

COLLEGE PLANNING 101

CLASS OF 2024

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY
COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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It is the student's responsibility to confirm the application requirements, process, and deadlines with each college/university.

NDP INFORMATION AND SCHOOL PROFILE

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MISSION STATEMENT

Notre Dame Preparatory is a Diocesan Catholic High School, dedicated to the promotion of academic excellence and the pursuit of holiness through the shared values of Reverence, Respect, & Responsibility, out of love for Jesus Christ.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Since 2002, Notre Dame Preparatory has been providing a rigorous Catholic high school education to students in Scottsdale and the surrounding area. Notre Dame Preparatory is located in North Scottsdale, 20 miles from downtown Phoenix. The surrounding community is comprised of residents primarily from business, managerial and professional occupations. We have 109 certified faculty and professional staff, including 4 religious order educators. More than 65% of our faculty have master's degrees and 2 have their Ph.D. degrees.

ACCREDITATION

North Central Association: AdvanceED | Western Catholic Education Association

ENROLLMENT

9-12th grade students: 927 | Average class size: 22 | Student-to-faculty ratio: 12:1

CURRICULUM

Notre Dame Preparatory requires students to complete a minimum of the following 30 credits in order to graduate. Students must also complete 120 hours of Christian service before the end

of senior year.

English	4 credits	World Language	3 credits
Science	3 credits	Health/PE	1.5 credits
Mathematics	4 credits	Fine Arts/Performing Arts	2 credits
Social Studies	4 credits	Technology	.5 credits
Theology	4 credits	Christian Service Learning	2 credits
Electives	2 credits		

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (16)

Biology English Language and Comp Calculus A/B English Literature and Comp Calculus B/C **Environmental Science**

Computer Science A Physics

Computer Science Principles Seminar Spanish Language

Spanish Literature and Culture Statistics

U.S. Government & Politics U.S. History World History

HONORS COURSES (33)

Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry, Biology, Argumentation and Rhetoric, Economics, English 1, English 2, English 3, English 4, Focus: Seminar, Focus: Research/Academic Writing, Focus: Research/Visual Arts and Humanities, French 2, French 3, French 4, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Spanish 4, Philosophy, Physics, Theology 2, Theology 3, Theology 4, U.S. Government, U.S. History, World Geography, and World History.

DUAL ENROLLMENT OFFERINGS

University of Arizona: Introduction to Engineering and Design, Economics Honors Scottsdale Community College: Calculus Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, English 3 Honors, English 4 Honors, French 3 Honors, French 4 Honors, Guitar, Music Theory, Guitar Orchestra, Rock History & Culture (SCC) and U.S. History Honors

2022-2023 Profile

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CLASS RANK AND GRADING SYSTEM

Notre Dame Prep does not publish class rank. Grade point average is based on all courses taken at Notre Dame Preparatory.

Grading Scale:

A 93-100	4,00	B- 80-82	2.67	D+ 67-69	1.33
A- 90-92	3.67	C+ 77-79	2.33	D 63-66	1.00
B+ 87-89	3.33	C 73-76	2.00	D- 60-62	0.67
8 83-86	3.00	C-70-72	1.67	F 0-59	0.00

Weighting scale: Honors A=4.5, AP A=5.0

GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR CLASS OF 2022

(189 Students)

	Weighted	Unweighted
1st Quartile	4.01-4.57	3.78-4.00
2nd Quartile	3.68-4.00	3.54-3.76
3rd Quartile	3.23-3.66	3.13-3.53
4th Quartile	2.10-3.21	2.10-3.12

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Notre Dame Preparatory (NDP) closed its physical campus after spring break on March 16, 2020, in response to the state quarantine mandates. NDP quickly moved to an emergency distance learning model and continued this for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester. Technology is used extensively on our campus, with all students required to provide their own laptops or tablets as their primary education device. This requirement facilitated a smooth transition to emergency distance learning for our students. All students received letter grades for all core classes and were offered the opportunity to choose Pass/Fail for elective courses only. The Pass/Fail option did not factor into their GPA. NDP graduation requirements for the class of 2020 were not altered; however, for the class of 2021, the NDP science requirement was reduced to three credits, allowing seniors who have taken Biology, Chemistry, and Physics or Physical Science the opportunity to have one less class on campus. The Fall 2020 semester at NDP began in an online learning model per state mandate. We offered a hybrid model beginning September 2020 (50% of students on campus), while still allowing students the option of remaining fully online. For the 2021-2022 school year, 100% of our students were back on campus full time, and we no longer offer an online option.

Mean SAT Scores			Mea	n AC	T Sc	ores		
National NDP	CR w/Writing 533 598	M 528 579	National NDP				\$ 20.5 25.0	Comp 21.6 25.7

2023 GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION REQUIREMENTS

Credits GPA Year		0	Magna 32 3.85 AWARDED	Scholar Honors Distinction National International	28 5 15 3	33 5 9 0	38 10 14 1 0	20 7 8 0 0	18 11 12 0
2020	Summa 2	9 Magna	31	National Me	rit 2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
2021	Summa 1	8 Magna	21	Scholars	1	0	1	0	0
2022	Summa 2	9 Magna	25	Finalists	1	0	1	0	0
For Summa program, students must complete four honors writing and research classes, which require the writing of an in-depth, semester-long project.		Semifinalists Commended	3 5	0 3	2	0 3	1 3		

AP SCHOLAR 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Villanova University

Washington State University

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2019-2022

2022 Graduates: 97% of students enrolled immediately to colleges or universities.

In-state colleges: 52% Out-of-state colleges: 48%.

Fordham University

Georgetown University

Notre Dame Prep students were accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Arizona Christian University High Point University United States Air Force Academy Arizona State University Hillsdale College United States Military Academy Indiana University United States Naval Academy Auburn University Azusa Pacific University Lake Forest College University of Alabama **Baylor University** Lewis University University of Arizona Bellarmine University Loyola Marymount University University of California (all locations) Beloit College Loyola University, Chicago University College, Dublin University of Colorado, Boulder Benedictine College Marquette University Benedictine University at Mesa Massachusetts Institute of Technology University of Denver University of Florida Bentley University Miami University Biola University Michigan State University University of Illinois (all locations) Boston College New York University University of Mary **Boston University** Northern Arizona University University of Massachusetts, Amherst California Lutheran University Northwestern University University of Michigan California Polytechnic University Occidental College University of Nebraska, Lincoln Chapman University Oklahoma State University University of Nevada, Las Vegas Clemson University Pennsylvania State University University of New Mexico College of the Holy Cross Pepperdine University University of Notre Dame College of William and Mary University of Oregon Princeton University Colorado College Purdue University University of Pennsylvania University of Portland Colorado School of Mines Reais University Colorado State University Regent's University, London University of Puget Sound Columbia University San Diego State University University of San Diego Concordia University, CA Santa Clara University University of San Francisco Cornell University Santa Monica College University of South Carolina Creighton University Savannah College of Art & Design University of Southern California DePaul University Seattle Pacific University University of St. Andrews, Scotland Drake University Seattle University University of Texas, Austin Seton Hall University University of Utah **Duke University** University of Washington Elon University Southern Methodist University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University University of Wisconsin, Madison Southwestern University **Emory University** St. Edward's University Vanderbilt University

