

FIRST GENERATION- SENIOR Q&A

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STEP 1: WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS

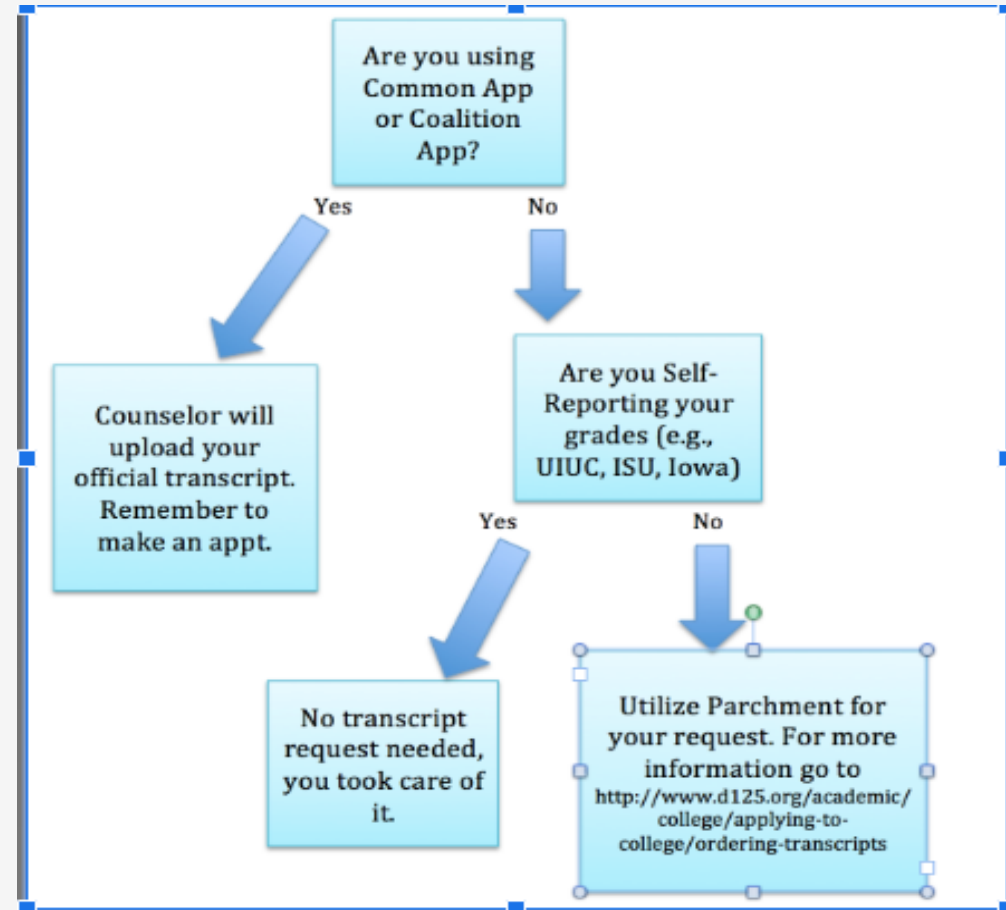
- Are you remaining in the US?
- Gap Year
- 2 year
- 4 year
- Work
- Military
- 5 P' s of College Search

STEP 2: VISIT THE COLLEGE WEBSITES

- Look for admissions requirements
- Visit each colleges Financial Aid page
- Consider visiting the college campus
- Look at International student requirements
- Net price calculator for each school

STEP 3: TRANSCRIPTS

- Common App- your counselor submits your transcript. Be sure to invite them!
- Non Common App- you have to use Parchment (parchment.com). You create an account and send it to the university yourself
- If you've been at another school (out of the country) consider having your previous school send your transcript to the university.



STEP 4: STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

- It is your responsibility to send your test scores to the college
- Order official scores at www.act.org or www.collegeboard.org

STEP 5: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- **Letters of Recommendation**

- Check each university to see if it is required
- Teacher Letter vs. Counselor Letter
- Brag Sheet

- **Essays**

- Optional essays are not optional, Write!
- Highlight what makes you unique
- Be sure to answer the essay question and don't hide if there was a problem, this is your chance to explain it

STEP 6: FINANCIAL AID/FAFSA

- <https://www.isac.org/students/before-college/financial-aid-planning/>
- Register with a free database (fastweb.com)
- ISAC Rep
- Ms. Deja Dyas
- IL Student Assistance Commission
- Deja.dyas@illinois.gov
- 847-257-2283

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

- Be mindful of each college's deadline. It varies from school to school
- November 1- Early Action, Early Decision
- ALL four-year university applications should be filed by Saturday, Nov. 30th (Thanksgiving Weekend).
- Aim to finish entire college application process.

If applying to a 2 year college (i.e. College of Lake County), students should file by March 1st.

CONSIDERING MILITARY AND/OR ROTC?

- **Military week will be Nov. 11th - 15th**

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

- Nov. 30 - SHS deadline for all “other” 4-year college applications
- Jan - Complete the Stevenson Foundation Scholarship Application
- Jan. 25 - [GAP Year Fair](#) at New Trier High School
- Mar. 1 - SHS deadline for 2-year college applications
- Mar. 13 - Summer Job Fair
- May 1 - National Candidate Reply Date

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QUESTIONS????