Junior & Senior/ Parent Night

Welcome!

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High School Years

Minimum Requirements

- 4 credits of English (1 sequence)
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 3 credits of Math
- 3 credits of Science (1 Life Science—Biology, and 1 Physical Science—Earth Science)
- 1 credit of Foreign Lang.
- 1 credit of Fine Arts
- 1/2 credit health
- 2 credits phys. Ed
- 3 ½ credits worth of electives

22 Total Credits

Course Description Handbook

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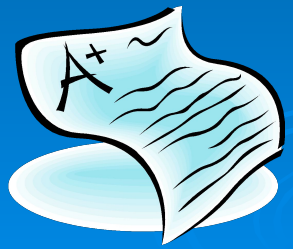
Gemini Courses

- College level courses taught by RCS teachers certified through FLCC.
- FLCC transferability form
- Transcript from FLCC



Composition I—3 credits
Composition II—3 credits
Introduction to Psychology—3 credits
Introduction to Sociology—3 credits
Biology 121—4 credits
Spanish 201—3 credits (Spanish IV)
Spanish 202—3 credits (Spanish IV)
Spanish 203—3 credits (Spanish V)
Pre-Calculus—3 credits
Calculus—4 credits
Early US History 110—3 credits
Modern US History 111—3 credits
Survey of Economics—3 credits
Art History Pre-History to Middle Ages—3 credits
Art History Renaissance to Modern Art—3 credits

SAT, ACT & PSAT

SAT Scholastic Aptitude Test

- Tests critical thinking and problem solving
- The SAT tests vocabulary much more than the ACT.
- The highest score is 1600. Average is 1000.
- The SAT is an **aptitude** test, testing reasoning, verbal abilities, and critical thinking
- Score categories:
  - Evidenced Based Reading and Writing
  - Math
  - Optional essay

PSAT's—Juniors

Preliminary SAT's

Given to Juniors as a predictor/practice exam to gauge SAT results. I will go over results with each student and mail home their results.

ACT American College Test

- Content-based test-- English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test
- The ACT largely tests English grammar and punctuation.
- The highest score is 36. 19-23 is an average score
- The ACT is an **achievement** test—curriculum based, measuring what a student has learned in school.
- Score categories:
  - English
  - Math
  - Reading
  - Science Reasoning
  - Writing optional

SAT and ACT

- PHOTO NEEDED for REGISTRATION -
  - Along with admissions ticket
    - —**NO TICKET, NO PHOTO, NO ADMISSION**—
- Walk-in standby test takers will not be admitted
- Changes to test center, test date or test type will not be permitted on test day
- **To register:**
  - sat.org
  - actstudent.org

Romulus School Code
334910

Upcoming dates

To register visit:
sat.org and/or actstudent.org

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
6/11/2022	5/6/2022	6/4/2022	5/5/2022
7/16/2022	6/17/2022	8/27/2022	7/29/2022
9/10/2022	8/5/2022	10/1/2022	9/2/2022
10/22/2022	9/16/2022	11/5/2022	10/7/2022
12/10/2022	11/4/2022	12/3/2022	11/3/2022
2/11/2023	1/6/2023	3/11/2023	2/10/2023
04/15/2023	3/10/2023	05/06/2023	4/7/2023
6/10/2023	5/5/2023	06/03/2023	05/04/2023
7/15/2023	6/16/2023		

Diploma Types

EXAMS FOR REGENTS DIPLOMA: (5)

- ___ Math (Algebra, Geometry, or Algebra II)
- ___ Science (Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry or Physics
- ___ Social Studies Global or US History
- ___ English 11
- ___ 1 of the following: Math, Science, Social Studies, CTE

EXAMS FOR REGENTS WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION DIPLOMA: (8-9)

- ___ Algebra
- ___Geometry
- ___Algebra II
- ___ Science
- ___ Science
- ___ LOTE, Tech Center or SS sequence
- ___ Global History 10
- ___ US History 11
- ___ English 11

Local Diploma = CSE students only who DO NOT satisfy criteria for a Regents Diploma

With Honors—average of 90% or higher on all regents exams pertaining to his/her specific diploma
Mastery in Science and/or Math recognition—85 or higher on all 3 Science and/or all 3 Math Regents exams

The Transcript

~HS credits only

~FLCC credits come from official FLCC transcript

~FLCC transferability form

5705 State Route 96
Romulus, NY 14541

Romulus Central School District

OFFICIAL DOCUMENT
Valid Only If Signed
ACT/CEEB: 334910

Name:
Gender:
Address:

Parent(s):

Student ID: 67336
DOB: 04/17/2003
Graduation Date: 6/26/2021

Diploma Type: NYS Regents

Class Rank: 21 in a class of 27
Unweighted GPA 72.39
Weighted GPA 72.45
Credits Earned: 28.00
Counselor: Victoria McCusker

2016-2017 Grade:08 GREECE CSD — GPA:69.20 — Credits:2.50

Course Name	Final Avg	Credits
Algebra	65	1.00
English 9	68	1.00
Googles Basics	80	0.50

2017-2018 Grade:09 GREECE CSD — GPA:73.69 — Credits:6.50

Course Name	Final Avg	Credits
DDP-Design, Drawing And Production	66	1.00
English 10	66	1.00
Geometry (CC)	69	1.00
Global 9	72	1.00
H.S. Phys. Ed.	88	0.50
Living Environment	88	1.00
Spanish I	74	1.00

2018-2019 Grade:10 GREECE CSD — GPA:72.00 — Credits:6.50

Course Name	Final Avg	Credits
Construction I	94	0.50
Construction II	69	0.50
Earth Science	69	1.00
Global 10	69	1.00
H.S. Phys. Ed.	65	0.50
Health 10	71	0.50
Intermediate Algebra	71	1.00
Spanish II	75	1.00
Strategies for Success	69	0.50

2019-2020 Grade:11 GREECE CSD — GPA:74.31 — Credits:8.00

Course Name	Final Avg	Credits
Electrical Trades-P	72	4.00
English 11 CC Online	77	1.00
Math/Financial Application	70	1.00
Team Games	95	0.50
Tech Center Science-PO	70	0.50
US History	77	1.00

2020-2021 Grade:12 Romulus Middle/High School — Abs:0 Tdy:0 — GPA:69.82 — Credits:4.50

