



Parker High School

Senior Newsletter

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HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGES

Applications for college admissions at 4-year, 2-year and technical colleges are now being accepted. Seniors are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible, preferably before **December 1**. Some colleges may close admissions in January.

Students who apply to the UW system have a no-cost application fee except for Eau Claire (\$25), La Crosse (\$25) and Madison (\$60).

There is no fee for students who submit an application to Blackhawk Technical College.

Complete the application online

- UW Colleges - www.apply.wisconsin.edu/homepage
- Wisconsin technical college—www.witechcolleges.org
(or get a paper application in the Student Services Center)
- WI Private colleges – www.wisconsinprivatecolleges.org

** Some in-state and a variety of out of state private colleges require the Common Application. To apply go to: www.commonapp.org.

If you need further guidance on how to apply to a UW college, follow this link <https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/admission-guidelines/freshman/>

How do I send my transcripts after I applied:

Official transcripts must come directly from Parker High School.

If you have your transcripts sent to your colleges through SendU, you don't have to bring anything into Student Services. Your counselor will send and record your transcript to your college.

If you need to mail your transcript, bring the following materials to Student Services:

- #10 business sized white envelope with one First Class Stamp
- **please do not address the envelope

How do I send my ACT/SAT Scores?

ACT/SAT scores must be sent by the ACT/SAT company. If you did not have your scores sent to the college you are applying to when you took the ACT/SAT, go online to www.act.org for ACT scores and www.collegeboard.org/ for SAT scores.

What are the next steps after I submit my application?

- ✓ Apply for financial aid
- ✓ Check your email for information regarding creating an account with the college you applied to.

After students have committed to a college by confirming their enrollment and paying their class deposit (if applicable), they should follow these next steps:

- ✓ Register for placement test
- ✓ Register for student orientation
- ✓ Send final transcript(s) (this is done during your senior checkout)
- ✓ Send Advanced Placement test scores
- ✓ If you have taken dual credit classes, contact the college you took them through for a transcript.

FINANCIAL AID

The FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is the primary form that the federal government, states and colleges use to award grants, scholarships, work study and student loans. Grants and scholarships are free forms of aid, you have to earn the work study dollars by working a campus job, and pay back the loans.

All students should consider applying for financial aid.

- Financial aid information (FAFSA) is available beginning in October. This aligns the financial aid and college application processes and gives students more time to apply.
- The application must be completed on-line at www.studentaid.gov. Families will use 2020 tax information for the 2022-23 form.
- For more information regarding financial aid, watch the video on PHS website.

Helpful Financial Aid Websites:

- Step-by-step instructions to filling out the FAFSA
- Alternative ways to pay for college
- Different types of college savings plans

You can check out these guides here:

Ultimate Guide to the FAFSA:

<https://www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/fafsa-guide/>

Graduating Without Debt: <https://www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/debt-free-college-education-guide/>

College Savings Plans: <https://www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/college-savings-plans-guide/>

Who Gets Federal Student Aid?

Every student who meets certain eligibility requirements can get some type of federal student aid, regardless of age or family income. The most basic eligibility requirements are that you must:

- Demonstrate financial need (for most programs);
- Be a U.S. Citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- Have a valid Social Security number;
- Register (if you haven't already) with Selective Service if you're a male between the ages of 18 and 25;
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school; and
- Show you're qualified to obtain a college or career school education by having a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate or completing a high school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law

Find more details about eligibility requirements at StudentAid.gov/eligibility.

College Goal Wisconsin 2021 FAFSA Completion Events

College Goal Wisconsin helps students put their hands on money for college by accessing federal and state financial aid. The statewide program is designed to assist students and families in the timely completion of their Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA). For the fall of 2021, College Goal Wisconsin will carry out its mission by hosting six *virtual* 2022-2023 FAFSA completion events, beginning on October 6. The FAFSA completion events will connect students and families with FAFSA experts to guide them through the FAFSA-completion process.

Follow this link to find informational and promotional materials (<https://collegegoalwi.org/resource-materials/>).

