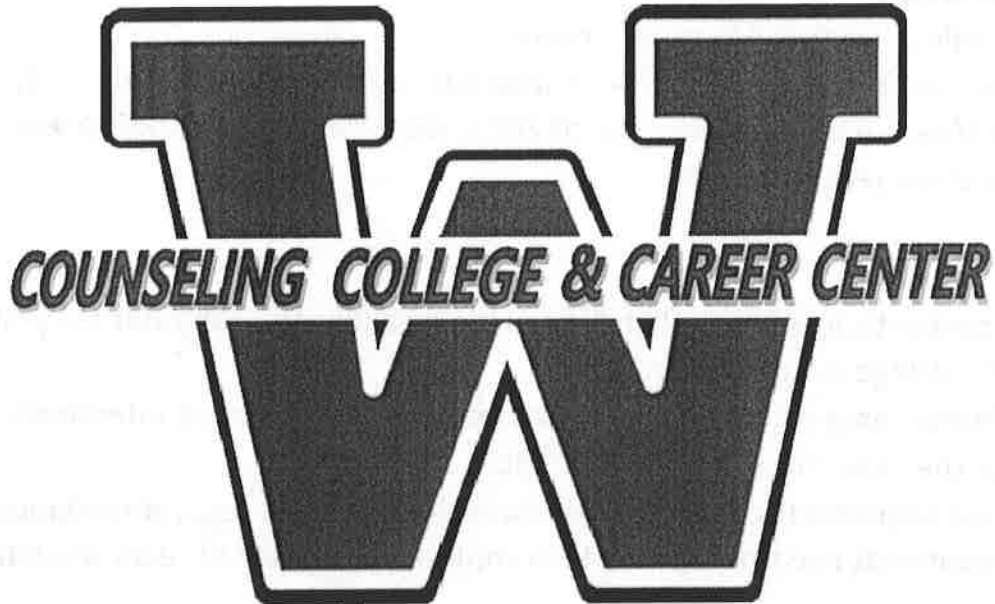


Whitesboro High School Junior College Preparedness Packet 2023



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Juniors

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11th Grade

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COLLEGE ADMISSION TIMELINE

Spring/Summer (prior to senior year):

- Begin research process for colleges of interest
- Campus Visitations- make appointments through the college Admissions Office and schedule a campus tour and consultation
- Research college admissions requirements
- Register for SAT/ACT if required for college admission- our high school will be offering the SAT in May, June and November of 2023. Be sure to check college websites for their admissions requirements.

September:

- College Representatives begin High School Visits- check the calendar for visitation in the Counseling, College & Career Center
- Continue researching colleges, visiting campuses and requesting interviews
- Register for the November SAT I and October ACT
- Begin making requests for teacher and counselor letters of recommendation, allowing school personnel at least two weeks to complete your letter of recommendation

October:

- Attend College Night held Tuesday October 10, 2023 at MVCC
- Apply for financial aid (FAFSA) beginning October 1st
- ACT exams are given
- **Be aware of College Application Deadlines**

November:

- SAT exams are given
- Early Decision Deadlines begin
- Start submitting college applications
- Continue campus visits
- **Be aware of College Application Deadlines**

December:

- College Applications should be submitted
- SAT I and SAT II exams are given at other local area schools

February-April:

- College Admission decisions generally mailed out at this time
- Financial Aid Letters generally mailed out at this time

May: Tuition and housing deposits are typically due at this time

SAT and ACT Information for Juniors

Please use feedback from our review of your PSAT score profile to prepare for the official SAT offered at Whitesboro High School in May or June 2022 (recommended for Juniors)

When you register for the exams, you must have an appropriate, computer-generated picture of yourself to upload to your ticket. You must also bring photo i.d. on the day of the day of the test or you **WILL NOT** be allowed to take the test. Additional information is available under the High School Guidance tab at www.wboro.org

SAT Registration - www.collegeboard.org

2023 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
March 11, 2023	SAT only	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
* May 6, 2023	SAT only	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
* June 3, 2023	SAT only	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

ACT Registration - www.actstudent.org

2023 Test Dates	Registration Deadline: Regular	Registration Deadline: Late (a fee applies)
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	April 7, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	June 2, 2023

* Tests offered at Whitesboro High School (Whitesboro CEEB Code: 335960)

If you are a student who receives testing accommodations, please see your guidance counselor as soon as possible to apply for the accommodations through the testing website.

- Check websites above for other test dates that are offered at other area high schools.
- Additional dates are available in the Fall for students wishing to retake the exams
- Test preparation is available on the ACT and SAT websites and also at: Khan Academy at SAT: www.khanacademy.org/sat or www.collegeboard.org/psatdownloads. MVCC also holds various community preparation courses throughout the year. Go to MVCC.edu for the community course catalog.

College: How to Get There From Here

We know you're ready for college—your academic track record has proven that. Now it's time to apply. Here are some tips on how to get started.

