

Class of 2022

College Application Timeline

Welcome back seniors! We hope you took our advice and applied to colleges over the summer. By now, your college research should be completed and your college applications started. We want you to start the year stress free with thoughts of college acceptances come winter.

Use the following timeline to keep yourself on track when completing your college applications.

August



FINALIZE YOUR COLLEGE SPREADSHEET

- Complete application requirements for each school, save your passwords for each school portal, and be cognizant of application fees.
- Your final college list should consist of 8-10 schools that fit your academic, social-emotional, personal, and financial needs.
- ALL college applications must be submitted no later than the November 1st Priority Deadline. Applying by November 1st will maximize your chances for scholarship money.

If you are not confident in your final college list, make an appointment with your College Counselor ASAP! Don't wait. We are here to help.

August



Common Application and Naviance

- Create your Common Application account at commonapp.org.
 - This must be completed even if you think you will not utilize the Common Application.
- Complete the FERPA waiver in your Common App account.
 - This informs colleges that you will not read your recommendation letters.
- Match your Common App with your Naviance Account.
 - Review matching steps in this 3 minute video [Common App Account Matching](#)

August/September

Requesting Unofficial Transcripts

- If the college you are applying to requires you to self-report your grades, complete the following form and Mrs. Arquilla will email you an unofficial transcript.

[Unofficial Transcript Request Form](#)



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Note: You must ask for letters of recommendation two weeks in advance of deadline.

Recommendation Letters

- How many letter of recommendations do you need from a teacher?
- Do you need a letter of recommendation from your Counselor?
- If you requested a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor before summer break, confirm with your teacher or counselor that the letter of recommendation has been uploaded into Naviance.
- If you still need a letter of recommendation from a teacher, complete the [Teacher Letter of Recommendation Request form](#).
- If you need a letter of recommendation from a counselor, the Class of 2022 Counselor Recommendation Survey must be completed in Naviance before asking for a letter.

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Recommendation Letters

Teachers and Counselors will upload letter of recommendations into Naviance.

Teachers and Counselors will NOT give you a copy of your recommendation letter.

How do I send my recommendation letters to my schools?

Click on the link below and complete the form

[Letter of Recommendation Request Form](#)

September



ACT and SAT Scores

- If you have only taken the ACT once, we highly recommend you register for the September 11th test date. McAuley will host ONLY McAuley students on this date; you are guaranteed a seat. You can also register for the October and December test dates at other testing locations.
- You can still take the ACT or SAT after you apply. You must notify your colleges that you are taking the ACT/SAT again. The higher you score, the more scholarship money you will receive.
- If your colleges want official score reports, you must pay to send your ACT scores through your MyACT portal or your SAT scores through your College Board account.
- If your colleges accept self-reported scores, this will save you time and money. You will send an official score report to the college where you will matriculate.
- ACT and SAT scores are not printed on the McAuley transcript.

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Essays

- Make final edits to your personal essay and supplemental essays if applicable.
- Reread your essay to ensure you have given the admission representative a 3D version of yourself. Your personality and characteristics need to come to life on paper.
- Have 1-2 people revise your essay. Do not ask too many people as too many suggestions can become overwhelming.
- If your admission credentials are lower than the college standard, complete any optional essays offered.
- If you are applying test-optional, your essay needs to be stellar. More weight will be given to an essay when scores are not considered.
- If personal, family, or mental health issues negatively impacted your academic potential in high school, you should submit a personal supplemental essay explaining these factors, how you have overcome them, and how you will utilize the resources on campus to better your academic performance in college. See your College Counselor for recommendations.

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Transcripts

Do NOT request a transcript until you hit submit on your Applications! We can see if you have applied!



Before requesting a transcript, you must complete the following:

1. Complete your application via the Common Application, Coalition Application, the Common Black College Application, or directly to the school.
2. Send official ACT/SAT score reports to colleges if required.
3. Confirm with your teacher or counselor that letter of recommendations have been uploaded to Naviance
4. If a university allows you to self-report your scores (e.g. ISU, University of Iowa, U of I at Urbana-Champaign), you do not need to request a transcript.

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Transcripts

5. Click on the link below for step-by-step instructions to request a transcript

[Instructions on How to Request Transcripts Via Naviance](#)

6. You may begin requesting transcripts Monday, September 6th.
7. Transcript requests must be submitted 10 days prior to the application deadline.
8. All transcripts should be requested by October 22nd to meet the November 1st deadline.



College Counseling Appointments

- College Counselors will meet with students during their lunch or study period.
- College Counselors will email you to schedule appointments.
- If you want to meet with your College Counselor sooner than your scheduled appointment, contact your College Counselor via email or Google Hangouts.
- Please check your email regularly and turn on your Google Hangouts and Google Classroom notifications as this is how we will contact you.

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