Course Name	Final Avg	Credits
*College Survey of Economics	71	0.50
Digital Photography	70	1.00
English 12	65	1.00
Government	69	0.50
H.S. Phys. Ed.	76	0.50
World Of Technology	71	1.00

Testing Information
State Test Scores

Date	Exam	Score
01/18	Regents Common Core Examination in Algebra I	67
06/18	Regents Common Core Examination in Geometry	69
06/18	Regents Living Environment	91
06/19	Regents Physical Setting/Earth Science	85
06/19	Regents U.S. History & Government (Framework)	79
06/20	Regents Comprehensive English	EX
06/20	Regents U.S. History & Government (Framework)	EX

Course Code Keys:
AUD = Audit
P = Pass
F = Fail
W/P = Withdrew Passing
W/F = Withdrew Failing
* = Weighted Course

Exam Codes:
ABS = Absent
UNS = Unscoreable
EX = Exempt

NOTES:
Course Grades appearing in (Parenthesis) are not yet final course grades, but are "In Progress" grades.

Signature

September 13, 2021
Date

The College Visit!!

- Visit a "maybe" college first
- Schedule interviews with Admission Counselors
- Have questions ready
- Make appointments with financial aid, and potential major/minor departments (if known)
- Visit while students are there
- Ask about scholarships
- Select 3-5 colleges—Don't disregard Community Colleges!!

Student Responsibilities

- Seek out letters of recommendation as soon as possible- give teachers enough time to write one--about two weeks
- Fill out applications—
  - common application, SUNY application, etc.
- Listen to/Read announcements
- Remember DEADLINES!!
- Application Fee —online or mailed (Fee waivers available)
- Essays—supplemental

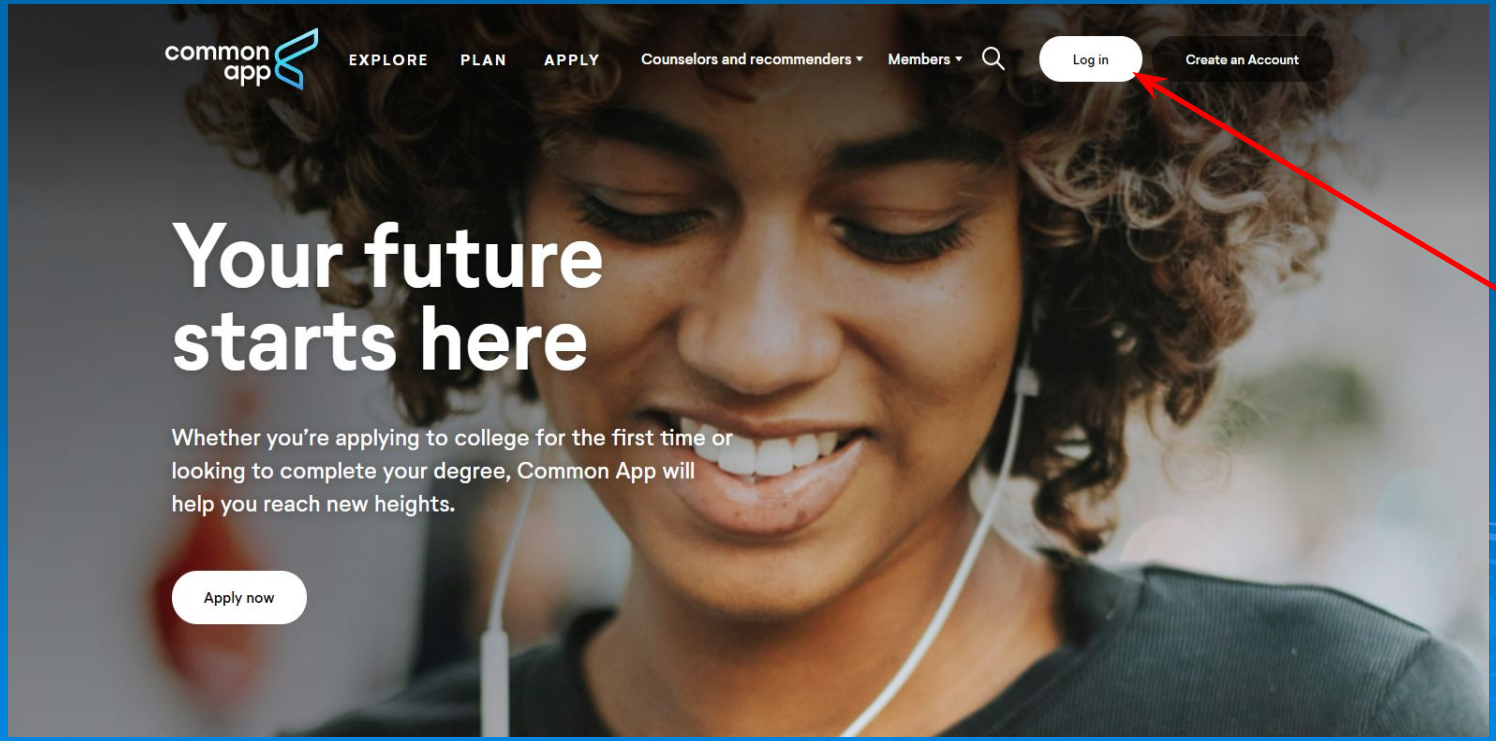
Application Terms

- Early decision = Locked in—Binding commitment
  - Your child agrees to attend the college if it accepts him/her. Can only apply early decision to one college. May apply to other colleges through the regular admissions process. If he/she is accepted by the first-choice college early, your child must withdraw all other applications. Usually, colleges insist on a nonrefundable deposit well before May 1. IF YOU ARE DOING EARLY DECISION PLEASE LET ME KNOW!
- Early action—Not locked in—Non-Binding Commitment
  - If your child has been accepted, he/she can choose to commit to the college immediately, or wait until the spring. Under these plans, your child may also apply early action to other colleges. Usually, your child has until the late spring to let the college know his decision.
- Rolling admissions—
  - No specific deadline, applications are reviewed as they are received. Keep in mind that at some colleges and universities, financial aid and housing may be doled out on a first-come, first-served basis, which means that those who wait until the last minute may secure a place in the entering class but not the money to pay for it or a bed to sleep in
- Open admissions/Open enrollment—
  - A policy that permits enrollment of a student in a college or university without regard to academic qualifications.