Participants will view a video introducing them to the financial aid process, after which volunteers will be available virtually to field their questions as they complete their FAFSAs. Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m., and should wrap up by around 7:30 p.m.

Please visit <https://collegegoalwi.org/> for event dates, and to find more information about College Goal Wisconsin.

Scholarship Application Process

Follow these procedures when you apply for scholarships.

1. Get the application form from the appropriate source. Scholarship applications may be available from Student Services, on-line from the Parker Home Page, from other websites or from outside agencies.
2. **Type the application if possible. If the application is in paper form, make it as neat as possible. Use black pen. Never fill out an application in pencil.**
3. Request letters of recommendation at least two weeks in advance. Also give the person who is to write the letter a personal information sheet (located in Student Services) detailing information that they may not know. (Clubs, leadership roles, honors and awards, work and volunteer experience, etc.)
4. Request a transcript from Student Services, if it is required.
5. **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINE DATES.** Scholarship committees do not accept late applications.
6. Note in the newsletter or on the application if you are to return the application to Student Services or mail it yourself.

Letter of Recommendation

Don't ask "Could you write a letter of recommendation for me?" Just about anyone can write a letter. The problem can be what they are going to include in the letter. Rather, ask "Do you feel you know me well enough to write me a good letter of recommendation?" By giving the following information such as your GPA, your outside activities, leadership positions and volunteer work to the person who is being asked to write the letter of recommendation you can be assured that those who say "yes" will be enthusiastic about your performance and will write a positive letter.

Letter of Recommendation forms can be found in the student services office. Fill out the form and include this when you request a letter of recommendation. Always allow at least two weeks to complete the letter. Your teachers will do a better job on your letter if they don't have to rush. Also, keep a copy of the letter(s) for use later in the college application and scholarship process.

My Undocumented Life: Up-to-date information & resources for undocumented immigrants

My Undocumented Life provides up-to-date information and resources to undocumented students. There are post scholarship opportunities that are open to undocumented students, strategies for navigating the educational system.

Information on how to apply for DACA, news on immigration policies, and much more. Logon to: <https://mydocumentedlife.org/> for more information and scholarship applications. **Deadlines vary so make sure you are checking dates.**

College Representative Visits at Parker High School

Representatives from various colleges schedule time to visit Parker High School on a regular basis. If you would like to meet with a representative, stop in Room 1008 (Conference Room B) during the scheduled time and sign in. Students will be excused from class during visit times, but are responsible for any missed work. Additional visits are added to the daily announcements.

Blackhawk Technical College—representative at Parker every Tuesday from 8 am—12 pm

UW Whitewater & UW-Rock County—October 6 at 8:49 am (2nd hour), October 26 and November 23 at 8:52 am (2nd hour)

University of Dubuque—October 11 at 9:44 am (3rd hour)

Carroll College—October 15 at 12:57 pm (6th hour)

Ripon College—October 20 at 12:57 pm (6th hour)

Northern Michigan University—November 1 at 12:57 pm (6th hour)

Tricoci University of Beauty Culture College—November 3 at 1:49 pm (7th hour)

Wisconsin Education Fair

Fall 2021 will offer in person college fairs and virtual college fair. Students, families, and school counselors will have access to over 150 colleges, universities, military branches, and specialty schools. Live chat, meet other students, schedule visits, explore videos, and narrow down your college search.

Check dates and register at www.wefs.org.

New General Scholarships

American Association of University Women Scholarship—Available to any graduating senior who is planning to attend either a college or a technical school. Emphasis on STEM careers is preferred. Applications are available in student services and **due by March 11, 2022** to student services.

