



[What is Utah College Application Week?](#)

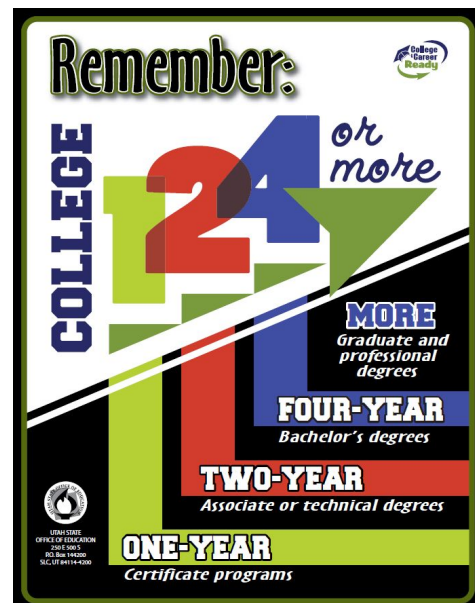
# Welcome to UCAW 2020! Davis High October 5-8

**\*You should have received a school email to sign up for a time if you want to begin filling out college applications in Lab 1101 on October 5 or October 6.**

[Sign up for a lab time if you have not yet done so by clicking here.](#)

## College Applications - Let's get started! 1 - 2 - 4 - or more!

The counselors at Davis High want to help you prepare for your future. You will soon enter the next stage in your life; your plans may include going to a university, college or Tech/Trade school after high school, for others it's starting a career immediately. Either way, we want to help you be successful after high school.





# Are you Planning on Going to College?

Follow the instructions below!



Here are some videos to review your options:

[Is College Worth the Time and Money?](#)

[Do You Need a College Degree to be Happy?](#)

\*\*\*If you haven't started any college applications, you will need to create a new account for each college. We recommend that you keep a login and password sheet so that you can get back into any application you haven't finished. You can use a password tracker app or you can keep track on this [Password Tracker Google Doc](#)

**Step #1:** Let's begin applying to college! Navigate to the website of the college of your choice and let's start an application.

*[Feel free to apply to as many colleges as you would like!](#)*

**Choose your Utah College or you can google your out of state college .**

See [2020 Application fee waiver information](#) for details and codes for waivers to select schools. There is help, if you can't afford to pay application fees.



## UTAH Colleges and Universities

[BYU Provo, Idaho, & Hawaii](#)

[Dixie State University\\*](#) ([apply for free during October!](#))

[Ensign College](#)

[Salt Lake Community College](#)

\*\*\*if you are a concurrent enrollment student at SLCC, you just need to fill out an Application Update Form on your SLCC My Page. Ask your counselor for help!

[Snow College\\*](#) ([apply for free during October!](#)) Open House- Thursday, October 22, 5:00-8:00pm, Davis Conference Center, 1651 N. 700 W. Layton

[Southern Utah University\\*](#) ([apply for free during October!](#))

[University of Utah\\*](#) ([apply for free through Common App during October!](#))

[Utah State University](#) Open House- Monday, October 19, 3:00-8:00pm, Davis Conference Center, 1651 N. 700 W., Layton. This is a great opportunity for your students to meet with the USU admissions staff, learn more about housing, majors, financial aid and scholarships. Also, for those students who qualify for an academic scholarship, if they bring their **ACT, Official HS Transcript and apply before they come**, they can receive an academic scholarship on the spot.

[Utah Valley University\\*](#) ([apply for a discounted fee if you attend their open house!](#))

[Weber State University](#)

\*\*\*if you are a concurrent enrollment student at Weber State., you just need to make a Status Switch on your Wildcat page. [Weber State Status Switch instructions](#)

[Westminster College\\*](#) ([apply for free using Common App or Westminster application during October!](#))

### **Step #2: SEND YOUR Davis High TRANSCRIPTS!**

<https://dhs.davis.k12.ut.us/parents-students/counseling-center/transcript-requests>

### **Step #3: SEND any College TRANSCRIPTS with CE credit!**

Log onto your Wildcat page if you have Weber State CE credit and search for "Online Transcript Ordering."

## College Application Essay Tips:

Are you writing an essay for a college?

- Save the essay and the essay prompt. Some colleges use the same prompt and if you have the essay saved, you won't have to rewrite it!
- Be original in your essay remarks. Show the admission board who you are and give them an insight into what you will become.



## Not Interested in Long-term School?

Do you want a faster route to a skill that will help you make more money?

One size does not fit all! Our goal is to get you started in higher education of any type. Check out job training opportunities and tech center schools to earn one and two year certifications for better career choices and higher future salary.

[List of Utah Technical Colleges](#)

[Davis Tech](#)

With a campus in Kaysville,, this is the closest technical college to Davis High School. Similar to SLCC, DTC offers a variety of programs that will help you get right into a field of your interest, and tuition is affordable. Check it out!

# Going Right to Work after High School?

Follow the instructions below!

Go to [Keys to Success](#) and complete the Reality Check activity.

- Select an occupation (and use the occupation's salary for your budget). Use this to search for a career that really interests you. Select the career and then click on the Go to Reality Check button at the bottom of the career options.
- Work through the budget activity and see if you can afford everything you want on the salary you make. Review the budget and explore matching occupations.
- Can you afford everything? Either way, check out some of the technical schools below and see if there is a short term program you do to earn a certification. Certifications typically help you earn more money because of the additional training required.
- Get a job that will help you pay for future college expenses. [Companies in Utah Offering Tuition Assistance](#) -

## Paying for College

There are many ways students can help college be more affordable.

