



# APPLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS 2023 – 2024

## COMPLETE APPLICATIONS ONLINE

- Check application **due dates** and requirements
- \*Students receiving free/reduced lunches may be eligible for reduced fee/fee waivers.
- Please see your school counselor for details or assistance [WAIVER FORM](#)

## SCHOOL REPORT

- Colleges may require a counselor report to verify test scores, GPA, or class schedule.
- Most applications do this electronically. Make sure to enter counselors email address correctly (see next page for counselor emails)

## COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION

- Colleges may require recommendations from a teacher or counselor. If your application requires a recommendation, you **MUST** meet individually with your counselor and bring the completed [RECOMMENDATION FORM](#) (pdf) [RECOMMENDATION FORM](#) (digital)
- Teachers and counselors will submit recommendations and/or applications upon completion.
- Please allow **2 weeks** for your counselor or teacher to complete the recommendation.
- We encourage you to write a thank you note to the teacher or counselor who wrote your recommendation.

## ESSAY

- Some colleges may require a college essay. Directions will be on individual applications.

## SENIOR SCHEDULE

- Download from the AVHS Student Portal to upload with each application.
- [CAMPUS LINK](#)

## SCHOOL PROFILE

- Download a copy of the school profile if needed [AVHS SCHOOL PROFILE](#)

## TRANSCRIPT

- Order a transcript at [PARCHMENT](#)
- Click on “Request a Transcript.”
- You will need a credit or debit card - There is a \$7.00 fee per transcript request.
- When asked for your high school, type “**Apple Valley**”, *not* “AVHS.”

## TEST SCORES

- Review test score reporting requirements for each school you are applying to.
- Review [questions about test optional](#) or [test optional policies](#)
- Test scores can be sent by requesting them from the following:
  - A. [ACT](#): Request them after the test.  
Cost is \$18.50 per test date per report.
  - B. [AP](#): Request them after the test.  
Cost is \$15 per report.

# HELPFUL RESOURCES

## **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

### [THE COMMON APP](#)

The Common Application is an online college application used by hundreds of colleges and universities. Instead of filling out general information multiple times on multiple applications, you only need to do it once. The Common App dashboard makes it easy to track other application documents and important application deadlines.

### [MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES](#)

### [MINNESOTA PRIVATE COLLEGES](#)

### [UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SYSTEM](#)

### [UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM](#)

## **PAYING FOR COLLEGE**

### [FAFSA](#)

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

### [MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION: PAYING FOR COLLEGE](#)

Free online resources for paying for college, including financial aid basics, grants/scholarships, other aid options, student loan options, and other useful online tools for you and your family.

### [NORTH STAR PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FACT SHEET](#)

Information about the North Star Promise (NSP) Scholarship program for eligible Minnesota residents at select institutions, beginning fall 2024.

### [MINNESOTA DREAM ACT](#)

Information about the MN Dream Act that provides benefits to undocumented students who meet certain criteria. Application is also linked in this site for students who qualify.

### [NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION](#)

Family Connection is a comprehensive website that AVHS students and families can use to help make decisions about colleges, careers, and scholarships. Students can access the resources using their collab account.

### [FASTWEB](#)

Fastweb is a free scholarship search engine that connects students to scholarships and financial aid tools.

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