THINKING OF GRADUATE SCHOOL???

This timeline will help guide you through the process.

**JUNIOR YEAR**

- Research potential graduate programs.
- Schedule campus visits.
- Begin preparing for admission tests.

**Summer before Senior Year**

- Determine the schools to which you will apply. Do a timeline of application deadlines.
- Sign up for required admission tests. Begin to study/prep. Make sure timing of test and score reporting will make application deadline.
- Review applications for personal statement request/question. Write a draft of your personal statement.

**SENIOR YEAR**

**August/September**

- Continue to study for admission tests.
- Approach professors to review your personal statement and discuss programs of interest.

**October/November**

- Take admission test(s) and have scores sent to your chosen school(s).
- Approach faculty members and/or employers for letters of recommendation after reviewing process on application. Provide recommenders with a copy of your personal statement and resume. Give recommenders an appropriate amount of time and materials with clear instructions.
- Order and forward official transcripts from all colleges attended, unless the applications state otherwise.

**December/January/February**

- Photocopy application(s) and keep them for your record.
- Complete application(s) to school(s) to which you are applying by deadline date(s).
- Request scholarship/fellowship/assistantship information from all schools to which you applied.
- File your FAFSA online if interested in any type of financial aid (i.e. scholarships, grants, and student loans).
- Verify with school(s) whether application is complete.

**March/April/May**

- Submit admission response to the graduate/professional schools to which you have been accepted.
- Send thank you letters to all individuals who helped you in the process!

*Be sure to pay attention to deadlines. You will need to adjust this timeline to meet various program deadlines and instructions.*

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