St. Mary's College of California

Temple University

JUNIOR TIMELINE CHECKLIST

January 30th - Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor
January 30 th - Start applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section)
January 31st- Common App/Scoir: Create an account (if needed) and bookmark
for future reference
February 1st- February SCOIR task: complete YouScience
February 11 th - ACT national testing date
February 17 th - 20 th - President's Day Weekend (consider making college visits)
February 25 th - Practice ACT at NDP
February 28 th -Common App/Scoir: Complete "Profile" or "Personal" section(s)
March 1st- March SCOIR task: complete College Preferences. Discover and add
colleges to "My Colleges."
March 1 st - Explore and apply for summer opportunities: job, internship, college enrichment programs.
March 11 th - SAT national testing date
March 13 th -17 th - NDP's Spring Break (consider making college visits)
March 31st- Common App/Scoir: Complete "Family" section
April 1 st- April SCOIR task: research and compare colleges. Keep revising your
"My Colleges" list.
April 15 th - ACT national testing date
April 30 th -Common App/Scoir: Start "Education" section
April 30 th -Complete and sign "Waiver of Rights" & "Release Authorization" in SCOIR
May 1 st- May Common App/Scoir task: Complete "Activities & Achievements" or "Activities & Experiences" section(s)
May 1 st - May 12 th - AP exams
May 6 th - SAT national testing date
May 15 th - Ask a junior core teacher in person for a letter of recommendation. Ask additional teachers if needed.
May 16th- Scoir: Add the above teacher(s) to your account
May 31st- Prompt: Create an account
June 3 rd - SAT national testing date
June 10 th - ACT national testing date
June 30th - Prompt: Complete "Application Plan" in Content
July 15 th - ACT national testing date
August 1st - Have college list & application deadlines finalized

SENIOR TIMELINE CHECKLISTS

TIMELINE FOR OCTOBER 15th DEADLINE

August 1 st- Keep applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section)
August 17th- Ask teacher(s) for a letter of recommendation (if you have not done
so already) and add them to your Scoir account
August 18 th -Common App/Scoir: Add all colleges to "Applying" or "My Colleges"
August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Education" section
August 21st-Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor
August 26th-Final time to take SAT if either your college requires it or is test-
optional and you are opting to send test scores.
August 31st-Scoir: Complete Teacher Letter of Rec survey(s)
August 31st-Prompt: Complete "Why This School & Why This Major" in Content
September 5 th -Sign up for college visits at NDP
September 9 th - Final time to take ACT if either your college requires it or is test-optional and you are opting to send test scores
September 12 th - Scoir: Complete the Counselor Letter of Rec Survey and have a parent complete the Parent Survey on NDP website.
September 17 th - Common App: Complete "Courses and Grades" section of the
Common App (if required).
September 20 th - Common App: Complete Recommenders and FERPA section
in My Colleges (do not add email addresses for teacher(s) and/or counselor).
September 25 th - Scoir: Complete "Essay & More" Section, other than Personal Statement
September 29 th - Finish rough draft of Personal Statement, send to counselor to review
September 30 th - Common App/Scoir: Start "Questions" section under each college in My Colleges or Additional Questions on college website.
October 1st- FAFSA opens. Complete ASAP. Complete CSS profile if required
October 1 st - Send ACT/SAT scores directly from the ACT/College Board website if applicable.
October 1st- Common App/Scoir: Complete "Testing" or "SAT/ACT, Additional
Tests, English Proficiency Exams" section(s)
October 7 th - Finish rough draft of Supplemental Essays/Questions, send to
counselor to review
October 10 th -Make final edits
October 15th, no later than 7pm- Submit in Common App or College Website
October 15th, no later than 7pm - Move college(s) to "Applied" in SCOIR
December 1 st- Complete FAFSA if not completed already

TIMEL	LINE FOR NOVEMBER 1ST DEADLINE
	August 1st- Keep applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section)
	August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Education" section
	August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Add all colleges to "Applying" or "My Colleges"
	August 21st-Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor
	August 31st- Ask teacher(s) for a letter of recommendation (if you have not done
	so already) and add them to your Scoir account
	August 31st-Scoir: Complete Teacher Letter of Rec survey(s)
	August 31st-Prompt: Complete "Why This School & Why This Major" in Content
	September 5 th -Sign up for college visits at NDP
	September 9 th - Final time to take ACT if either your college requires it or is test-
	optional and you are opting to send test scores
	parent complete the Parent Survey on NDP website
	September 17 th - Common App: Complete "Courses and Grades" section of the
	Common App (if required).
	September 20 th - Common App: Complete Recommenders and FERPA section
	in My Colleges (do not add email addresses for teacher(s) and/or counselor).
	September 25 th - Scoir: Complete "Essay & More" Section, other than Personal Statement
	September 30 th - Finish rough draft of Personal Statement, send to counselor to
	review
	October 1st- FAFSA opens. Complete ASAP. Complete CSS profile if required
	October 7 th - Final time to take SAT if either your college requires it or is test-
_	optional and you are opting to send test scores.
	October 10 th Common App/Scoir: Start "Questions" section under each college
	in My Colleges or Additional Questions on college website.
	October 15 th - Send ACT/SAT scores directly from the ACT/College Board
	website if applicable.
	October 15 th - Common App/Scoir: Complete "Testing" or "SAT/ACT, Additional
	Tests, English Proficiency Exams" section(s)
	October 22 nd -Finish rough draft of Supplemental Essays/Questions, send to
	counselor to review
	October 29th- Make final edits

□ November 1st, no later than 7pm- Submit in Common App or College Website

□ November 1st, no later than 7pm - Move college(s) to "Applied" in SCOIR

□ **December 1**st- Complete FAFSA if not completed already

TIMEL	INE FOR NOVEMBER 15TH DEADLINE
	August 1 st - Keep applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section)
	August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Education" section
	August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Add all colleges to "Applying" or "My Colleges"
	August 21st-Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor
	August 31 st- Ask teacher(s) for a letter of recommendation (if you have not done so already) and add them to your Scoir account
	August 31st-Scoir: Complete Teacher Letter of Rec survey(s)
	August 31st-Prompt: Complete "Why This School & Why This Major" in Content
	September 5 th -Sign up for college visits at NDP
	September 9 th - Final time to take ACT if either your college requires it or is test-optional and you are opting to send test scores
	September 12 th - Scoir: Complete the Counselor Letter of Rec Survey. Have a parent complete the Parent Survey on NDP website
	September 17 th - Common App: Complete "Courses and Grades" section of the Common App (if required).
	September 20 th - Common App: Complete Recommenders and FERPA section in My Colleges (do not add email addresses for teacher(s) and/or counselor).
	September 25 th - Scoir: Complete "Essay & More" Section, other than Personal Statement
	September 30 th - Finish rough draft of Personal Statement, send to counselor to review
	October 1st- FAFSA opens. Complete ASAP. Complete CSS profile if required
	October 7 th -Final time to take SAT if either your college requires it or is test-optional and you are opting to send test scores.
	October 10 th -Common App/Scoir: Start "Questions" section under each college in My Colleges or Additional Questions on college website.
	October 22 nd-Finish rough draft of Supplemental Essays/Questions, send to counselor to review
	November 1 st- Send ACT/SAT scores directly from the ACT/College Board website if applicable.
	November 1 st- Common App/Scoir: Complete "Testing" or "SAT/ACT, Additional Tests, English Proficiency Exams" section(s)
	November 10 th - Make final edits
	November 15th, no later than 7pm- Submit in Common App or College Website

 $\ \square$ November 15th, no later than 7pm - Move college(s) to "Applied" in SCOIR