[Paying for College Guide](#)

[Spanish - Paying for College Guide](#)



- Talk to your financial institution for resources you may be able to use.
- Visit with your college's financial aid office to make sure you understand all of the opportunities available.
- Get a job that will help you pay for college expenses. [Companies in Utah Offering Tuition Assistance](#) -



# Filling out the FAFSA

## Step #1: Every student should Apply for the FSA ID

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

This is your username and password for the FAFSA.



## Step #2: Start Your FAFSA

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

Qualifying students may be able to receive:

- Grants (free money!)
- Loans (you have to pay it back)
- Work-study (get a job on campus)



Watch these videos on the FAFSA and how it works:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H\\_iS7gmQd9o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_iS7gmQd9o)

<https://youtu.be/6iBMBhhIFkg>

Q&A from local experts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zksieq72zx0>

Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority (UHEAA) - Helping Utah parents and students

**For step by step assistance: [2020-2021 FAFSA Walk-Through Video](#)**

**Need Help with Your FAFSA?**

Is your situation complicated or do you just want some individual help filling out your FAFSA?

**Attend a Virtual FAFSA Completion Open House**



### **Choose a day between October 1-19**

You will join a Zoom meeting to receive assistance. Personal help will be done in a private meeting room. Details are found on the RSVP page:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualFAFSANightRSVP>

### **Step #3: After the FAFSA has been submitted::**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c1gNefSw78>

Or attend

### **Davis High School FAFSA night**

Thursday, October 8

4:00-7:00pm

Lab 1101

## **Applying for Scholarships**



Here are some videos to help you navigate the scholarship process:

[Write a Winning Scholarship Essay](#)

[How to Get College Scholarships \(Tips & Tricks, Advice & More\)](#)

**Apply for a scholarship today during UCAW!**

**Get started!** Make a list of all the great things about you; this will help you during the application process. Scholarship committees are looking for students who:

- have financial hardships



- are engaged in the community through service/volunteer work
- have demonstrated leadership skills
- are culturally diverse
- have overcome hardships
- are outstanding athletes
- have high index scores

Be the student that is deserving of scholarship funds and be sure to thank those who offer you scholarship money. **Don't assume so many students are applying that you don't have a chance. You'd be surprised; apply!**

**Find Scholarships online:** You can [Search for Scholarships](#) on the Davis High webpage, which is updated by Mrs. Sommer. It is a great list of scholarships to explore. Another list of great scholarships can be found at <https://www.completescholarships.org/>

**Do you know what a scholarship index is?** It is a graph with your GPA and ACT/SAT scores that shows you admissions and scholarship information for colleges. Check out some of these admission indexes available for colleges in Utah.

[Dixie State University](#)

[Snow College](#)

[Southern Utah Scholarship Index](#)

[Utah State University](#)

[Utah Valley University](#)

[Weber State University](#)

[Westminster College](#)

**Scholarship Websites:** When you are searching for scholarships, there are a lot of websites that you can use. Most of these websites will have you create an account and input information about yourself like your GPA, extracurricular activities, college preferences, college majors, etc. Creating a profile will help match you with scholarships you are interested in. **NEVER PAY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE TO HELP YOU FIND SCHOLARSHIPS.**





*The more scholarships you apply for, the more money you stand a chance of winning for college!*

**Receiving Scholarships:** make sure to notify the Scholarship Specialist, Teresa Sommers, of any scholarship offers you receive this year. You can email her or stop at her desk in the Counseling Center.

If you want to have more information about scholarships contact:

**Davis High Scholarship Specialist**

**Teresa Sommers**

**[tsommers@dsdmail.net](mailto:tsommers@dsdmail.net)**

**Available in the Counseling Center**

You can also speak to your counselor or visit your college scholarship department for information.

## Create Your Portfolio

**Do you have at least 2 letters of recommendation?** If not, work on getting them from a teacher, counselor, coach, etc. [Letter of Recommendation Form](#)

**List of Accomplishments** - do you have a list of service, awards, leadership roles, other accomplishments prepared? If you don't, work on creating one!

**Do you have a resume?** If not, work on creating one! [Resume Template](#);  
<https://jobs.utah.gov/jobseeker/smartstart/applyjobs.pdf>

## What to Watch For

- **Emails from your college** - open them and stay informed about:
  - Financial Aid - they may request that you verify your FAFSA info



- Tuition deadlines
- Scholarship Offers
- Orientation - before school, first day or before registration?
- **Scholarship deadlines** - stay focused and don't miss them!
- **Housing Application Deadlines** - how early are they?
- **College Textbooks** - To Rent or To Buy?! Here are some sites to keep in mind:
  - <https://www.textbooks.com/>
  - <https://www.chegg.com/>
  - <https://www.textbookrentals.com/>
  - <https://campusbookrentals.com/>
  - <https://www.valorebooks.com/>

## Tips for Undocumented Students

Did you know if you have lived in Utah and attended school here for 9-12 grades you can be considered a Utah resident and get in-state tuition for college? Get educated, visit: [educate-utah.org](http://educate-utah.org)

[Paying for College & Scholarship Basics](#)

[Tip Sheet for Undocumented Students](#)

[Navigating Admissions for Undocumented Students](#)

[Tips for Applying for Scholarships](#)

[Golden Door Scholars](#)

## Did You Remember To...?

1. **Take the Utah College Application Week Survey** - this is specific to DHS students graduating in 2021.

### [Davis High UCAW Survey](#)

2. **Email** School Counselor: Lisa Wadley, [lwadley@dsdmail.net](mailto:lwadley@dsdmail.net) after filling out the UCAW survey to be entered into a drawing for a Utah college or university prize.
3. **Fill out a transcript request form online.** [Request Transcript from Davis High](#)



\*You will also need to send a final transcript at the end of senior year.

**Thank you for participating!**  
We wish you the best for your future.