

COLLEGE & COFFEE NIGHT

2020

College Application Process

Objectives

- College Application Process
- Letter of Recommendation Procedures
- Common Application
- Applications (Individual school, Coalition)
- Naviance
- Scholarships
- Standardized Testing
- AP Testing

Preparing to Apply

- College Search on Naviance
- Colleges are offering Virtual Tours. Visit college websites for information.
- Finalize list of schools to apply to
 - Remember that applications range from \$0 to \$80
- Types of schools to apply to:
Reach - Match - Safety
- Stay organized
 - deadline dates, fees, what needs to be submitted



Letters of Recommendation

- If you haven't already asked a teacher to write a letter of recommendation, please do so ASAP!
- Request a google meet with the teacher so you can ask "in person"
- Send a request, via naviance, so the teacher can upload their letter on Naviance
- Communicate deadline dates with teacher(s)
-please use the Teacher Recommendation form
- Allow one month notice for teachers to write letters.
- Do NOT wait until the last minute!
- Write a thank you letter. It takes a lot of time and effort for teachers to write a letter.

Early Decision vs. Early Action

•Early decision plans are binding. You agree to attend the college if it accepts you and offers an adequate financial aid package. Although you can apply to only one college for early decision, you may apply to other colleges through the regular admission process. If you're accepted by your first-choice college early, you must withdraw all other applications.

•Early action plans are similar to early decision plans, but are not binding. If you've been accepted, you can choose to commit to the college immediately, or wait until the spring. Under these plans, you may also apply early action to other colleges. Usually, you have until the late spring to let the college know your decision.



Email Address

Email addresses are necessary for online application accounts. Please make sure your address is appropriate--and students should **NOT** use their school email.



Who Sends What? Application Components

Student Sends/Submits

Application

Supplement Forms*

Essay

Payment

Official SAT/ACT Scores

(Go to your college board account to request score reports to be sent to each college you are applying to)

Resume (Optional)

***If required by college**

Counselor Sends/Submits

Official Transcript*

Report Card (Q1 grades)*

**School Counselor and teacher
Letters of
Recommendation***

School Profile*

Counselor Forms*

**Mid-Year Report (S1 grades)*
*Final Report/Transcript**

Naviance

- During the application process, students are expected to use Naviance E-Docs. By using Naviance E-Docs, our staff at SHS will be able to electronically submit transcripts and letters of recommendation to over 2,000 colleges/universities, including all Common App schools. Common App matching allows students to match their Naviance Student account to the Common App.
- Online submission of Documents and Requests will be made through Naviance Student.

Naviance

Add all colleges to Colleges I'm Thinking about-then click on the box next to the colleges you plan to apply to and click move to applications. When you move to applications **MAKE SURE** you check the box that says add and request transcript. Note which type of application you are requesting (early action, early decision, regular decision).

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student interface. At the top left is the logo "Naviance | Student". On the right side of the top navigation bar are links for "Home", "Colleges", "Careers", "About Me", and "My Planner". Below the navigation bar is a dark grey header with the text "Colleges I'm applying to" on the left and a search bar "Search for colleges" on the right. A pink banner below the header contains a message: "It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started." with a "Match Accounts" button. Below the banner is a white area with navigation options: "Manage Transcripts", "Application Milestones", "Compare Me", and a red circular button with a white plus sign. At the bottom left, there is a legend: "* = extended profile available". A large grey arrow points from the legend towards a button labeled "+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS" at the bottom right.

Common App Matching

- Go to www.commonapp.org
- Create a username and password
- Fill out information as First-Year Student
- Complete the Education tab and the Family Educational Rights (FERPA) Waiver. SHS School Counseling Department recommends that students waive his/her right to access his/her recommendation letter.
- List the schools you plan to apply to under my colleges tab
- Return to Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying To” page. Insert the email address you used to create your Common App account. This is a CRITICAL step as it will allow us to send supporting documents (transcripts and letters of recommendation) electronically.
- [Common App Matching Video](#)

Upcoming Test Dates

(All dates subject to change)

- SAT: August 29, Sept 26, Oct 3, Nov 7
- Register at www.sat.collegeboard.org

SHS will be hosting a School Day SAT for class of 2021 on Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

ALL SAT test dates are at SHS!

- ACT: September 12, Oct 24
- Register at www.actstudent.org

ACT tests at either Westerly or Fitch HS

Scholarships

- When to apply?
- How to apply?
- What is needed?
- Who are they for?
- How do I find them?
- Who can help me?




SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Search on Naviance

Name	Deadline	Maximum Award	Merit based	Need based	Essay req	Service req
Meggie Dawn Memorial Scholarship	5/30	\$1,000	✓		✓	
10 Words or Less Scholarship	6/30	\$500			✓	
Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship	6/12	\$1,000		✓	✓	
Active Life Scholarship	12/31	\$1,000				
AES Engineering Solutions Scholarship	10/6	\$500			✓	
Alpha Delta Kappa- Connecticut ETA Scholarship	4/7	\$750	✓	✓	✓	
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Connecticut Affiliate	3/15	\$1,000			✓	✓
American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarships	5/15	\$1,000 (35)			✓	
American Foreign Service Association Scholarships (2)	3/15	\$30,000				
American Indian College Fund Scholarships	5/31	Varies				
Arborjet Taking Root Scholarship Program	6/1	\$1,000 (10)				
Arctic Physical Therapy Scholarship	8/31	\$500			✓	

Scholarship Qualifications

Burger King Scholars Program

Name	Burger King Scholars Program
Category	No categories assigned
Organization	Burger King
Primary contact	N/A
Address	
Phone	N/A
Fax	N/A
Email	N/A
Website	bkmclamorefoundation.org 
Application form	N/A
Deadline	12/15
Maximum award	\$1,000 – \$50,000
Renewable	N/A
Award basis	Need based
Description	Scholarship grants range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and are intended to help students offset the cost of attending college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. Recipients are selected based on their grade point average (GPA), work experience, extracurricular activities and community service.

Additional Communication

Career Center

Career Center Coordinator

Janice Lamb

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**Mrs. Lamb sends mass emails to
Seniors about scholarships, college visits,
and community service opportunities.**

UCONN Scholarships--Nutmeg/Day of Pride

Students must meet the following criteria to qualify for Day of Pride:

3.5 or higher GPA

AND

1170 SAT or 24 ACT

AND

Leadership

AND

Demonstrated commitment to multicultural diversity programs in school and/or community

UCONN Nutmeg/Day of Pride

Students must meet the following criteria to qualify for Nutmeg:

3.5 or higher GPA

AND

1370 SAT or 30 ACT

AND

Involved in leadership activities in school or community

UCONN Nutmeg/Day of Pride (con't)

UCONN **MUST** receive **ALL** documents by **November 1** for students to be eligible.

All documents include the following:

Completed Application

Test Scores

Letters of recommendation

Transcript

Questions?

Good Luck Stonington HS Class of 2021!

Please contact your child's school counselor with any questions or concerns. Class of 2021 counselor assignments-

Carrie Dentch	A-C
Margo Crowley	D-E
Maureen Steinhoff	F-H
Holly Saad	I-R
Jennifer Solomon	S-Z