□ **December 1**st- Complete FAFSA if not completed already

TIMEL	INE FOR DECEMBER 1ST DEADLINE
	August 1st- Keep applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section)
	August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Education" section
	August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Add all colleges to "Applying" or "My Colleges"
	August 21st-Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor
	August 31st- Ask teacher(s) for a letter of recommendation (if you have not done
	so already) and add them to your Scoir account
	August 31st-Scoir: Complete Teacher Letter of Rec survey(s)
	August 31st-Prompt: Complete "Why This School & Why This Major" in Content
	September 5 th -Sign up for college visits at NDP
	September 12 th - Scoir: Complete the Counselor Letter of Rec Survey. Have a
	parent complete the Parent Survey on NDP website
	September 17 th - Common App: Complete "Courses and Grades" section of the Common App (if required).
	September 20 th - Common App: Complete Recommenders and FERPA section
	in My Colleges (do not add email addresses for teacher(s) and/or counselor).
	September 25 th - Scoir: Complete "Essay & More" Section, other than Personal Statement
	October 1st- FAFSA opens. Complete ASAP. Complete CSS profile if required
	October 10 th -Common App/Scoir: Start "Questions" section under each college
	in My Colleges or Additional Questions on college website. October 21st- Final time to take ACT if either your college requires it or is test-
_	optional and you are opting to send test scores
	November 1 st - Finish rough draft of Personal Statement, send to counselor to
	review
	November 4th-Final time to take SAT if either your college requires it or is test-
	optional and you are opting to send test scores.
	November 15 th -Finish rough draft of Supplemental Essays/Questions, send to
	counselor to review
	November 15 th Send ACT/SAT scores directly from the ACT/College Board website if applicable.
	November 15 th Common App/Scoir: Complete "Testing" or "SAT/ACT,
	Additional Tests, English Proficiency Exams" section(s)
	November 20th- Make final edits

□ **December 1**st-, **no later than 7pm** - Move college(s) to "Applied" in SCOIR

□ **December 1**st- Complete FAFSA if not completed already

□ **December 1**st-, **no later than 7pm**- Submit in Common App or College Website

TIMELINE FOR DECEMBER 15TH DEADLINE ☐ August 1st- Keep applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section) ☐ August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Education" section ☐ August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Add all colleges to "Applying" or "My Colleges" ☐ August 21st-Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor ☐ August 31st- Ask teacher(s) for a letter of recommendation (if you have not done so already) and add them to your Scoir account ☐ August 31st-Scoir: Complete Teacher Letter of Rec survey(s) ☐ August 31st-Prompt: Complete "Why This School & Why This Major" in Content ☐ September 5th-Sign up for college visits at NDP ☐ September 12th- Scoir: Complete the Counselor Letter of Rec Survey. Have a parent complete the Parent Survey on NDP website ☐ September 17th- Common App: Complete "Courses and Grades" section of the Common App (if required). ☐ September 20th- Common App: Complete Recommenders and FERPA section in My Colleges (do not add email addresses for teacher(s) and/or counselor). ☐ September 25th- Scoir: Complete "Essay & More" Section, other than Personal Statement ☐ October 1st- FAFSA opens. Complete ASAP. Complete CSS profile if required ☐ October 10th-Common App/Scoir: Start "Questions" section under each college in My Colleges or Additional Questions on college website. □ October 21st- Final time to take ACT if either your college requires it or is testoptional and you are opting to send test scores □ **November 4**th-Final time to take SAT if either your college requires it or is testoptional and you are opting to send test scores. □ **November 15**th- Finish rough draft of Personal Statement, send to counselor to review ☐ **December 1**st-Finish rough draft of Supplemental Essays/Questions, send to counselor to review ☐ **December 1**st-Send ACT/SAT scores directly from the ACT/College Board website if applicable. ☐ **December 1**st-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Testing" or "SAT/ACT, Additional Tests, English Proficiency Exams" section(s) ☐ **December 1**st- Complete FAFSA if not completed already ☐ **December 10**th - Make final edits □ **December 15th-, no later than 7pm-** Submit in Common App or College Website □ December 15th-, no later than 7pm - Move college(s) to "Applied" in SCOIR

TIMELINE FOR JANUARY 1ST-7TH DEADLINE ☐ August 1st- Keep applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section) ☐ August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Education" section ☐ August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Add all colleges to "Applying" or "My Colleges" ☐ August 21st-Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor ☐ August 31st- Ask teacher(s) for a letter of recommendation (if you have not done so already) and add them to your Scoir account ☐ August 31st-Scoir: Complete Teacher Letter of Rec survey(s) ☐ August 31st-Prompt: Complete "Why This School & Why This Major" in Content ☐ September 5th-Sign up for college visits at NDP ☐ September 12th- Scoir: Complete the Counselor Letter of Rec Survey. Have a parent complete the Parent Survey on NDP website ☐ September 17th- Common App: Complete "Courses and Grades" section of the Common App (if required). ☐ September 20th- Common App: Complete Recommenders and FERPA section in My Colleges (do not add email addresses for teacher(s) and/or counselor). ☐ September 25th- Scoir: Complete "Essay & More" Section, other than Personal Statement ☐ October 1st- FAFSA opens. Complete ASAP. Complete CSS profile if required ☐ October 10th-Common App/Scoir: Start "Questions" section under each college in My Colleges or Additional Questions on college website. □ **November 15**th- Finish rough draft of Personal Statement, send to counselor to review ☐ **December 1**st-Finish rough draft of Supplemental Essays/Questions, send to counselor to review ☐ **December 1**st- Complete FAFSA if not completed already ☐ December 2nd-Final time to take SAT if either your college requires it or is testoptional and you are opting to send test scores □ **December 9**th- Final time to take ACT if either your college requires it or is testoptional and you are opting to send test scores ☐ **December 15**th-Send ACT/SAT scores directly from the ACT/College Board website if applicable. ☐ **December 15**th-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Testing" or "SAT/ACT, Additional Tests, English Proficiency Exams" section(s) ☐ **December 20**th - Make final edits ☐ Deadline day, no later than 7pm- Submit in Common App or College Website

☐ Deadline day, no later than 7pm - Move college(s) to "Applied" in SCOIR

TIMELINE FOR ALL REMAINING 2ND SEMESTER DEADLINES ☐ August 1st- Keep applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section) ☐ August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Education" section ☐ August 18th-Common App/Scoir: Add all colleges to "Applying" or "My Colleges" ☐ August 21st-Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor ☐ August 31st- Ask teacher(s) for a letter of recommendation (if you have not done so already) and add them to your Scoir account ☐ August 31st-Scoir: Complete Teacher Letter of Rec survey(s) ☐ August 31st-Prompt: Complete "Why This School & Why This Major" in Content ☐ September 5th-Sign up for college visits at NDP ☐ September 12th- Scoir: Complete the Counselor Letter of Rec Survey. Have a parent complete the Parent Survey on NDP website ☐ September 17th- Common App: Complete "Courses and Grades" section of the Common App (if required). ☐ September 20th- Common App: Complete Recommenders and FERPA section in My Colleges (do not add email addresses for teacher(s) and/or counselor). ☐ September 25th- Scoir: Complete "Essay & More" Section, other than Personal Statement ☐ October 1st- FAFSA opens. Complete ASAP. Complete CSS profile if required ☐ October 10th-Common App/Scoir: Start "Questions" section under each college in My Colleges or Additional Questions on college website. □ **November 15**th- Finish rough draft of Personal Statement, send to counselor to review ☐ **December 1**st-Finish rough draft of Supplemental Essays/Questions, send to counselor to review ☐ **December 1**st- Complete FAFSA if not completed already ☐ December 2nd-Final time to take SAT if either your college requires it or is testoptional and you are opting to send test scores □ **December 9**th- Final time to take ACT if either your college requires it or is testoptional and you are opting to send test scores ☐ **December 15**th-Send ACT/SAT scores directly from the ACT/College Board website if applicable. ☐ **December 15**th-Common App/Scoir: Complete "Testing" or "SAT/ACT, Additional Tests, English Proficiency Exams" section(s) ☐ **December 20**th - Make final edits ☐ Deadline day, no later than 7pm- Submit in Common App or College Website ☐ Deadline day, no later than 7pm - Move college(s) to "Applied" in Scoir

