

The background of the image is a dark gray gradient. It features numerous black silhouettes of graduation caps (mortarboards) with tassels, scattered across the frame. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of people's heads and arms raised, some holding up their caps, suggesting a celebratory graduation ceremony. The entire scene is framed by a thin white border.

# Senior Information Planning Your Future

Skyline High School Class of 2025

# Meet Your Counselors



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Gap Year/Volunteer Study/Study Abroad

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2 Year Community Colleges

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4 Year Colleges

# Gap Year/Volunteer Study Abroad

- Some current high school seniors will choose to defer their enrollment at the institution they originally planned to attend.
- To pursue the gap year, students who have received offers of admission and committed to attend a university will request that the university defer their enrollment to Fall 2024 instead of Fall 2023. If approved (and requests to defer are often approved), these students have already been offered admission so they become the first students to fill spots for students enrolling in 2024.
- Additional info
  - [Study Abroad/Gap Year Info](#)

# Meaningful Employment, Internships, & Apprenticeships

- Getting a job, participating in an internship, and becoming an apprentice are all excellent pathways toward a career. Our College and Career Center website has extensive information about these options.
- [Employment Resources](#)
- [Job Postings](#)
- [Internships and Apprenticeships](#)

# Military –Academies and Enlistment

- There are many benefits, monetary and otherwise, to joining the military after high school. These include: on the job training, education, leadership, life experiences, and a steady salary.
- Military Academies are similar to the four-year college admissions process; however, they are highly competitive and the process is lengthy. Students pursuing military academies should begin in junior year.
- Enlistment begins with contacting the recruiter in the branch you are interested in.
- ROTC is a program that you can participate in while attending a four-year college.
- The military offers many career paths and opportunities.

# Technical College

- Technical College allows students to pursue a specific field of study and finish with a degree and certification in their field so they can go directly into the work field. Benefits include:
  - Hands-On Training
  - Scholarships for Students who Qualify
  - Well-Known Industry Partners
  - Low Student to Teacher Ratios
  - Many Programs to Choose From
  - Career Oriented Training
  - Shorter Program Length
  - Ability to Dictate Your Own Success
  - General Education Classes as a Plus
  - Many Locations
- **To start your application, go to the college's admissions homepage and follow their step-by-step directions.**

# Two-Year Colleges

- Earning an associates degree at a community college offers many advantages for students seeking flexibility and academic advancement. Here are some of the reasons students choose to attend a community college:
  - To save money
  - More convenient locations
  - Increased flexibility in scheduling classes
  - To improve your grades so you can transfer to a 4 year program
  - To help choose a major.
- To start your application, go to the college's admissions homepage and follow their step-by-step directions.



# 4-YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

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## TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

Early Decision

Apply to only one early decision college. If the college accepts you & provides enough financial aid, you must attend that college.

Early Action

You can apply to more than one early action college. If you're accepted, you can choose to accept or decline their offer.

Early Action Single Choice

Same as Early Action except that you can only apply to one school under this option.

Regular Admissions

Apply during regular admissions.

# Application Fees

- College application fees vary, but generally it costs from \$50 to \$80 to apply to each college
- Fees are nonrefundable.
- Many colleges offer application fee waivers to students who can't afford to pay. Talk to your School Counselor if you may need a fee waiver.
  - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/college-application-fee-waivers>

# How to Apply

- College applications are online through various sites such as the Common Application, Coalition, SendEdu, or independent portals
- Check each college's website for specific application instructions
- If using Common App or Coalition, on the Recommender/FERPA tab, invite your school counselor to complete the Secondary School Report
- You will be able to invite your counselor and/or teachers to the portal if you are required to submit letters of recommendation if necessary
- Order your transcript from Parchment.com (more information to follow)
- Be sure to complete all sections

# Transcript Requests

- Visit the SHS Home page and click "Request my Transcript"
- Create a Parchment.com account and be sure to "update" your account. [Click here for transcript instructions](#)
- Request a Self-View transcript and make sure everything looks as it should.
- Choose where to send transcripts
  - All schools on the Common Application should be sent to "The Common Application" instead of each individual school. For counselors to complete the secondary school report on Common App, your transcript must already be uploaded by Parchment. Once that is complete, your counselor will review it, approve it, and complete their section. Not requesting your transcript delays the application process.
  - For schools that are not on The Common App, choose to send your transcript directly to the school to which you are applying
  - You must request transcripts separately from programs such as Dual Credit and Running Start to transfer credits

\*The first 5 transcripts are free – each additional transcript may incur additional cost depending on method of receipt\*

# Letters of Recommendation

- Some (not all) colleges require one or more letters of recommendation. In this situation our advice would be to consider who in the school knows you the very best. This is often teachers, club advisers, coaches, administrators and even school counselors. It is very important to understand what your application requires of you and to not send materials that are not needed.
- If a counselor letter is required, submit the digital Counselor Recommendation Request Form at least three full weeks prior to your first college deadline that requires a letter of recommendation.
- If you are applying to a school/scholarship that requires one or more letters from teachers/advisers/coaches/admin please read the following:
- To request a letter -- your first choice may not be able to write your recommendation, so you need to ask, and then have a back-up plan in mind in case your first choice of is not available.
- Our advice on which teachers to ask -- ideally, it would be a core subject teacher from your time at SHS or the college if you attend Running Start. Students often ask junior year instructors as they already know you well and have been able to observe your college readiness.