Better Business Bureau Students of Integrity Scholarship - BBB scholarships are awarded to Wisconsin high school students who have demonstrated character, leadership and ethical values. The students' essay submission is the most important part of the application. The online application can be found at: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/76284-Better-Business-Bureau-Serving-Wisconsin>. **Deadline is Tuesday, March 15, 2022 by 4 pm.**

Coca-Cola Scholars Program—The Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school senior. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. Applications can be found at https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8843/coca_cola_scholars_program_scholarship.php. **Application deadline is October 31, 2021.**

Elks National Foundation 2021 Most Valuable Student Scholarship - Available to high school seniors who are US citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. Males and females compete separately and are judged on scholarship, leadership and financial aid. These scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year for 4 years. Applications can be found online at enf.elks.org/MVS. For complete details including the application and to learn more about the Elks visit <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>. **Application deadline is November 15, 2021.**

Horatio Alger Scholarship—Available to seniors who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. Students must be enrolled full time as a senior and be progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer 2021 with plans to enter a college in the United States. Students must exhibit strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States. Applications can be found at https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9417/horatio_alger_scholarship_scholarship.php. **Application deadline is March 15, 2022.**

Jack Kent Cookie Foundation Scholarship—Available for high-achieving seniors with financial need who plans to attend a four-year college and have a 3.5 or higher GPA. Applications can be found at https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11973/jack_kent_cooke_foundation_college_scholarship_program_scholarship.php. **Application deadline is November 18, 2021.**

Kohl Excellence Scholarship - Available to seniors who plan to attend a postsecondary institution. Students will be evaluated on their leadership, citizenship, school and community involvement, and academic achievement. Instructions on how to apply can be found at https://www.kohleducation.org/studentexcellence/public/student_application_form.php. **Applications must be completed online and submitted by Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm.**

Riverside Mens Golf Association Scholarships - George Clatworthy Memorial Scholarship and Gene Thorp, Fred Parkinson, Don Kazda Memorial Scholarship available to any senior going to a 4 year, 2 year, vocational-technical, beauty school, business school, etc., who is a member of high school golf team or a son/daughter of a RMGA member. Application forms can be downloaded at: <http://www.golfrmga.org/scholarships.html> or stop in Student Services for a paper copy. **Application deadline is April 15.**

Voice of Democracy Scholarship—Available to seniors who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States. Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Want to apply? Read the rules and eligibility requirements and download the application at https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9228/voice_of_democracy_scholarship_scholarship.php. **Entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight, October 31, 2021.**

St. William Catholic School Scholarship—Available to any student who attended St. William School for at least three years. **Applications are in the Student Services office and must be returned to St. William School by April 3rd.**

UW College Scholarship Websites

Parker High School is not aware of all scholarships available through your college. Listed below are specific UW college websites. Check out the websites for scholarship opportunities.

UW Eau Claire Scholarships

We are excited to share a groundbreaking scholarship program: The Centennial Scholarship. This is a \$5000 scholarship which provides \$2500 to students in their first year and then they bank \$2500 to use toward experiences such as study abroad, research, internships, etc.

More details and scholarship application here: <https://www.uwec.edu/admissions/scholarships/>

We now use a separate scholarship application for most of our scholarships and it needs to be submitted by February 1 (December 1 for early awards).

UW Green Bay Scholarships

The deadline to apply for new student scholarships is February 15. Scholarship information and application instructions are available

at <https://www.uwgb.edu/scholarships/new-freshmen/>.

UW La Crosse Scholarships

Our Foundation Office offers pages and pages of scholarships. In order to be considered, seniors need to apply for the Foundation Scholarships by February 15. The scholarship application is available at <https://uwlax.academicworks.com/>.

The application for admission is used to determine recipients of scholarships awarded through the Admissions Office. The most academically-talented students from the pool of admitted students will receive scholarships and will be notified by mail.

UW Madison Scholarships

Find information on all our available scholarships at <https://wisc.academicworks.com/>.

UW Oshkosh Scholarships

Students must submit applications to receive UW-Oshkosh scholarships. We do not use the application for admission to award scholarships. Deadlines vary between January and March. Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholars may receive renewable benefits that include \$2000 for tuition, half the cost of room/board, \$400 for books, and a \$1500 work opportunity in addition to the State tuition award of \$2250 <https://uwosh.academicworks.com/>.

UW Platteville Scholarships

Students must apply and be admitted to UW-Platteville before submitting the application for any of the following scholarships. All applications are available online at www.uwplatt.edu/financial-aid/scholarships-nf.