Common Application

Commonapp.org

Common App first-year application 2022–2023 walkthrough | Common App



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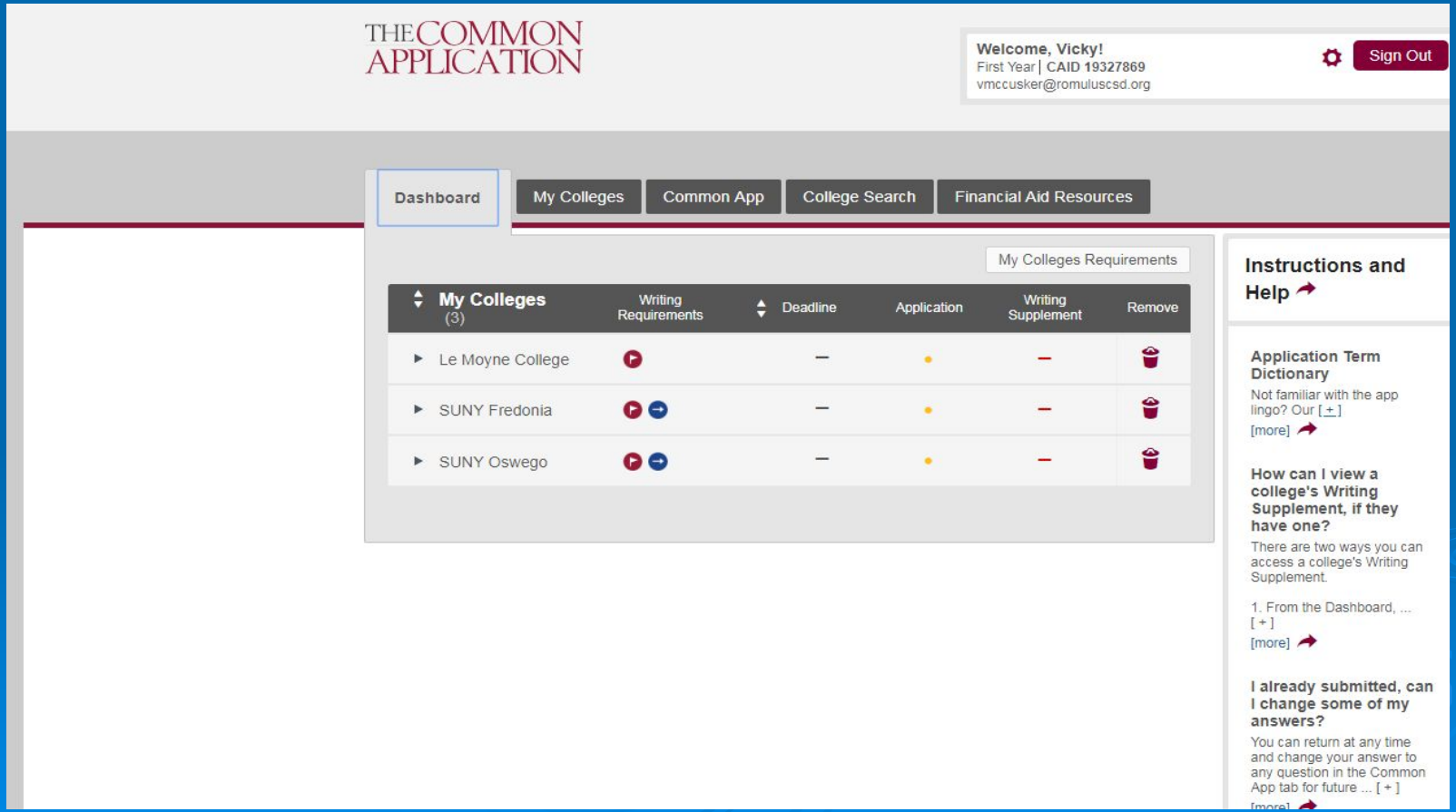

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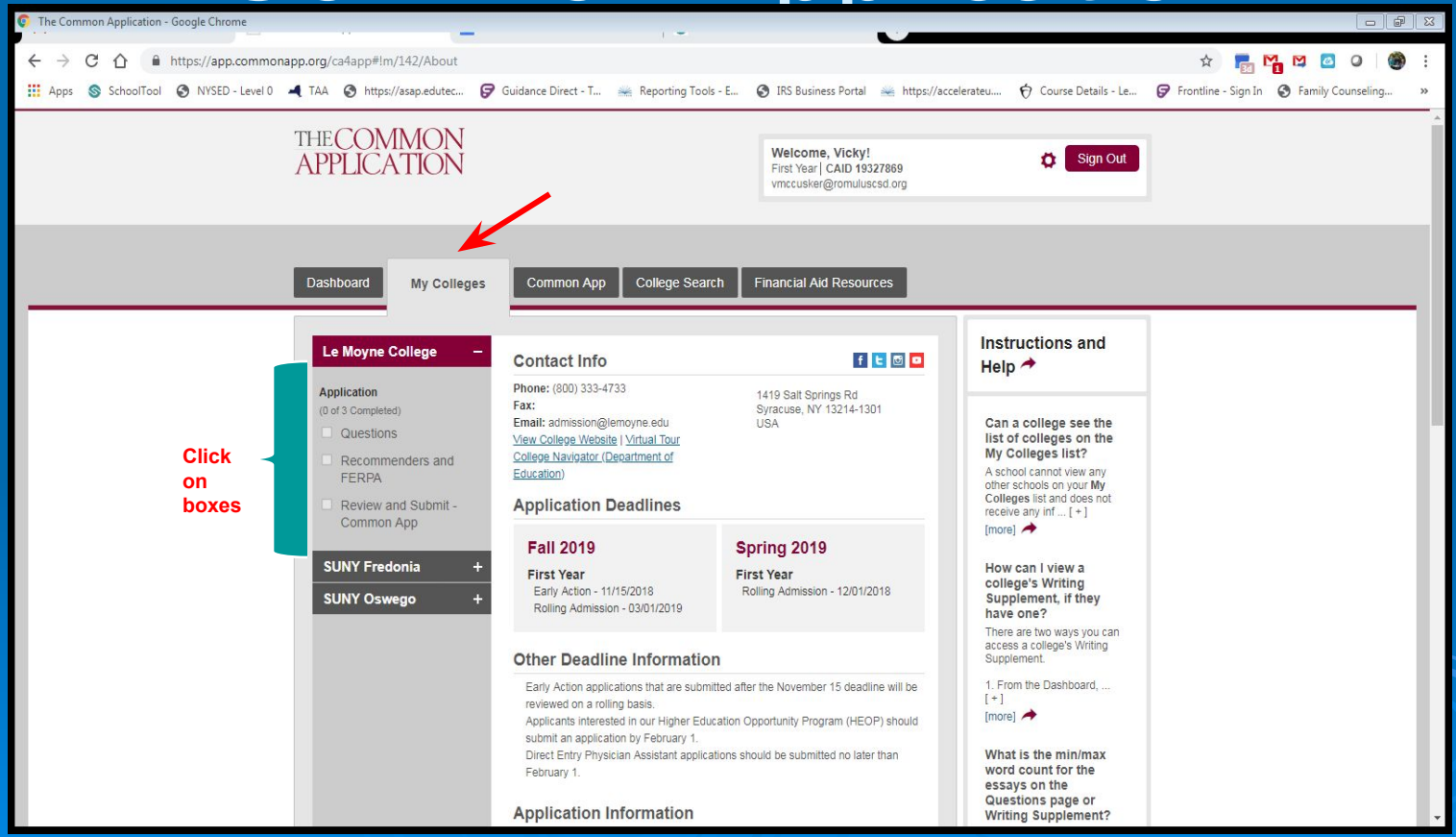

