Determine early application strategy Confirm which schools you want to apply to early, and make a schedule of all of their deadlines.
Write supplemental essays Use these essays as an opportunity to express your personality, showcase your achievements and interests, and demonstrate why you're a perfect fit for the school.
Finish additional/unique application materials These include test scores, art portfolios, music auditions, peer recommendations, interviews, videos, and any other college-specific application requirements.
Send applications to a second reader for review Ask someone who knows you really well to read through your application, suggest any edits, and give you honest, unbiased feedback.
Revise as needed Carefully consider your second reader's comments!
Submit applications Make sure to double-check on the application portal that you've included everything you intend to submit.
Interview Determine whether you need to contact the college's admissions office or if they'll reach out to you. During the interview, be yourself, smile, and make it conversational!



Receive EA/ED decisions Check to see the status of your early applications and adjust your RD gameplan accordingly.
Write letters of continued interest, if necessary Update any colleges with what you've been up to or accomplished between now and the time that you submitted your application. Send the letter to the college's admissions office.
Complete RD applications Final stretch! Finish writing the rest of your applications and repeat the above points as needed.

