

So You Want to...

Continue Your EDUCATION 4-year College or University

#1- Do your research!

Consider the size of the college, the location (city v. rural), the distance from your home, transportation, housing options, available majors, extracurricular activities & meal plan).

#2- Take the SAT/ACT.

You will find test dates, locations, and how to register through their websites.

[Click here for College Board/SAT](#) OR [Click here for ACT](#)

#3- Review your preliminary HOPE G.P.A. on GAfutures.org

It will be lower than your cumulative G.P.A because it only includes ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language classes.

#4- Request teacher/counselor recommendations, IE needed.

Be sure to give recommenders at least 2 weeks notice before the deadline. Use this [BRAG SHEET](#) as a guide to list your accomplishments for recommenders.

#5- Complete college applications

You may apply through the college's website, Common App, or GAfutures.

#6- Request for a transcript to be sent to the colleges you applied to.

Visit the ECCA Counselor's office or the ECCA Counselor's webpage for instructions.

#7- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)

This will help you determine how you will finance your college education. The application opens on October 1st each year.

#8- Receive your college acceptance letters/emails~ YAY!

#9- Apply for scholarships.

Search websites, such as: Scholly, Fast Web, Going Merry, Scholarship Owl, Cappex/Appily, and Bold are good places to start. Local/county scholarships are advertised Feb/March each school year. Once you commit to a college, more scholarships will be available to you through the college's Office of Financial Aid.

#10- Decide what college you will attend and pay required deposits.

#11- Beginning MAY 1st, request that a FINAL transcript is sent from your BASE HIGH SCHOOL to the college you will attend.