

## **COLLEGE ESSAY GUIDE: WHEN SHOULD I START MY COLLEGE APPLICATION?**

What's up guys it's Josh today I'm gonna be talking about when exactly it should start your college application and more specifically when you start writing this essay well people always ask me hey Josh when did you start your college application well the truth is I started my application about midway through the summer after my junior year but what's more important than when I started my application to what schedule and deadlines I set for myself stay on track and make sure that I got only as they've done.

If there's one piece of advice I can give you guys throughout this college application process is to start early which you've probably heard from and make your own deadlines and stick to them they're going to be the most helpful thing. What I did was I laid out a list of all the [system to write my essay fast](#) that I had to write all the common APIs and all this supplement essays for each school that I applied to and their deadlines. Afterwards I could mark on my calendar what essay I needed to get done at what time. what I ended up doing is dividing the essay into certain groups by their deadline. your specific deadline system going to be set up a little differently depending on what schools you're applying to but I thought I would share mine to give you a little idea of how I organized throughout this process I divided my applications into four distinct parts first was a common application.

### **I began working on that halfway through the summer about mid-july**

I set my deadline for the common application and this big common app essay to be the end of August. I would be done with the common application by the time school start my second group of applications included the Air Force Academy and the applications for each of the three nomination that I applied for which will remind two senators and my one congressman for my district. I wanted to have at least one month to complete these applications. I've set my deadline for those as October 1st. I would have the whole month September to work on those complete the third group of application was the three schools that I was applying to earlier which were Georgia Tech the University of Virginia and Stanford. each of those had two or three smaller supplement as they that I needed to complete. I also set a one month deadline for those.

I had the whole month of October to complete those with a November 1st deadline that seemed to work really well for me the fourth and last group of application was MIT Yale and Princeton all of these applications were due by January 1st and I set my deadline for January person also with the last group. I had about half of November and all of December to finish those several in ten states. that's the basic outline of how I set up my deadlines for college applications and your should be pretty similar. I honestly recommend finishing the common app part of your application before summer is up and then dividing your application into the early applications and the regular applications and trying to get those supplements done on time I hope my point of view and my way of organizing these applications was helpful to you and hopefully it gave you a little bit of insight. you can start organizing and sending your deadlines now before summer is up but like I said once you set the deadline you have to stick to them otherwise you'll get behind and you'll end up trying to write three or four essays like the night before they're due and you just can't do that I mean these are your college essays some of the most important things you're right in your life they need to be absolutely perfect for the admissions officers one last piece of advice start working on the essays early because you all have to edit them over and over and over again. you need to give yourself enough time to make the edit if you would like me to maybe read out my common app essay or meet some advice on how I edit my essays please comment down below and I'd love to make those videos and please comment down below any other video ideas you have pertaining to the college application process or maybe my acceptance to Yale I would love to make some more videos for you guys and if you found this video remotely helpful at all we like to subscribe it really does help a lot more than you think it does this is day 3 and my daily video challenge I will be continuing to put out more daily videos on the college application process and my life at Yale in the future. please subscribe if you'd like to see more