TIMEL	LINE FOR UC AND CAL STATE APPLICATIONS
	August 1st- Keep applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section)
	August 1 st - UC Application Opens
	August 18th- Add all colleges to "Applying" in SCOIR
	August 21st-Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor
	September 5 th -Sign up for college visits at NDP
	October 1 st - FAFSA opens. Complete ASAP. Complete CSS profile if required by university.
	October 1st- First day that Cal State Application can be submitted
	October 20 th - Complete UC Personal Insight Questions, send to counselor to
	review
	November 1 st - First day that UC Application can be submitted
	November 30th, no later than 7pm- Submit application
	November 30th, no later than 7pm - Move college(s) to "Applied" in SCOIR
	December 1st- Complete FAFSA if not completed already
<u>TIMEL</u>	LINE FOR IN-STATE APPLICATIONS
	July/August - All in-state applications open
	August 1st- Keep applying for outside scholarships (see financial aid section)
	August 18th- Add all colleges to "Applying" in SCOIR
	August 21st-Schedule family/student college planning meeting with Counselor
	August 31st- Honors Colleges: Ask teacher(s) for a letter of recommendation (if
	August 31st-Scoir: Complete Teacher Letter of Rec survey(s) if you have not
	done so already)
	September- ASU Barrett application opens
	September 9 th-Final time to take ACT if you are opting to send test scores
	September 15 th - Add all colleges to "Applying" in SCOIR
	September 30 th - Honors Colleges: submit non-honors application to in-state universities
	October 1st- FAFSA opens. Complete ASAP.
	October 2 nd - Final time to take SAT if you are opting to send test scores.
	October 15 th - Send ACT/SAT scores directly from the ACT/College Board
	website if applicable
	October 20th- Honors Colleges: Complete Essay(s), send to counselor to review
	November 1 st , no later than 7pm- Honors Colleges: Submit honors application.
	Recommended deadline to apply non-honors.
	November 1st, no later than 7pm - Move college(s) to "Applied" in SCOIR
	December 1st- Complete FAFSA if not completed already
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DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSIONS OPTIONS

Early Decision (ED)

- November 1st typical deadline
- Students receive admissions decisions typically in December/January
- Binding! If you are accepted, you are committed to attending that university
- Students can only apply to 1 school ED

Early Action (EA)

- November 1st- typical deadline
- Students receive admissions decisions typically in December/January
- Non-binding
- No limit to how many schools you can apply EA

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

- November 1st- typical deadline
- Students receive admissions decisions typically in December/January
- Non-binding
- Students can only apply to 1 school REA. May be other restrictions contact your counselor

Regular Decision (RD)

- January 1st- typical deadline
- Students receive admissions decisions typically in February/March
- Non-binding
- No limit to how many schools you can apply RD

Rolling

- Students can apply any time senior year
- Students receive admissions decisions typically 1 month after their application is submitted
- Non-binding
- No limit to how many schools you can apply Rolling

Priority

 Some colleges may have earlier Priority deadlines for scholarships, honors programs, dorm preference, athletics, arts, or specific majors

FACTORS INFLUENCING ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

FACTORS FOR IN-STATE ADMISSIONS (ASU, UA, NAU)

Students need to complete 16 core courses to be considered for in-state admission:

4 English

1 Fine Arts/CTE

2 Foreign Language (same language)

4 Math

2 Social Science

3 Laboratory Science

 Beware of deficiencies (D or F

in core classes)!

Students must also meet one of the following in order to receive guaranteed admission to ASU, UA, NAU:

- Graduate in the top 25% of your class and be a resident from the State of Arizona
- 3.0 unweighted GPA in 16 core courses
- 22 ACT or 1120 SAT

FACTORS FOR SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS

Grades- Some colleges will recalculate your GPA using only the unweighted grades from English, Math, World Language, Science, and History.

Strength of Curriculum- Colleges are looking to see what courses Notre Dame Prep offers and how students challenge themselves within what is available.

Standardized Test Scores- It is important to know if test scores are required for each college. Colleges accept either the ACT or the SAT. Please be aware that many schools are now "test optional" or "test blind."

Essay- This is where students can showcase their personality and share information not already in the application.

Letters of Recommendation- Schools may require teacher and/or counselor letters of recommendation. These provide insight to how the student operates inside and outside the classroom.

Extra-curricular Activities- Colleges want to know how you are spending your time outside of school.

Institutional Need - this "7th factor" is difficult because we do not know what colleges will be looking for year-to-year.

Other admissions factors considered:

- Special Talents- This applies mostly to arts and athletics where a sample of student work/performance is required.
- Legacy- Some schools give preference based on relatives who are alumni.
- **Geographic Mix-** A "7th factor" that is hard to predict. Each college is trying to have representation from across the country.
- Exceptional Academic Talent- Independent research, a passion project, or National Merit recognition may be what singles you out.
- **Diversity of Background and Cultures** A "7th factor" that is hard to predict. Each college is trying to create a diverse student body.
- Demonstrated Interest- Colleges want to know you are interested in them. This
 can be by attending college visits at NDP, college fairs and webinars, campus tours
 (virtual or in-person), or contacting the admissions team directly.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

*** Please be aware that many schools are now "test optional" or "test blind."

If either your college requires test scores, or is test-optional and you are opting to send test scores, students will need to submit scores from one of the two admissions tests: ACT or SAT.

- Start testing 2nd semester junior year; tests may be retaken as frequently as you like through the early spring of your senior year.
- Complete the registration online.
 - ACT- www.act.org
 - o SAT- <u>www.collegeboard.org</u>
 - When you register, you may indicate 4 colleges to send your scores to at no cost to you.
- Colleges require that your scores be sent <u>directly</u> from ACT and/or the College Board.
- Colleges will accept your highest score. Sometimes colleges will "Superscore" your SAT or ACT scores, taking the highest of each subject score.

SAT

- 2 sections: Reading & Writing, and Math.
- Optional essay portion discontinued as of January 2019.
- Score given out of possible 1600 points.
- 3 hours

ACT

- 4 sections: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science.
- Essay portion is optional. Please check the list of colleges that require the essay.
- Score given out of possible 36 points.
- 2 hours, 55 minutes without writing portion

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMINATIONS

- These are given in early May.
- Some schools award credit for certain scores, others may use AP scores to determine class placement. Check each school's website for specific details.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS - Discontinued as of January 2019

SCHEDULE AND PRICING FOR ACT AND SAT

NDP CEEB Code: 030392

ACT: www.ACT.org

The ACT Test \$63.00 The ACT Test with Writing \$88.00

Late Registration Fee \$36.00

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
February 11	January 6	January 20
April 15	March 10	March 24
June 10	May 5	May 19
July 15	June 16	June 23
September 9*	**	**
October 21*	**	**
December 9*	**	**

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

The SAT Test \$60.00 Late Registration Fee \$30.00

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
March 11	February 10	February 28
May 6	April 7	April 25
June 3	May 4	May 23
August 26*	**	**
October 7*	**	**
November 4*	**	**
December 2*	**	**

^{**}The SAT with Writing and the SAT Subject Tests have been discontinued.

^{*}anticipated date **official dates still to be determined

ACT/SAT PREPARATION CLASSES

In order to maximize the full benefits of test prep, it is best to begin six weeks **prior** to the test date.

The following is a list of different options for test preparation; however, **Notre Dame Preparatory High School does not endorse any one company for test preparation:**

ACT Academy

Albert

Exponential Growth

Kaplan

academy.act.org

http://www.albert.io/

www.kaptest.com

Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org

Linda Edgar (602) 795-6312 <u>www.LindaEdgarTutorandsatprep.com</u>

On-Track Tutoring (480) 563-4112 <u>www.ontracktutoring.com</u>

Pimentel Academic Service (602) 494-8443 <u>www.pimentelacademicservices.com</u>

Princeton Review (800) 2REVIEW www.princetonreview.com
Revolution Prep (877) 738-7737 www.revolutionprep.com
Scottsdale Education Center (480) 538-0828 www.sectutoring.com
The Test Whisperer (602) 909-1345 www.testwhisperer.com

Vogel Prep (480) 990-7374 <u>www.vogelprep.com</u>

ACT/SAT COMPARISON CHART

ACT and College Board have completed a concordance study designed to examine the relationship between two scores on the ACT and SAT. These tables do not equate scores, but rather provide a tool for finding comparable scores.