# Letters of Recommendation Reminders

- Ask early -- give staff at least 3 weeks ahead of your first due date.
- Invite this staff member as a recommender to your online application by submitting their ISD email address in your application. Be sure to double check they received your notice and if they need anything additional from you to complete this for you.
- Remember - Letters are confidential, and generally submitted directly online. Students will not receive a copy of the recommendation. In the very rare case where a hard copy of a recommendation must be mailed in, you will need to provide a pre-addressed envelope with sufficient postage for direct submission to your recommender for their use.
- Due to the high number of recommendation requests, it is critical that you follow these instructions closely. Doing so will allow adequate time to process your requests. This helps staff ensure timely, quality recommendations. Make sure to say thank you!

# Secondary School Report

- A Secondary School Report is a section of the application that is completed by your School Counselor and typically includes the following items:
  - School profile
  - Class size (594)
  - GPA (unweighted only)
  - There is no ranking in Issaquah School District
  - Senior year schedule
  - Level of course rigor
  - Level of involvement in leadership, volunteer service, etc.
  - Please note that mid-year and final reports are also completed when required



# The Essay

- Find out if you need to write one as not all colleges require it
- Share a story/event that illustrates personal growth
- Be aware of supplemental essay prompts in your application
- Think of it as a personal interview on paper
- Go through the editing process...It is important
- If you're having trouble getting started, record yourself talking about the question and then listen back to it and type what you hear. Now you have a starting place!
- [Essay Support College & Career Center](#)

# Submitting Test Scores

- It is very possible that you **do not** have to submit standardized test scores as part of the admission process as most if not all colleges have waived this requirement. Please see the admission's website of your college choices for more information and see if they are **test blind, test optional or are offering their own assessment option**.
- SAT & ACT scores can only be ordered from their websites and submitted to your colleges if needed. Skyline cannot do this for you as we do not collect this data
- IB Scores cannot be predicted. Please check your application carefully to make sure and not check it as a requirement. Do not check the box in Common App for this. There are few exceptions such as for colleges outside the US. Please contact Mr. Wilder in this case.

# Financial Aid & FAFSA

- Whether you pay as you go, take out a loan, receive scholarships or grants or participate in work study, funding your college education takes planning.
- All students must fill out the FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid to qualify for the four types of aid: grants, loans (both parent and student loans), work study positions, and need-based scholarships.
- Students should complete the FAFSA regardless of whether or not they are think they will need it....just in case.
- Think you can't afford a private school? Remember that the amount of financial aid given to families will change depending on the price of the school. Parents are encouraged to fill out the form regardless of their income level and ***apply as soon after the form opens as possible*** to take advantage of state and federal funds given on a first come first serve basis.
- Additionally, some schools require the FAFSA on file prior to awarding some need-based scholarships.
- Applying for the FAFSA is always free. [Link to FAFSA Application](#)

# College Visits

- College Visits at the High School provide a personal touch that may not be available on a school's website. Students learn about school admission processes, deadlines, campus life, housing, majors available, scholarships and more. This is a valuable opportunity to ask questions and in many cases, personally meet the “first reader” of a college application.
- The vast majority of the college visits are from **September** through **December**. There will be approximately 35 colleges conducting virtual information sessions on Wednesdays, before school, and at lunch. Also, there will be some during Flex Time on some Fridays. Check the Skyline College and Career website regularly for any calendar updates.
- <https://sites.google.com/site/skylinehsccc/home>

# Skyline College Application Timeline

- **SHS Dates:**

- Sept 12, 2024 Senior Information
- Sept 18, 2024 Senior Parent & Student Zoom Q&A 6:00-7:30pm
- December 1<sup>st</sup> (open to all) FAFSA opens
- Oct – June College Application Deadlines (varies)
- SHS College and Career Center college visits: <https://sites.google.com/site/skylinehsccl/college-planning/college-admissions-visits>

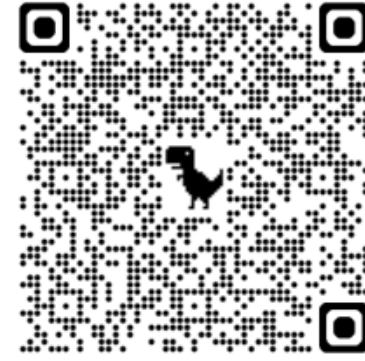
# Submitting LOR Requests



**Kersey A-COY**



**Caffey COZ-HOW**



**Rieke/Hatch HOX-LIT**



**Anderson LIU-O**



**Dickenson P-SKA**



**Flemer SKB-Z**

# If school require hard copies of documents

Application Requirements	Transcript Only	Secondary School Report	Secondary School Report & Letter of Recommendation
Directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request an Official Transcript through your Parchment account to be sent directly to your intended college</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Print out all required documents for your counselor to complete</li> <li>Address a large envelope to the college.</li> <li>Submit the documents &amp; envelope to the SHS Counseling Office at least one week prior to the deadline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Print out all required documents for your counselor to complete</li> <li>Address a large envelope to the college.</li> <li>Submit the documents, envelope, &amp; Counselor Recommendation Form to the SHS Counseling Office</li> </ul>
Processing Time	24-48 hours	5 school days	15 school days

# Your 4-Year College To-Do List

- Before you begin, check your email address and make sure it is professional.
- Find out your first deadline
- Complete your applications and essay
- Go to Parchment.com and request your transcripts
- Check Skyward for your cumulative GPA
- Check to see if any of your programs/colleges require letters of recommendation
- Contact your teachers about letters of recommendation
- Fill out the counselor letter of recommendation form if needed
- Go on SAT/ACT website and request your test scores to be sent *if applicable*
- Breathe!!!



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