UW River Falls Scholarships

The 2020-2021 scholarship application is now open to incoming 2021 Freshman. Deadline dates may vary, so please refer to the UW-River Falls scholarship system for deadlines. The scholarship application is available at <https://www.uwrf.edu/FinancialAid/TypesOfAid/UWRFScholarships.cfm>.

UW Stevens Point Scholarships

Our freshman scholarship application is available at <https://www.uwsp.edu/finaid/Pages/scholarships.aspx>.

Priority consideration will be given to admitted students who have submitted the scholarship application by January 15. Substantial tuition scholarships are available to National Merit semifinalists and finalists.

UW Stout Scholarships

The Stout University Foundation Scholarship deadline is now the first Monday in February of the student's senior year in high school. We also offer academic merit based scholarships for incoming freshmen including:

Stout Scholars, Chancellor's Scholarship, Polytechnic Scholarship

Check these out at <https://www.uwstout.edu/admissions-aid/paying-college/scholarships>

UW Superior Scholarships

Applications open at the beginning of February and close at the beginning of March (<https://www.uwsuper.edu/give2uws/scholarships/index.cfm>). If a student qualifies for a UW-Superior scholarship, they will be sent an email of their next steps in March, which includes submitting a letter of recommendation. Admissions, scholarships, housing or campus visit questions can be answered at (715) 394-8230 or admissions@uwsuper.edu. Visit www.uwsuper.edu/admissions to learn more!

UW Whitewater Scholarships

The admission application also serves as the scholarship application for freshman. Applicants must be admitted by February 1, 2021 to be considered. Scholarship consideration extends to individuals ranking in the top 25% of their high school class with at least a 25 ACT.

Free Scholarship Searches

Each of these interactive sites allows students to search for possible scholarships based on personal information provided by the student. Once an application posted to the Web has been completed, the user is able to search for scholarships using different criteria.

[Absolutely Scholarships](#) - Absolutely Scholarships is a searchable database that has over 200,000 available scholarships. The search is performed in two comprehensive scholarship databases.

[Collegeboard.com](#) - Collegeboard.com enables students to match their educational goals with internships, scholarships, and loans. It offers a wide variety of facts and tips to aid students when planning for college.

[Financial Aid Search Through the Web](#) (fastWeb) - fastWEB is a database of more than 270,000 scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans

[Kaarme.com](#) - Provides tools, reference materials, and connectivity for college-bound students, counselors and parents. You may easily browse scholarships; no login information is required.

[MOLIS](#) - The Minority on-Line Information Service provides information about scholarship and fellowship opportunities for qualified minority applicants.

[Wired Scholar](#) - Wired Scholar allows students to complete an online profile to see for which scholarships they are eligible. Gain access to over 600,000 scholarships, grants, fellowships and internships. This database is available to undergraduate and graduate students.

Apprenticeships

What jobs offer apprenticeships?

- ◆ Elevator Installers and Repairers
- ◆ Pile-Driver Operators
- ◆ Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters
- ◆ Electricians
- ◆ Structural Iron and Steel Workers
- ◆ Mechanical Insulation Workers

Where to start with an apprenticeship or traineeship

- First, decide what sort of apprenticeship or traineeship you want to do
- Now find an employer who will take you on as an apprentice or trainee

- Next, meet with an Apprenticeship Network Provider (ANP)
- Then find a training provider

For more information visit: www.skills.sa.gov.au

Click on Apprenticeships & traineeships

Additional Apprenticeship & Traineeship websites

Wisconsin Apprenticeship - dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/individuals.htm

Apprenticeship USA-

<https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/>

Find Opportunities-

<https://www.dol.gov>

Military Information

Selective Service

When males turn 18, they must register with selective service. Where? At the Post Office or www.sss.gov.

To learn more about the military, check out the following web sites.

Army	www.goarmy.com
Marines	www.marines.com
Navy	www.navy.com
Air Force	www.airforce.com
Coast Guard	www.gocoastguard.com

Armed Forces Career Center (608) 752-9501

Senior Meetings

Senior meetings are now underway. Please check your student email for a Google invite from your counselor. Parents are also welcome to attend.