ACT	SAT	SAT Range
36	1590	1570-1600
35	1540	1530-1560
34	1500	1490–1520
33	1460	1450-1480
32	1430	1420–1440
31	1400	1390-1410
30	1370	1360-1380
29	1340	1330-1350
28	1310	1300-1320
27	1280	1260-1290
26	1240	1230–1250
25	1210	1200-1220
24	1180	1160-1190
23	1140	1130–1150
22	1110	1100–1120
21	1080	1060-1090
20	1040	1030-1050
19	1010	990–1020
18	970	960–980
17	930	920–950
16	890	880–910
15	850	830–870
14	800	780–820
13	760	730–770
12	710	690-720
11	670	650-680
10	630	620-640
9	590	590-610

WRITING THE PERSONAL STATEMENT

What is it?

- 7 prompts to choose from in Common App
- · Gets sent to most universities
- 250-650 words
- "The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores?" -Common App

Purpose:

- A chance for colleges to get to know you better outside of your grades and accomplishments.
 - Get to know your personality, goals, values, and/or worldview- what makes you, you!

Advice Directly from College Admissions Pros:

DO:

Pay attention to mechanics, but it's not the main focus. Colleges are looking more for things like resilience, love of learning, and intellectual curiosity (Brown University Admissions).

Have VOICE be #1. If you were to drop the essay on the floor of your high school, you didn't have your name on it, and someone picked it up, they should still be able to tell you are the author because so much of your voice was in that essay. Give your essay to someone to read. Have them tell you what impressions they have of you after reading (Georgetown University Admissions).

Show don't tell. Admissions counselors want to get to know you; they want to see what you are seeing and feel what you are feeling (Brown University Admissions).

Stick to the things that you know. This essay does not have to be groundbreaking, publishable quality, or encompass your entire life. The best essays are actually quite simple (Yale University Admissions).

DON'T:

Write it like an essay for class. "Essays are for book reports, History papers, and What I Did Over Summer Vacation. This isn't that—it's your part of a conversation. Colleges really want you to visit them in person and spend a couple of hours with you, hearing your life's story. They can't do that; instead, they want you to write down part of that conversation and send it to them. As you write, stop and read what you're writing out loud. Does it sound conversational? That's the goal." (Patrick O'Connor, PhD).

List things already in your application. "This also isn't the time to recycle your list of awards, the classes you took, or any kind of brag sheet. Those things are somewhere else, and while they're important, they're about breadth. Here, you want depth—a rich look at one, maybe two ideas you walk around with." (Patrick O'Connor, PhD). Don't use what little space you have to just talk about *what* you did. Talk about *why* you did those things, *how* those things impact you, *how* those experiences have shaped your worldview. Hone in on one experience or one extracurricular activity and use that as a lens to show us how you think, how your world operates, and how you might be on our campus (Yale University Admissions).

Be afraid to be vulnerable. You will be missing out on an opportunity for the admissions team to get to know you as best as he/she can (Georgetown University Admissions).

Forget to tie it back to you and your values. Don't describe an event without explaining the significance of it. If you tell a story, explain what that says about you (Dartmouth College Admissions). If you talk about someone who inspires you, don't forget to add how that person impacts your life specifically (Brown University Admissions).

WRITING SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAYS

What is it?

- Each college may require extra writing in addition to the personal essay.
- The prompts are specific to that individual university.
- Length varies, sometimes it's a short answer response, sometimes it's another full essay.

Purpose:

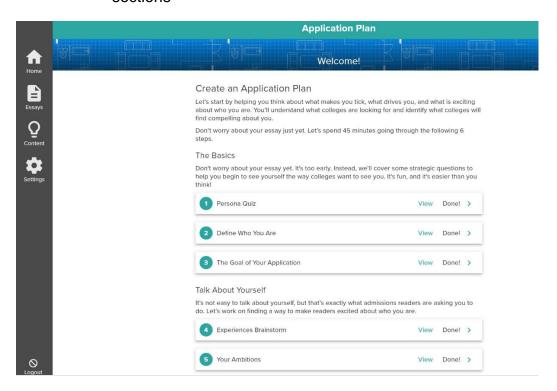
- To determine if you would be a good fit for that university
- To see how you would add to the student body
- To gauge your interest in the university
 - O Pro tip: if a supplemental essay says "optional," it's not actually optional!

Advice:

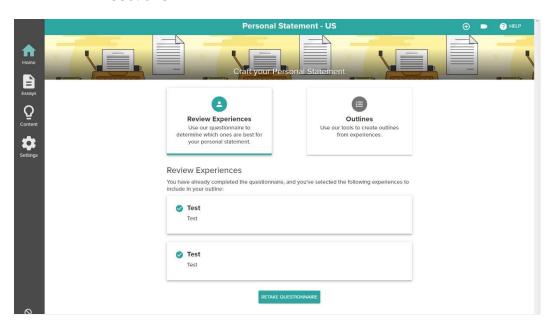
- Do your research! Look at their website, list of majors, classes you would be taking, professors that seem interesting, organizations you would like to join.
- Be specific to that school. If your essay can apply to any other university on your list, then you have not answered the prompt.
- Make it personal. Don't just give a generic answer, these colleges want to get to know you.

Essay Writing Resources- PROMPT

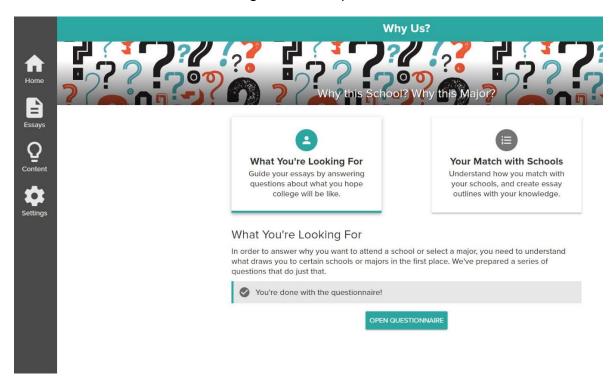
- Brainstorming advice regarding possible essay topics
 - Content --> Essay Development--> Application Plan --> complete all 5 sections



- Personal Statement: Choosing a topic and outlining.
 - Content --> Essay Development--> Personal Statement --> complete 2 sections



- Supplemental Essays
 - Content--> Essay Development--> Why This School Why This Major --> What You're Looking For--> complete section



Other Essay Writing Resources

- College Essay Guy
 - o www.collegeessayguy.com/
- Khan Academy
 - https://www.khanacademy.org/college-careers-more/collegeadmissions/applying-to-college#admissions-essays

CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

Gather Information

	Take part in a group information session at the admissions office and interview with an admissions officer.
	Collect business cards and names of people you meet for future contacts.
	Gather the college's merit and financial aid forms.
	Sit in on a class that interests you. If a class is not available, see what the classrooms look like.
	Talk to a professor in a major that interests you. Set this up in advance of your visit.
	Ask current students why they chose the college, what they love about the college, and what they would change.
	Ask students about the college and life on campus, as well as activities they participate in.
	Make a list of your questions in advance.
Explor	re the Campus
	Take a formal campus tour. Registration is quick and easy on the college site.
	If possible, do an overnight stay (may only be available to accepted students).
	Visit the cafeteria, dorm, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore, and other campus facilities.
	Wander around the campus by yourself. Imagine yourself attending this college.
	Sit and observe life on campus. How do students interact? How do professors interact with students?
	Walk or drive around the surrounding neighborhood.
Check	Out Campus Media
	Take a copy of the student newspaper.
	Scan bulletin boards in the Student Union, Student Center and dorms to see examples of student life.
	Browse the school's website and any campus social media.

