

# BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2021

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## SENIOR TIMELINE

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Go to [Senior Resources](#) on the Counseling website for resources and this timeline.

### September

- Review your graduation requirements in Skyward.
- Take or retake the ACT and/or SAT. Register at SAT.org or ACT.org.
  - Many colleges **do not require** a college entrance exam for students entering Fall 2021. Check the admissions requirements at the colleges of your choice.
- If you are an athlete planning to play for a Division I or II school, apply to the NCAA Eligibility Center, or NAIA for smaller colleges. [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org).
- Start college applications.
- Gather information needed to complete a FAFSA or WASFA application. Log on at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for a worksheet and information. Only use the official website; other sites may try to charge you money.
- Apply for a Federal Student Aid ID. This is available at [www.fsaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaid.ed.gov). Student and a parent each need a FSA ID.
- Complete an academic resume. See the example at [Career Center](#). Give your resume to your teachers and counselor when asking for letters of recommendation. Give at least 2 weeks' notice when asking for a letter of recommendation.
- Submit a Permission to Release Transcript on the Counseling website: [Transcript Requests](#). Transcripts will not be released without your permission.
- Check [Scholarships](#) on the Career Center website frequently and complete scholarships throughout the year.
- Start your Dollars for Scholars profile: [www.whatcom.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.whatcom.dollarsforscholars.org).
- Check the [Career Center](#) website for college information.

### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Applications accepted at many colleges.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Complete the FAFSA online as soon as possible on or after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Complete the 2021-2022 application.
- District College Fair - TBD
- Financial Aid Workshops and FAFSA/WASFA Completion Support: TBD
- Check CSS Profile website to see if your college uses this financial aid resource.  
<http://student.collegeboard.org/profile>

### November

- Complete and submit college applications.
- Early decision for some private colleges.

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Deadline to request counselor and teacher recommendations for college applications due in January.

### March/April

- College acceptance letters and Financial Aid letters start arriving.
- Review FAFSA award and check that it is correct and all paperwork is completed.
- Find out when payment for tuition, room and board, meal plans, etc. are due.

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Deadline to make college decision.
- Submit request to send final transcript to colleges. The form is on the Counseling website: [Transcript Requests](#)
- AP Exams

### June

- Graduation – Date TBD

# COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING RESOURCES

## COLLEGE & CAREER

- [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org) (site ID: cfx345)
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
- [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [www.readysetgrad.org](http://www.readysetgrad.org)

## COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

- ACT: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- SAT: [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)

**FINANCIAL AID** – APPLICATION OPENS October 1<sup>st</sup> and will use 2019 tax information

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- [www.student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile](http://www.student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- [www.collegewhale.com](http://www.collegewhale.com)
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
- [www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org) – WA Scholarships
- [www.whatcomdollarsforscholars.org](http://www.whatcomdollarsforscholars.org) – Local Scholarships

## BHS COUNSELING AND CAREER CENTER

- [www.bellingham.bellinghamschools.org/students/counseling.org](http://www.bellingham.bellinghamschools.org/students/counseling.org)