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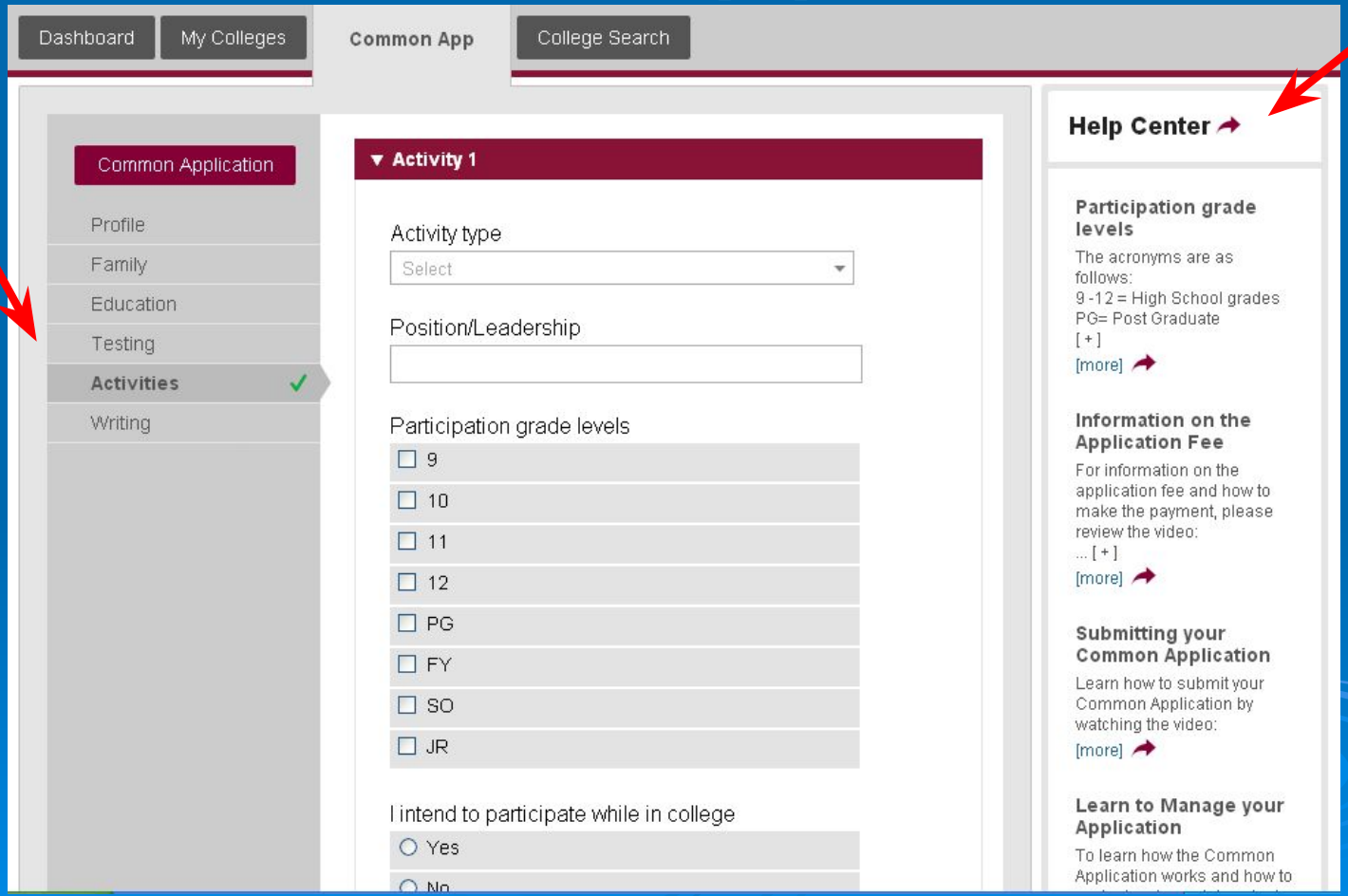

