

Future Pathways

Your Guide to Applying to Community College or Trade School



1. Research schools and programs
 - a. Most Community Colleges and Trade Schools don't have hard and fast deadlines like a lot of four-year schools.
 - b. Be sure to look at the websites for any deadlines that they might have.
 2. Prepare all application materials
 - a. Typically you will need your high school transcript and personal information, such as your social security number.
 - b. If you were born in the US, you are not a "Legal Resident" but a "US Citizen"
 3. Submit your applications
 - a. Some Community Colleges will not send an "Acceptance" Letter. They will typically accept anyone who wants to take classes.
 4. Apply for financial aid
 - a. The FAFSA opens in December and in order to qualify for Financial Aid you will need to complete this.
 5. Follow up on application status
 - a. Make sure that you set up your account. If you plan to take summer or fall classes, you should hear from the college by mid-late April to set up your class schedule.
 - b. Don't hesitate to reach out to the college to answer any and all questions that you have.
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