Questions to Ask During Your College Visit:

Tour Guides/Students:

	What is your advising program like?
	What are the best reasons to go to this college?
	What's it like to go from high school to college?
	What do you love about this college?
	Is it easy to change your major?
	What is the average class size of an introductory class?
	Where are the best places to study on campus?
	Is there academic support or tutoring on campus? Is it effective?
	Are there study abroad programs? Is there one in particular that is more popular?
	Is this a commuter campus?
	What does the college do to promote student involvement in campus groups,
	extracurricular activities, and volunteerism?
Profes	ssors:
	What are your expectations for students in your class?
	Are there opportunities for students to do research?
	Can professors, graduate students, or upperclassmen mentor a student?
	How accessible are you outside of the classroom?
Finan	cial Aid Office:
	How much has your total college cost for each student risen in the past year?
	How much do your students usually end up owing when they graduate?
	Will my cost go up when your tuition goes up, or can we use the same tuition rate I
	started with?
	What kind of need-based financial aid do you offer?
	Do you meet 100% of demonstrated financial need?
	What information do you require besides the FAFSA?
	How many students receive merit-based scholarships?
	Can I renegotiate my offer if it's lower than I expected?

SCOIR 101

What is Scoir

Identify your talents. Find your fit. Apply with confidence.

As a Scoir Student, you're connected to a powerful set of tools to help you identify your talents, search for your college fit, plan with your supporters, and apply when you're ready.

Identify your talents

Utilize YouScience, a best-in-class aptitude test so you can::

- · Understand your talents
- · See how they relate to careers
- · Match them to relevant majors



Find your fit

Find your best-fit college by personalizing college discovery:

- · Add your college preferences
- · Follow schools that interest you
- · React to suggestions from your supporters
- · Review colleges similar to your list

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Plan with your supporters

Connect with your supporters and feel confident about your college applications.

- · Collaborate on your list with counselors and parents/guardians
- · Direct message to organize your conversations
- · Make meaningful connections with colleges
- · Manage your fee waivers, letters of rec, and more



Apply with Scoir

When you're ready to apply, Scoir offers a faster and easier way to begin. If you see the 💋 you can apply with Scoir.

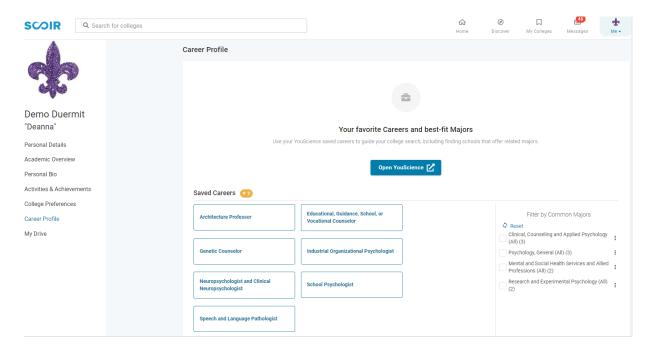
- · Stress less. Your basic info is pre-populated!
- · Enter your application info just once
- · Make progress on multiple applications at once



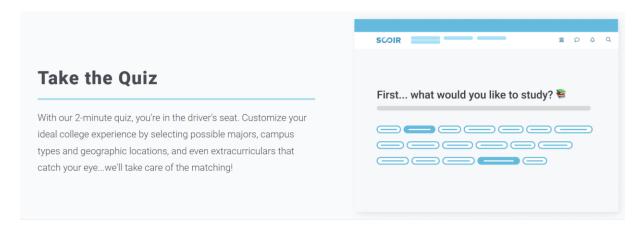


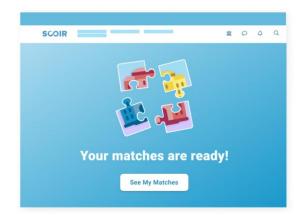
Identify Your Talents

YouScience Career Assessment:



Find Your Fit





Get Matched!

Once you let us know what you're looking for, we'll provide you with colleges that match your preferences. Whether it's a large state school in Washington or a liberal arts college in Chicago, your match is out there! We'll help you find it.

Discover:

Discover colleges

When it comes to discovering colleges, you have options!

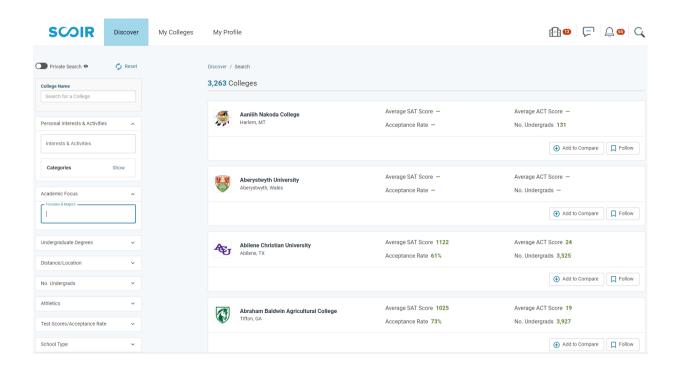
- ✓ Go to the "Discover" page and add a few preferences
 - o Preferences help customize your experience
- Jumpstart your college search through:
 - My Matches
 - You May Also Like
- Filter your search by:
 - o Coalition for College members
 - Application method
- Or conduct your own search!

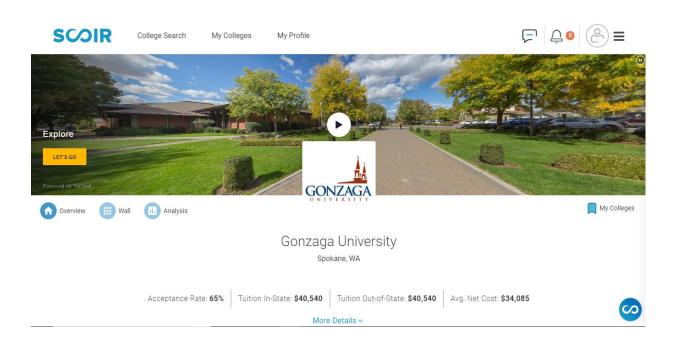
Making the most of Discover

Explore College Profiles, searching for virtual tours, visits to your school, and other events. Find a school you like? Give it a Follow to save it to My Colleges.

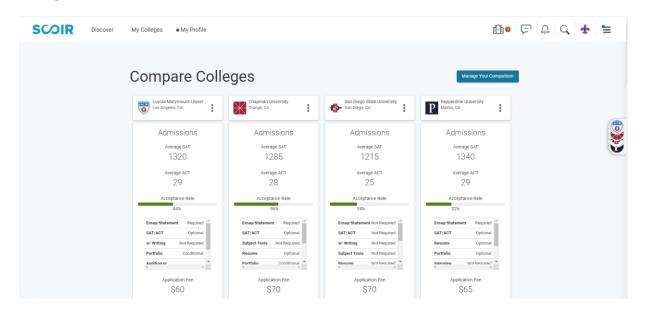
Comparing colleges

Don't forget to use the College Compare tool to compare up to 4 colleges side-by-side.