Apply to four or more colleges.

AT LEAST

A college you're confident you can get into.

SAFETY

AT LEAST

2

GOOD FITS

Colleges you have a pretty good chance of getting into.

AT LEAST

A college that you have a chance of getting into, but it's a stretch.

REACH

Applying to two colleges instead of one makes it **40% MORE LIKELY** that you'll enroll in a four-year college. If you apply to more than two, then your chances of enrolling will be even better.

Never rule out applying to a college because you think it's too expensive.

There are scholarships and financial aid packages available at almost all four-year colleges.

The estimated average grant aid for four-year colleges in 2016-17

PUBLIC COLLEGES
MORE THAN \$4,700

PRIVATE NONPROFIT COLLEGES
MORE THAN \$18,600

Many students receive much more than the average aid.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1.

When looking at colleges, consider the following:

ACADEMIC

What are the average SAT scores and GPA of students admitted to the school? Does it have any prerequisites? Apply to colleges that are a good academic fit—whether they're a safe bet or a little out of reach.

GRADUATION RATE

Do most students graduate in four years? If not, why not?

LOCATION

Do you prefer a big city, suburb, or small town?

MAJORS

Does the college offer a variety of majors that interest you?

SIZE

Do you want a smaller campus with smaller class sizes or a larger school with a wider variety of programs, such as a state university?

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Does the college's library meet your needs? Does the campus use the latest technology? What about lab facilities?

CAMPUS LIFE AND SERVICES

What are the housing options? Are there social activities, cultural events, clubs, or athletics that interest you? What support services are available on campus to help with social, health, academic, and financial challenges?

Take a college tour.

Set up campus visits. These visits are always free, but if you can't travel, take a virtual tour, or visit a local college. Even if you don't tour your first-choice college, you'll get an idea of what campus life is really like.

Admission Decisions: What Counts

Help your students understand what really matters to colleges

There's no magic formula when it comes to college admission decisions. So how do you advise students on admission factors when they vary so widely from one college to the next?

A college's statistics should never be taken as rules for admission, though.

Students should know that many factors influence admission decisions, including:

- Courses taken
- Grades received
- Class rank
- Standardized test scores
- Personal statements and essays
- Recommendations
- Extracurricular activities
- Interviews

Courses and grades

A student's grades in college-preparatory classes remain the most significant factor in college admission decisions.

Highly selective colleges look for students who:

- Complete core academic requirements.
- Take more challenging classes, even though they may have slightly lower grades than they'd achieve in lower-level courses.
- Enroll in several college-prep or college-level courses (such as AP®) and perform well.
- Take four years of a world language, showing evidence of academic discipline and challenge.

Class rank: Although still reviewed by many colleges, class rank has declined in significance as many private and religious schools have eliminated student ranking.

Test scores

Standardized test scores remain important at many colleges. Examinations such as the SAT and SAT Subject Tests™, or the ACT, allow colleges to compare students from across the country.

Essays

Personal statements and essays are both a measure of writing ability and a window into each student's background. Admission officers want to hear an original voice in the student's own words. For a successful essay, encourage students to get to the point quickly and personalize their writing through specific examples.

Recommendations from counselors and teachers

At selective colleges, strong school support in the form of recommendations from counselors and faculty members has become more important than ever. These **recommendations should be highly specific**, describing not just each student's love of learning, but the ways in which the students have demonstrated that they can

- Add to the classroom experience.
- Challenge themselves.
- Attempt original projects.

Extracurricular activities

Evidence of extracurricular activities is important to the admission process, and **depth of involvement is more impressive than breadth**. Students can achieve this if they

- Focus on a limited number of interests.
- Document long-term involvement with organizations.
- Highlight activities related to a major or career goal.
- Show leadership skills and ability.

Source: Collegeboard.org

The College Application Process

The college application process can be overwhelming at first. This is your main impression to the college. **The following tips can make this process easier:**

- Develop a list of your school/community activities prior to senior year.
- Research the college requirements for admission such as essay, recommendations, interviews, SAT/ACT, SAT Subject tests. If your colleges require the SAT/ACT tests, scores must be sent directly from the testing service to the individual colleges you are applying.
- Complete a Student Activity sheet and ask for letters of recommendation. Please give at least two weeks notice for teachers, employers and other professionals.
- Read all the instructions. The following are the ways in which you apply:

Paper Applications:

- Make sure to complete all parts of the application and print neatly in ink and remember to sign it.
- It is your responsibility to notify your counselor to mail your transcript and any other application requirements needed.

The Common Application:

- Thousands of colleges across the country use this application. Common Applications are available online at www.commonapp.org
- You will only need to complete one application. A listing of schools that use Common Application can be found on the website.
- Transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc. are all uploaded directly to the website. Be sure to see your counselor after you have submitted it.