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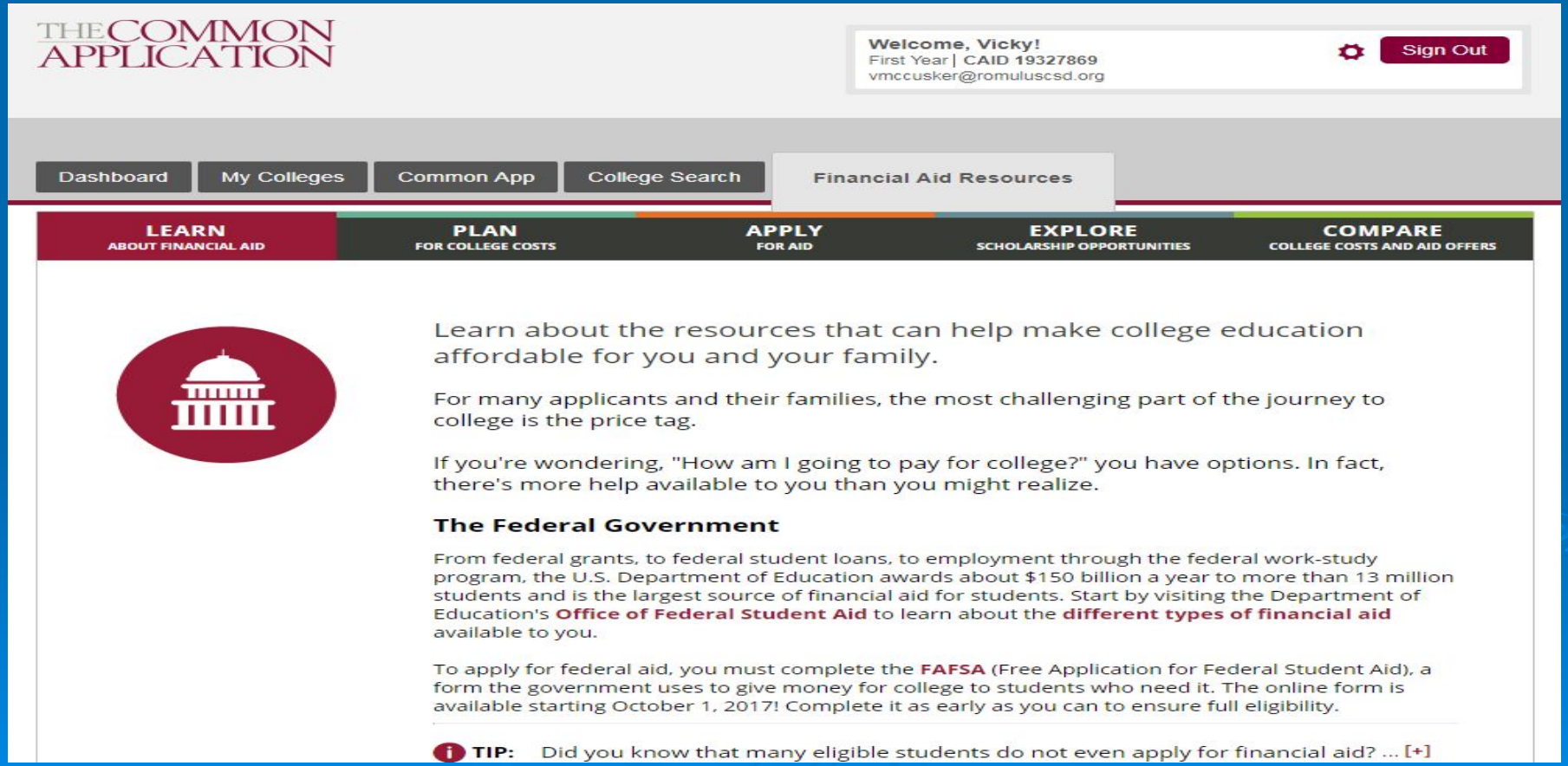
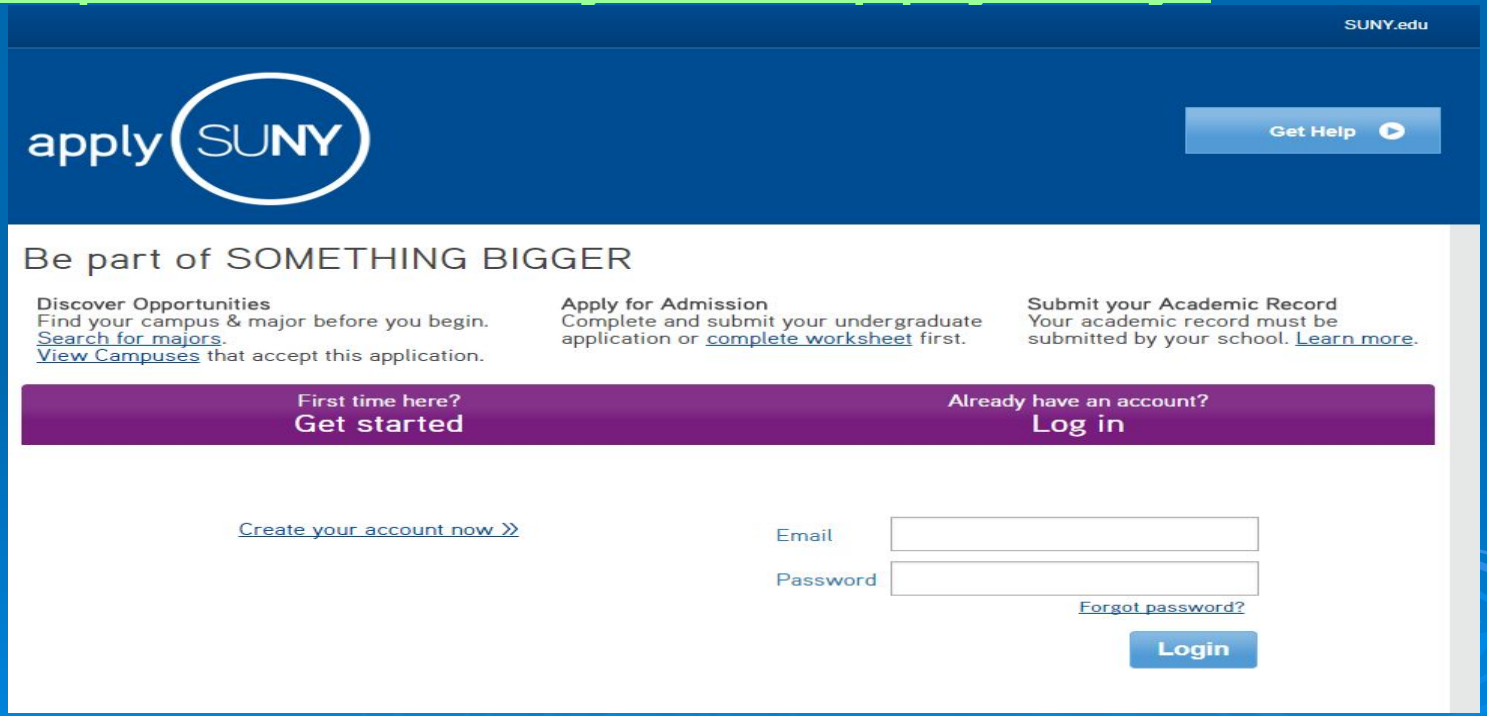