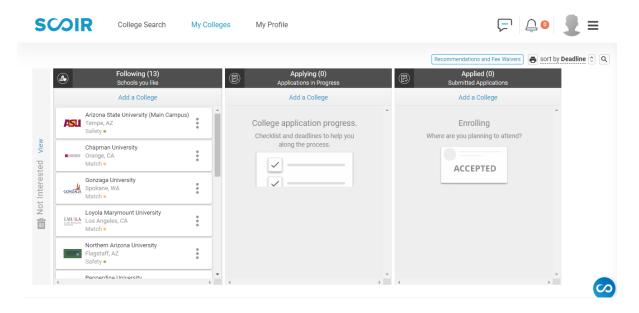




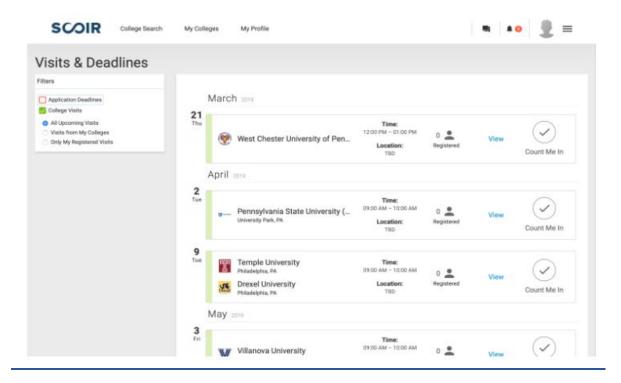
Compare & Contrast:



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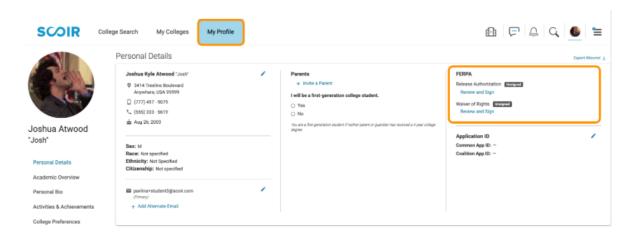


Sign Up for College Visits:



Plan with Your Supporters

Sign FERPA Release & Waiver:



Interacting with your supporters

You're connected to a network of supporters to help you through your college planning and application journey! Your Counselor Your Parent/Guardian Your Teachers

If you've registered your account through the invitation that your high school sent you, you're connected with your counselor!

This means you can direct message your counselor, receive college suggestions from them, and when you're ready to apply, coordinating your application materials will be a breeze.

Interacting with your supporters

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As a safe, secure, student-centric college search platform, you must take action to invite a parent/guardian to link with you on Scoir. It's totally optional, but can be a great way to collaborate on your college list!

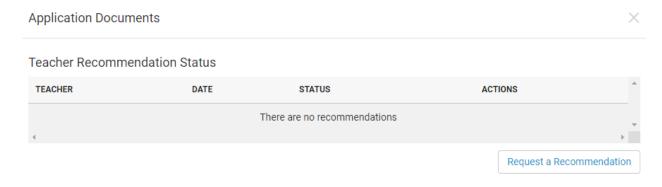
Parents/guardians have a read-only view of your My Colleges list, along with the ability to send you college suggestions to help guide your discovery.

Interacting with your supporters

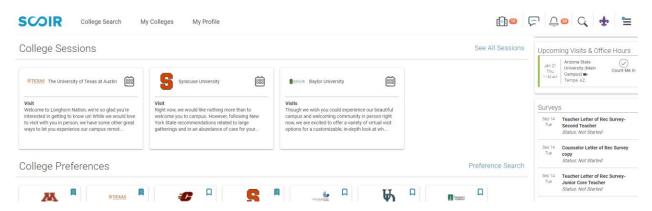
You're connected to a network of supporters to help you through your college planning and application journey! Your Counselor Your Parent/Guardian Your Teachers

If you're linked to a high school on Scoir whose settings allow for it, you can request teacher recommendations. Teachers can be an incredibly valuable resource when it comes time to request recommendations. You can do so via the My Colleges page.

My Colleges- Adding Teachers to SCOIR for Letters of Recommendation:



Counselor Letter of Recommendation Survey and Teacher Letter of Recommendation Survey:



Parent Survey is available as a link on the NDP website

Build your list

To keep track of colleges that interest you, make sure to Follow them and add them to your My Colleges list. You can access this list at any time and also keep track of and review Counselor and Parent college suggestions.

Why Follow colleges on Scoir?

To receive college outreach

Colleges on your list can send you messages so you can learn more about them. We don't share any personal information about you...colleges will just know *someone* is interested but not exactly you.

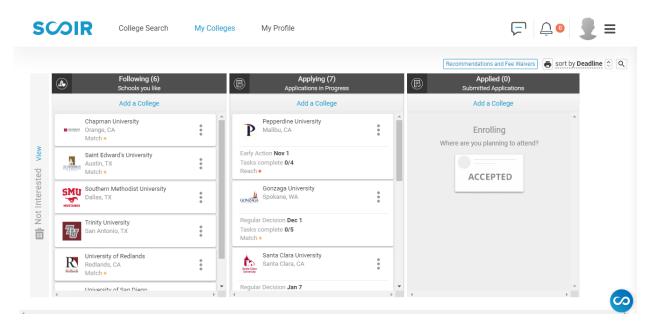
To receive college visit notifications

Every time a college you're Following schedules a visit with your school via Scoir, you'll receive a notification. That way, you won't miss a visit to the colleges that interest you most!

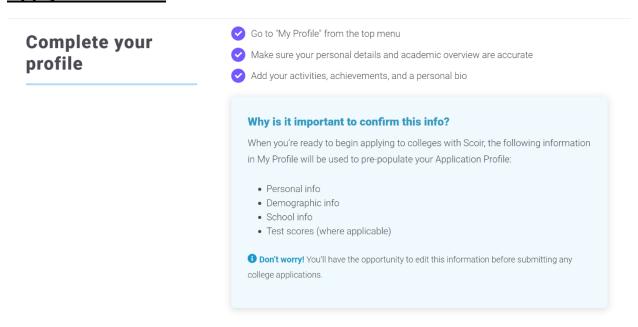
When to start Following colleges?

There's no bad time to start following colleges in Scoir! We encourage you to update this list regularly as your preferences evolve throughout your high school career.

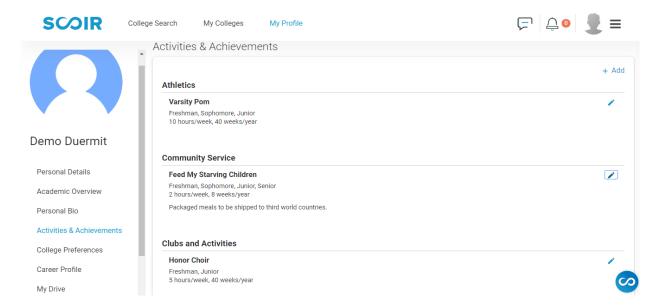
My Colleges- Applying:



Apply with SCOIR



Creating a Resume:



College-specific application requirements can be found on College Profiles in Scoir. You'll also be made aware of requirements as you move through the application process in Scoir.

Applying with Scoir

To make the application process faster and easier, you have the ability to apply to some colleges with Scoir. If you see a lightning bolt, you can apply with Scoir. If you do not see the lightning bolt icon, you should begin the application process outside of Scoir with another method that you determine with your counselor, like Common App, the college's website, QuestBridge, etc.

Applying with Scoir is a 2-step process when you're linked with your high school counselor.



Start application on Scoir

Start the application process by completing your Application Profile. This can be used for any school you apply to through Scoir! Before applying, be sure to confirm the information in your Application Profile as you will not be able to edit this information once you've moved into step 2, answering a college's supplemental questions.



Continue application with college

Step 2 will take you outside of Scoir to answer a college's supplemental questions. You'll be given an idea of how much you have left to complete before leaving Scoir. Once you're ready to submit, you'll provide payment (unless you have a fee waiver) directly to the college.

1) Note: You don't have to complete your application in one sitting. You'll be able to pause and resume where you previously left off.

