

# The Ideal Admissions Timeline

## **Freshman – Senior Year**

- Work hard to maintain GPA and prepare / take the ACT or SAT until you reach your scholarship goal.

## **Sophomore / Junior Year:**

- Begin your college search online and at college fairs

## **Junior Year:**

- Begin visiting your top 5 or 6 schools

## **Senior Year:**

- August
  - Apply to your top 5 or 6 schools (look for application fee waiver deadlines)
- September – November
  - Visit your top 2 or 3 schools a second time (stay overnight, go to class, meet faculty, eat in the dining commons, attend chapel services)
  - If any new schools showed up on your list, visit them as well
  - Be aware of application fee waivers and their deadlines
  - Send in updated transcripts and test scores in order to continue toward acceptance
  - Determine scholarship and grant requirements and apply (from both your community and the your colleges of choice)
  - Make sure you have grant and scholarship applications turned in by the respective deadlines (may be in winter or spring)
- January
  - Begin the FAFSA process for federal aid
  - Continue applying for scholarships and grants
- February – March
  - Finish and Submit the FAFSA (March 10 final deadline for Indiana state grants for Indiana residents)
  - Be aware of any “deposit” deadlines
- March – April
  - Make any needed final visits
  - Consider making a college choice
- May
  - Make a college choice
  - Submit student deposit
- June
  - Registration Weekend / Orientation Events