SUNY APPLICATION

- https://www.suny.edu/applysuny/



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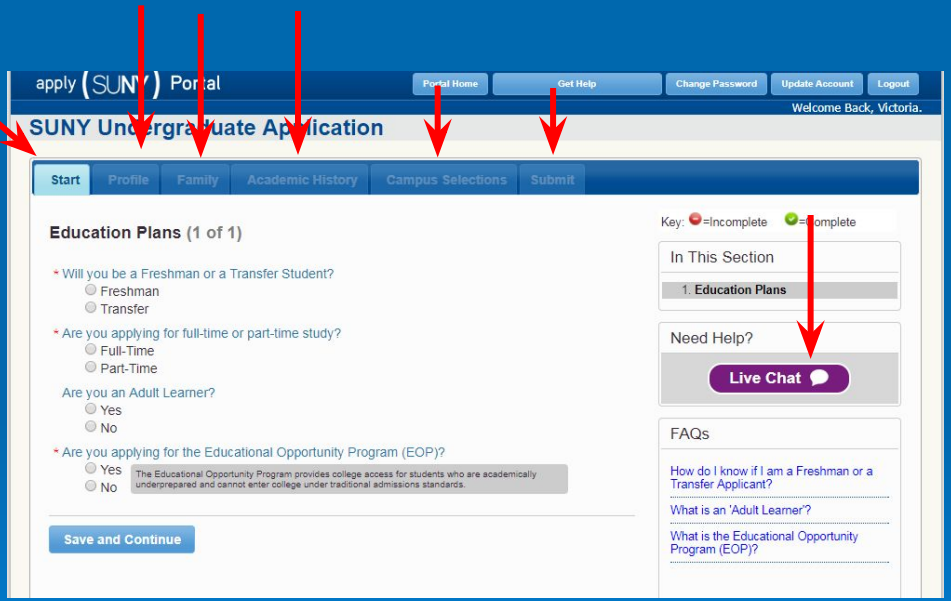


Financial Aid Process

- Begins after 10/1, every year
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Apply for a FSA ID online – https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid
- Aid packages – Compare packages. Just because cost of attending is high, the package may offset the cost enough to make it as affordable as a less costly college
- Two types of aid—need base and merit based
  - Need-based— Grants, Scholarship—gift aid
    Work study, loans—self-help aid
  - Merit based—scholarships
- Apply for TAP immediately at end of FAFSA
- CSS Profile—Required by some private schools for institutional awards and grants. https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile
- Decision time—Spring

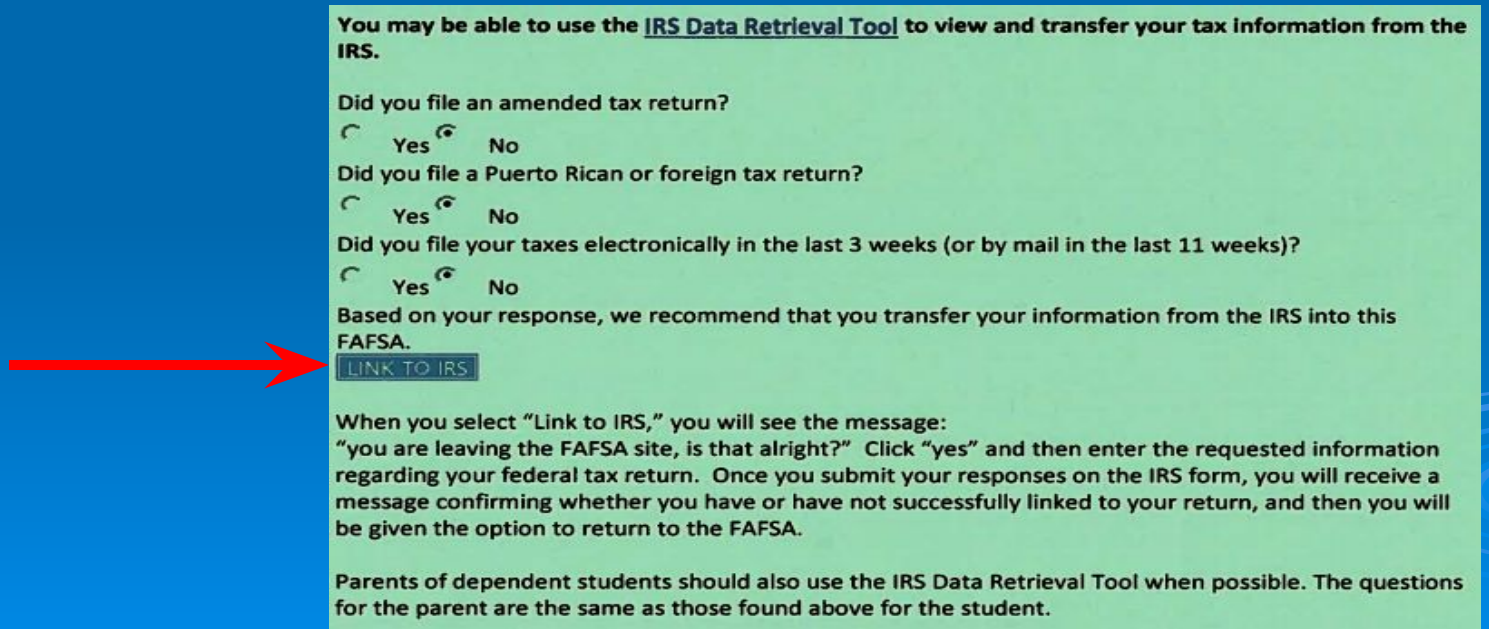
- Financial Aid Night— October 11th, 6PM
  Romulus Auditorium

Financial Aid Process

When you are getting ready to complete the FAFSA, you can report tax information from a prior-prior tax return.

When possible, use the **IRS Data Retrieval Tool** in the **Financial Section** of the form. That page will begin with, “For 202__, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?”

Once you answer that question using the drop down menu, you will see the following:



You may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to view and transfer your tax information from the IRS.

Did you file an amended tax return?

○ Yes ◉ No

Did you file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return?

○ Yes ◉ No

Did you file your taxes electronically in the last 3 weeks (or by mail in the last 11 weeks)?