Other Official School Documents (like your transcript)

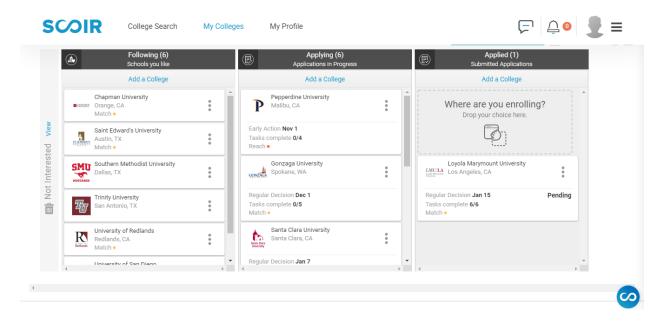
When you move a college to your Applying or Applied List, your counselor is notified. From that point, your counselor will know to work with you to send all of the required official school documents to the colleges where you're applying.

If your school is not connected with Scoir/if you're an international student or transfer student, check out this HelpDoc.

Digitally signing an Early Decision Contract

Early decision (ED) is a binding agreement where you indicate to the college that upon acceptance, you'll attend that school. This is a good option if you know the school is your number one choice. So what's the catch? You can only apply to one school using this process. Because it is a binding agreement, the institution requires signatures from you, your family, and a school counselor. ED Contracts can be initiated from the My Colleges list.

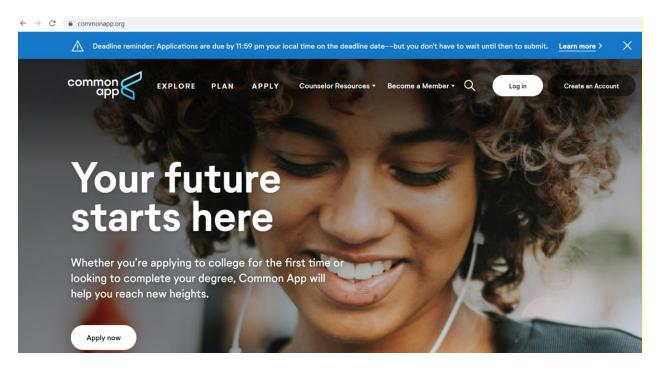
My Colleges- Applied:



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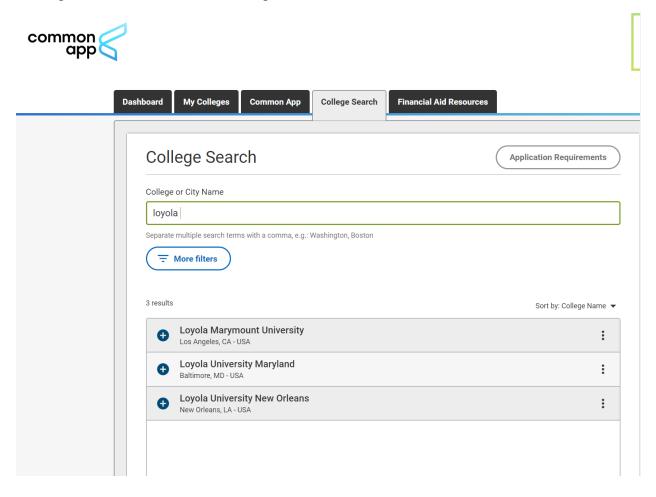
Create an Account

Commonapp.org ⇒ Create an Account



Add Colleges you are Applying to

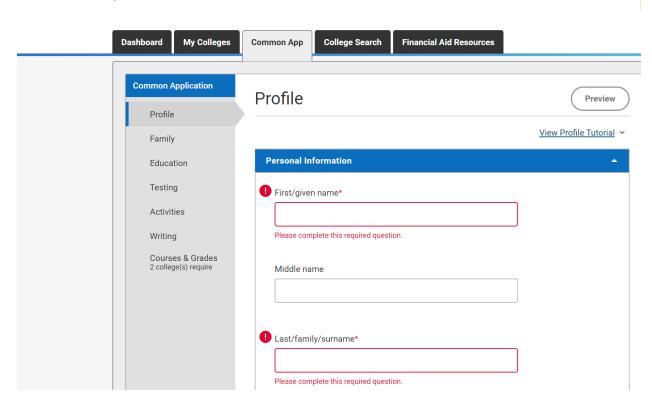
College Search ⇒ search for college name ⇒ + Add



Filling out the Common App

Common App ⇒ complete all sections

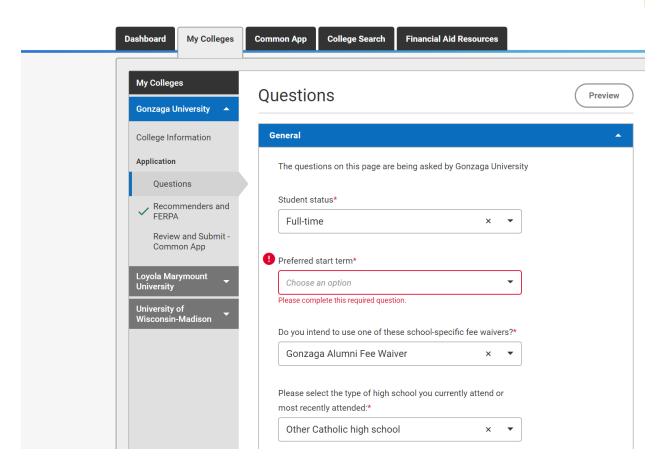




"Questions" Section

My Colleges ⇒ select college ⇒ Questions ⇒ complete all sections for each college

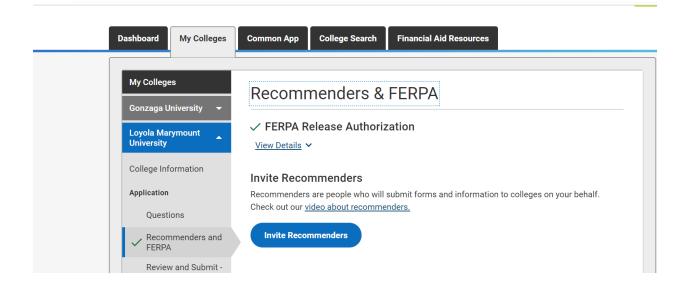




Recommenders and FERPA Section

My Colleges ⇒ select college ⇒ Recommenders and FERPA ⇒ complete FERPA Release Authorization ⇒ Teacher and Counselor Recommenders

ONLY INPUT THE <u>NAMES</u> OF YOUR COUNSELORS AND/OR TEACHERS - DO NOT INPUT EMAIL ADDRESSES. YOU WILL OFFICIALLY REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDERS THROUGH SCOIR.



FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

NEED-BASED

- Awarded by completing the FAFSA
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Online at fafsa.gov
 - Opens October 1st
 - Utilize 2022 tax return
- Given in forms of
 - Grants- you do not have to pay back
 - Loans- you DO have to pay back
 - Work study- get paid to have a job on campus

MERIT-BASED

- Awarded based on grades and/or test scores
- No extra application necessary, every student automatically assessed for meritbased scholarships if grades and test scores have been sent.

ATHLETIC

- Not for 4 years they are renewable each academic year, and may be increased, renewed, reduced, or withdrawn.
- Can be awarded in a variety of amounts full to partial to books
- NCAA Div. I & II: www.eligibilitycenter.org
- NAIA Eligibility Center: www.playnaia.org

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

- Based on academic achievement, leadership qualities, community service work, special talents, acceptance to a specific program, or combination of all
- May include extra applications, writing essays, sending transcripts, interviewing, and/or sending letters of recommendation.
 - Financial Aid website of each university
 - Fastweb.com
 - Goingmerry.com
 - Chegg.com
 - o Raiseme.com
 - Tallo.com

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