



It's College Application Season!



COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS STEP BY STEP

Who
does
what
when
and
how



GETTING STARTED



Students:

- Complete Online Application(s)
- Submit Transcript Requests via Naviance
- Ask for letters of recommendation (if needed)
 - Submit Letter of Recommendation requests via Naviance
- Draft personal essay (in English class)
- Send ACT scores to colleges through their ACT account (if choosing to send)

School Counselors:

- Provide support to students and families
- Send Transcripts and Letters of Rec

Parents and Family:

- Complete Transcript Authorization Form
- Provide support and guidance
- Proofread their essays/personal statements

THE APPLICATION

Make sure the application is complete by the deadline

- Application submitted
- Application fee paid
- Transcript Sent
- Letter of Recommendation Sent (if needed)
- ACT score (if sending)



COMMON APP

- [Commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)
- Most colleges your student will apply to will be on the common app
- If not on the common app, visit admissions page on the school's web site

TRANSCRIPT AUTHORIZATION FORM

Gives permission to counselors to send transcript and letters of recommendation to schools requested by the student.

One time \$10 fee

QR code to pay
online by credit
card



Paper copies available in the counseling office to pay by cash or check.

NAVIANCE

- Students request transcripts and letters of recommendation to be sent in Naviance
- Track transcript and letters of recommendation delivery
- Search for scholarships
- Explore Colleges
- Discover Career Interests

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

- BE AWARE OF DEADLINES
- Allow two weeks for us to process requests
 - Nov 1st priority deadline
- Let your counselor know if you have any Secondary School Forms, any other supplemental documents or mid-year transcripts sent.
- Final transcripts will be sent once grades are finalized in June.



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Primary letter should be an academic teacher
 - Speak with the teacher early
 - Student provides their resume to the teacher
- Secondary letter (if needed) can be a teacher, coach, mentor, employer, etc.
- Choose a teacher who teaches in the field of study your student is going in to

THE ESSAY

- Follow the prompt
- Essay will be worked on in English classes
- Joey Taylor from Bespoken Live will be working with Seniors in English class on September 18th & 19th.

TESTING

- Scores need to be sent directly from the testing agency
- Allow 2 weeks for scores to be received, be mindful of deadlines
- Typically, the last test the student can take before college deadlines is October 26th.
- Superscoring
- Many colleges/universities are test-optional.
 - UC, Ohio State, UK, Miami, Dayton, OU
 - Check websites for test-optional policies.

DEADLINE DIFFERENTIAL

Early Decision

- Binding Contract

Early Action

- Admission and financial aid preference
- Earliest in Ohio is **November 1st**

Regular

- Final deadline to apply

Rolling

- Can apply anytime
- Accepts students as applications come in

COLLEGE VISITS

- Future Focus Day – September 23th
- Fall testing day- October 22/ Spring testing day- February 25



SCHOLARSHIPS

Institutional scholarships

- Typically included in the admission application
- Check institution's financial aid website frequently for scholarship opportunities

Other (outside) scholarships

- Community organizations/companies
- Emails from Counseling office with local scholarship information



FINANCIAL AID

THE (VERY) BASICS

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- Grants/Loans
- **Available for all students & families starting Dec. 1st**
- You will use your 2023 tax information
- Priority FAFSA deadline varies by university. Complete as soon as possible.

[Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

FINANCIAL AID MEETING

TBD (early October)

A representative from a local college will present on all aspect of financial aid.



REMINDERS

- NCAA Eligibility Center
- Turn in all offers of scholarship to the counseling office
- Senior classes and grades matter!
- Check your email
- **Stay on top of all deadlines**

...AND SO THE ADVENTURE BEGINS



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



FIRST DAY OF COLLEGE



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