○ Yes ◉ No

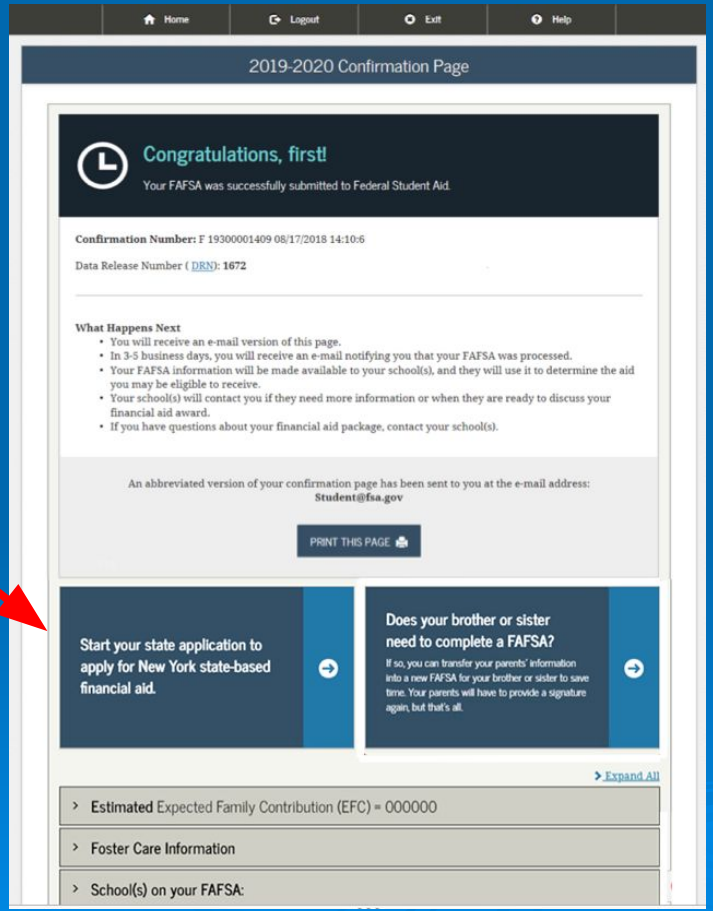
Based on your response, we recommend that you transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA.

LINK TO IRS

When you select “Link to IRS,” you will see the message:
“you are leaving the FAFSA site, is that alright?” Click “yes” and then enter the requested information regarding your federal tax return. Once you submit your responses on the IRS form, you will receive a message confirming whether you have or have not successfully linked to your return, and then you will be given the option to return to the FAFSA.

Parents of dependent students should also use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when possible. The questions for the parent are the same as those found above for the student.

After FAFSA do TAP!!!



NYS Financial Aid

Short Videos to answer FAQ's

https:nysfaa.financialaidtv.com

- Creating an FSA ID
- IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- Dependency Status Question
- Parent Marital Status
- Providing Tax Information
- Verification of Income and Tax information

NYS Scholarships and Awards

- The Excelsior Scholarship
  - AGI of $125,000 or less
  - Cap of $5,500
  - All SUNY Schools participate
  - https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html
- Enhanced Tuition Award
  - AGI of $100,000 or less
  - Cap of $6,000 are available for resident students enrolled in a private college in New York State
  - Not all private colleges and universities in NYS participate.
  - https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship/enhanced-tuition-awards.html

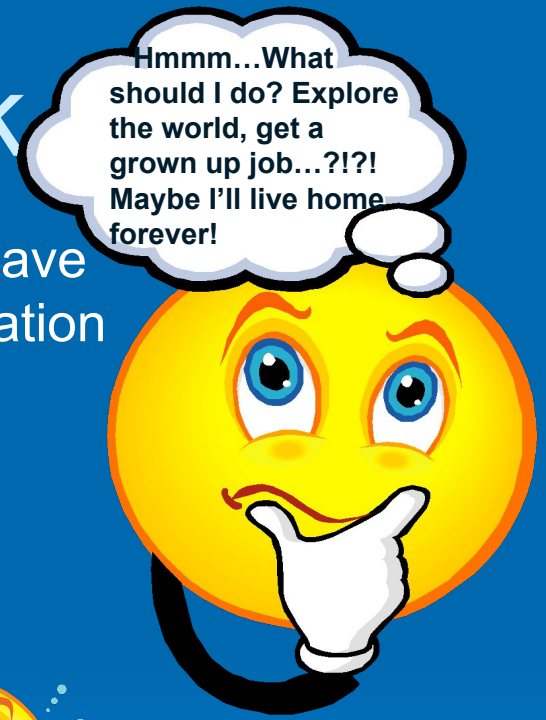
Scholarships

- Available outside my office after January—Be sure to listen to/read daily announcements.
- Colleges of interest
- www.guidancedirect.com –scholarships, college search, career search
  - School ID# 0605496
  - Password R47S9360
    - Click on "Create New Account" and then follow prompts!
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Incentive Program

--The NYS STEM Incentive Program provides a full SUNY tuition scholarship to the top 10 percent of students in each NYS high school if they pursue a STEM degree in an associate's or bachelor's degree program and agree to live in NYS and work in a STEM field in NYS for five years after graduation.

HESC (Higher Education Services Cooperation) website

Straight to Work



- If your child does not wish to pursue college, please have them stop by the guidance office to see me for information on careers not requiring a college degree

- I understand that not every student wishes to attend college; I am here to assist them as well

Work-Bound Student and Parent Checklist

To complete this checklist, scan the QR Code below.

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_____**Transcript review with Mrs. McCusker**

_____**Myers-Briggs Personality Test:** https://www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test

_____**Holland's Code Career Interest Assessment:** https://openpsychometrics.org/tests/RIASEC/

_____**Career Exploration:** https://flcc.emsicc.com/?radius=100%20miles&region=Finger%20Lakes%20

_____**Cover letter and Resume building:**
https://www.resumebuilder.com/high-school-resume-examples/

https://www.myperfectresume.com/ https://www.resumebuilder.com/create-a-resume/

_____**Mock interview tips:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srw4r3htm4U

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5kR7TPAkSw

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLa3thi9R49eKXvPFVeUMVrKGJRdZOPDup

_____**When you are asked to return for a 2nd interview:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srw4r3htm4U

_____**Ask people to be your reference or to write you a letter or recommendation if needed**

_____**Fill out job applications**

Junior COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

Summer

- ☐ Explore college websites and request information from all colleges of interest to you
- ☐ Tour colleges
- ☐ Research colleges and application requirements
- ☐ Contact Mrs. McCusker at any point along the way with any questions/concerns!

