your decision to not attend.
- Continue to look for scholarship opportunities.
- Make note of financial aid and scholarship due dates.
- You should receive your SAR (Student Aid Report) after your FAFSA is filed.
- Sign and send your promissory note if you intend to borrow money.
- Have obtained 3 reference letters.
- Complete a job application.
- Complete and present Career Presentation.
- Be sure that all completed elements of the Senior Portfolio have been compiled

## June to August

- Make sure your final transcript is sent to the school you will be attending.  
[Make a records request at <http://www.ombudsman.com> if you will receive the OES diploma]
- Consider summer employment to help pay for expenses.
- If, going away to college, make a list of things to take with you.
- Wait until after the first class meets to buy books for that class, to ensure that you purchase only necessary materials.

## Three accomplishments that you hope to achieve after leaving Ombudsman:

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- Meet with your counselor, center staff, or academic advisor to ensure that you are meeting all graduation and NCAA requirements.
- Sign the final authorization online on or after April 1 if you are expecting to enroll in college in the fall semester. (If you are expecting to enroll for spring semester, sign the final authorization signature on or after October 1 of the year prior to enrollment.)
- Have your high school guidance counselor, or ombudsman records staff [[http://www.ombudsman.com/students\\_fam/Forms.aspx](http://www.ombudsman.com/students_fam/Forms.aspx)] send a final transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Review the amateurism questionnaire responses and request final amateur certification on or after April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees).
- Attend college fairs and financial aid workshops.
- Retake the ACT and/or SAT if necessary. The Eligibility Center will use the best scores from each section of the ACT or SAT to determine your best cumulative score.
- Refine your college list and apply for admission.
- Be aware of recruiting rules regarding campus visits.
- Complete FAFSA after January 1.
- Sit down with your parents and coach to list the pros and cons of each school you are considering.
- Be sure of your final choice before signing any papers.
- Let coaches know when their school is no longer in the running. Thank them!
- Make your final college decision based on a meaningful education, excellent career preparation and a satisfying athletic experience – IN THAT ORDER!