SUNY Schools:

- Complete it online at www.suny.edu or www.commonapp.org
- Some SUNY schools will require a supplement. Make sure to see what supplemental materials are required for each college.

College Specific Applications:

- If you are applying to a college/university that does not use Common Application or SUNY, you need to complete the college's application.
- Most schools will require you apply online using their website.
- It is your responsibility to notify your counselor when you apply.

Community Colleges:

- Check the college website for the application. Both Herkimer and MVCC use their own free application. Do not use the SUNY application unless directed to so, you will be charged an application fee. Most community colleges have a free application on their website.
- It is your responsibility to notify your counselor to mail in your transcript.

THE FAFSA® PROCESS

Each year, the federal government provides more than \$150 billion in financial aid (grants, work-study, and loans) for college or career school. To apply for this aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Also, state governments and many colleges and career schools use your FAFSA information to award you their aid.

DID YOU KNOW?

Some schools won't consider you for merit scholarships (scholarships based on academic achievement or other talents or skills) until you've submitted a FAFSA, so complete one even if you think you won't qualify for federal aid.

RELAX!

The FAFSA is designed to be simple to fill out. Tips throughout the application help you understand the questions. Most people finish filling out the FAFSA in less than half an hour!

PREPARING FOR THE FAFSA®

The FAFSA process is quicker and easier when you have a username and password called an FSA ID. (If your parent is providing information on your FAFSA, he or she will need his or her own FSA ID as well.) Learn more about the FSA ID and how to create yours at StudentAid.gov/fsaid.

GATHER THIS INFORMATION

The FAFSA asks questions about you and your finances, so have the information below handy.



Social Security number



Alien registration number



Federal tax information or tax returns



Records of untaxed income



Cash, savings, and checking account balances



Investments other than the home in which you live

DON'T HAVE ALL YOUR INFO READY YET?

That's okay; you can start the FAFSA, save it, and come back later to finish it. (To find out whether you need to report info about your parents, visit StudentAid.gov/dependency.)

PROCESSING THE FAFSA®

After you submit your FAFSA, your information will be sent to the colleges and/or career schools you listed on the form.

PROCESS TIMELINE

You'll receive an e-mail within a few days, letting you know your FAFSA was processed.

Your college or career school might request additional information from you. Make sure you respond by any deadlines.

FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

You'll receive an aid offer from each college or career school you applied to and listed on your FAFSA, stating the amount of aid you could receive at the school.

Review and compare your offers, and decide which school to attend based on the school's net cost and how well the school suits your needs.

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

You'll receive an aid offer from your school stating the amount of aid you could receive at the school.

RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

Formally accept the school's aid offer - and remember, if you're offered student loans, borrow only as much as you really need.

Your school will handle your aid. Ask the financial aid office when and how your aid will be paid out, what it'll cover, and how much (if any) money will come directly to you once tuition and fees are paid.

Get free assistance and answers at fafsa.gov or 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

FILLING OUT THE FAFSA®

Each October, the FAFSA is available for the next school year. It's important to fill it out as soon as possible to meet school and state financial aid deadlines.

SUBMISSION OPTIONS



Electronic form
(fill out at fafsa.gov)



Mail-in application (download PDF at fafsa.gov or order a printed PDF at www.edpubs.gov)



Electronic submission by your college or career school (ask if they can submit the FAFSA for you)

MEETING FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES

Each state and school has its own FAFSA deadline. Check a college's or career school's deadline on its website or by calling its financial aid office. Most state deadlines are at fafsa.gov/deadlines.htm.

DID YOU KNOW?

You may be able to retrieve and transfer tax information into the form automatically using the Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT).

Useful Links

Careers in the Military

<http://careersinthemilitary.com/>

What can you do with different majors

<http://careerservices.umhb.edu/what-can-i-do-with-this-major>

College Searches

Guidance Direct - see counselor for school ID and password

www.guidancedirect.com

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/

nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

<http://www.petersons.com/>

www.collegeview.com

New York State University

www.suny.edu

New York State private colleges

www.nycolleges.org

Advanced Degree College Searches

Graduate, masters and doctoral level programs - searchable data base

<http://www.gradschools.com/>

Occupational Therapy

<http://www.aota.org/en/Education-Careers/Find-School.aspx>

Pharmacy

<http://www.aacp.org/about/membership/institutionalmembership>

Physical Therapy

<http://www.apta.org/apta/directories/accreditedschools.aspx?navID=10737423273>

Physician Assistant

http://www.arc-pa.org/acc_programs

College Applications

Common Application

<http://www.commonapp.org>

State University of New York website and application

<https://www.suny.edu>

Financial Aid

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

New York State Higher Education Center

<http://www.hesc.ny.gov>

Financial Aid advice and valuable links

<http://www.finaid.org>

NCAA

NCAA Eligibility Center and information

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

Scholarships

<http://www.fastweb.com>

<http://www.scholarship.com>