September/October

- ☐ Assess academic progress and continue taking challenging courses
- ☐ Read posts made by Mrs. McCusker for upcoming events and fieldtrips
- ☐ Meet with Mrs. McCusker to go over transcript
- ☐ Take the PSAT
- ☐ Attend the Rochester Area College (RAC) Fair at Mynderse Academy
- ☐ Attend Jr./Sr. Parent Night
- ☐ Attend RCS Financial Aid Night
- ☐ Sign up to visit a 4 year college with Mrs. McCusker

November

- ☐ Keep up with academics
- ☐ Attend local college fairs
- ☐ Prep for the SAT or ACT (or both) if applicable
- ☐ Ramp up college research
- ☐ Participate in extracurriculars
- ☐ Contact Mrs. McCusker with any questions/concerns

December/January

- ☐ Continue reading posts made by Mrs. McCusker for upcoming events and fieldtrips
- ☐ Review PSAT results with Mrs. McCusker
- ☐ Continue prepping for SAT/ACT if applicable
- ☐ Contact Mrs. McCusker with any questions/concerns

February

- ☐ Continue college research--request information
- ☐ Contact colleges to set up a tour

Ask for the following:

-Admissions Interview
- Financial Aid Meeting
- Meeting with Dept. Chair of intended major
-Observe classroom lecture of intended major
-Lunch on campus
-Application Feel Waiver

- ☐ Register for SAT/ACT if applicable, at collegeboard.org or act.org

March

- ☐ Continue keeping up with academics
- ☐ Register for SAT/ACT if applicable, at: collegeboard.org or act.org
- ☐ Sign up to visit a two year school with Mrs. McCusker and Mrs. Stuck
- ☐ Continue reading posts made by Mrs. McCusker for upcoming events and fieldtrips
- ☐ Contact Mrs. McCusker with any questions/concerns

April/May

- ☐ Register for SAT or ACT if you wish to improve scores: collegeboard.org or act.org
- ☐ Course selection with Mrs. McCusker
- ☐ Visit college campuses and start thinking about what's important to you

June/July/August

- ☐ Create a list of colleges to apply to
- ☐ Decide if you would like to retake the SAT/ACT
- ☐ Identify teachers to write recommendation letters and be sure to personally ask teachers for reference
- ☐ Give recommenders at least two weeks notice prior to due date
- ☐ **The Common App will open in August--start applying!**
- ☐ Continue reading posts made by Mrs. McCusker for upcoming events and fieldtrips
- ☐ Contact Mrs. McCusker with any questions/concerns!

Have a great summer!

Visit my webpage for additional information at www.romulusrd.org/departments/guidance or

Senior COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

Summer

- ☐ Tour colleges
- ☐ Register for SAT or ACT if you wish to improve scores: collegeboard.org or act.org
- ☐ Research colleges and application requirements
- ☐ Keep your schedule full and challenging
- ☐ Contact Mrs. McCusker at any point along the way with any questions/concerns!

September

- ☐ Start working on college applications
- ☐ Note Early Action (EA) or Early Decision (ED) deadline if applicable to you
- ☐ Ask teachers for letters of recommendations
- ☐ Attend Jr. /Sr. Parent Night
- ☐ Read posts made by Mrs. McCusker in your Class of (Graduation Year) Google Classroom!
- ☐ Sign up to visit a 4 year college with Mrs. McCusker

October

- ☐ Start working on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) You AND parent will need to sign up for a FSA ID at www.fafsa.gov
- ☐ Start working on NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) if staying in NYS. This can be completed immediately following the FAFSA application or by going to www.hesc.ny.gov
- ☐ Additionally, some private schools may require the CSS Profile--check with your colleges of interest about this--additional fees may apply
- ☐ Attend RCS Financial Aid Night

November

- ☐ Send SAT/ACT score reports to colleges if they are asking for official reports
- ☐ Let Mrs. McCusker know of any community college you are applying to that will need a transcript
- ☐ Continue working on college applications--ED/EA should be completed this month
- ☐ Fill out Mrs. McCusker's post secondary plan form in Google Sheets via Google Classroom

December/January

- ☐ Complete and submit college applications
- ☐ Complete and submit FAFSA and TAP
- ☐ Read posts made by Mrs. McCusker in your Class of (Graduation Year) Google Classroom regarding scholarship opportunities and other important information

February/March

- ☐ Check emails regularly for aid and college correspondence
- ☐ Receive and review FAFSA and TAP reports
- ☐ Compare financial aid packages--appeal to colleges if need be
- ☐ Carefully read and respond to all college and aid communications
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships
- ☐ Sign up to visit a two year college
- ☐ Continue reading Mrs. McCusker's posts

April/May

- ☐ Commit to a college and also notify Mrs. McCusker
- ☐ Send in college deposit
- ☐ Notify other colleges of application withdrawal
- ☐ Check with your choice college for scholarship opportunities
- ☐ Update Mrs. McCusker's post-secondary plan form

June/July

- ☐ Mrs. McCusker will send out final, official **high school** transcripts to selected college
- ☐ **College** Gemini course transcripts will need to come from FLCC--contact FLCC to send transcript to selected college www.flcc.edu/offices/registrar/transcripts.cfm
- ☐ Look for college information on housing, roommates, orientation, course selection, etc.
- ☐ Complete student loan applications
- ☐ Graduate and enjoy summer vacation!

Good luck and best wishes!

Visit my webpage for additional information at www.romuluscsd.org/departments/guidance or

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Events Throughout the Year

- College and Career Readiness Day–winter
- Career Café
- 2 college visits
- Career Exploration Assessments
- Personality Assessments
- FLCC Financial Aid Workshop
- FLCC Instant Admit Day
- FLCC Transfer Fair
- Agriculture, Health Care and Construction Career Fair
- Seneca County Career Fair
- Military and College Representative visits—throughout the year
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing and Digital Portfolios

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

November 10th

Please contact Jen Gillan to schedule an appointment:

- jgillan@romuluscsd.org
- 607-869-5391 ext. *423

THANK YOU!

Handouts up front!

http://www.romuluscsd.org/departments/guidance

vmccusker@romuluscsd.org

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