



For High School Seniors: Five ways to finish your college applications before the end of the year

You're almost there! With most college applications due in December and January, now is the time to focus and complete your applications by the end of the year. Here are five ways to make sure you do just that.

1. Keep track of application deadlines

It's important not to miss any deadlines as you complete your applications. If you've created a college list at BigFuture, you'll have all the dates in a single calendar. You can also visit college websites and the [college profiles](#) on BigFuture to check on dates.

2. Put the finishing touches on your college essays

You've worked hard, and now's the time to incorporate any final feedback from parents, teachers and counselors. [Check out these last minute essay tips too.](#)

3. Prepare for college interviews

Lots of college interviews take place during November and December, before application deadlines. Make sure you know if the colleges you are applying to requires an interview. [And check out this advice on how to prepare.](#)

4. Check your high school transcript for accuracy

Your transcript contains all the courses you've taken and the grades you've earned. It's important to make sure it's accurate. You'll also want to make sure you know your school's procedures for requesting transcripts. Here are some [tips for helping your counselor help you](#) with your transcript and other tasks during this busy time.

5. Keep up with those grades

Colleges will look at your [mid-year grades](#) before making a final decision. Find out how these students [kept their motivation](#) during senior year.

There's a lot to do, but you're ready for it—and you can get last minute answers and advice on applying to college at BigFuture. Visit bigfuture.org to find your path to college.