



COLLEGE APP CHECK LIST

- ☐ Attend **Senior Application Night** on September 4th at 6:30 PM in the RHS Auditorium. Missed it? Check out the presentation posted on the RHS Counseling website.
- ☐ **Meet with your College & Career Counselor for your Senior Meeting at least two weeks before your first application deadline.** No school documentation will be sent without an individual meeting with your counselor.
 - For **Early Applications** (rolling admissions or October/November deadlines), schedule your appointment by October 1st.
 - For **Regular Decision** (December/January), make your appointment prior to November 15th.
- ☐ **Create a Common App account** at www.commonapp.org. Use a personal email address (NOT your school email address) for your account. Hot Tip: consider creating an email solely for applications.
 - Add Colleges under **My Colleges** and complete both the Common App and school-specific portions of the application. Pay special attention to additional questions/writing supplements individual colleges may require.
 - Once you complete the Education Section of the Common App, click on **Recommenders and FERPA** under one of your schools on the My Colleges tab. **Complete ONLY the FERPA section** (do not request teacher recommendations here). We recommend that you **waive your rights**.
- ☐ **In Scoir:**
 - Complete Junior Questionnaire
 - Sign FERPA Release & Waiver on Scoir under "My Docs."
 - Match Common App and Scoir.
 - **Make sure your "Applying" or "Applied" list in Scoir is up to date and reflects accurate deadlines/application type** (Early Action, Early Decision I, etc.). Be sure to move a college to the Applying/Applied column AT LEAST ten school days prior to the deadline.
 - Request teacher recommenders and indicate to which schools they should each send their letters
- ☐ Email teacher recommenders your list of schools and deadlines. If you add a school to your list at a later date, make sure you follow up with your teachers!
- ☐ Standardized test scores: If submitting scores, they must be sent directly to schools OR self-reported on application (per individual institutional guidelines).
- ☐ Complete and submit the **Self-Reported Transcript & Academic Record (SRAR/STARS)** (if applicable). SRARs are typically due by the application deadline.
- ☐ Make sure your college list is **balanced** to ensure you have choice at the end of the process:
 - ☐ 2 - 3 reaches
 - ☐ 2 - 3 matches
 - ☐ 2 - 3 likelies
- ☐ **Collegebound student-athletes** (Division I or II): register with the NCAA Eligibility Center (option 3).
- ☐ **Financial Aid:**
 - Create your **FSA ID** for your FAFSA Application: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
 - Complete your **FAFSA** with your parent(s)/contributor(s) (available October 1st)
 - Complete CSS Profile and other required institutional financial aid documents (if applicable)
 - Keep an eye on your email for information from PHEAA to complete your State Grant Application
- ☐ **Communicate with your college & career counselor ANY updates to your college list and/or deadlines!**

After you Apply...

- ☐ **Check your email regularly** for communication from the college admissions offices.
- ☐ **Set up application portals** at each college to check that all required admission and financial aid information has been received. **Note:** it can take up to 7 - 14 business days for portals to be updated with all submitted information, especially during busy periods around application deadlines!
- ☐ **Update Scoir** with decisions (Admit, Deny, Waitlist, Defer, etc.).
- ☐ If you are **waitlisted** or **deferred**, be sure to follow any steps required to move forward with that process. Some colleges may require letters of continued interest or accept grade and/or activity updates for candidates.
- ☐ **Thank your recommenders** and keep them informed of decisions that you receive.

KNOW YOUR RESOURCES

Senior Drop-In Days

Attend drop-in support sessions with a college & career counselor every Friday through November 15th in the Library Conference Room.

Essay Writing

COLLEGE ESSAY SUMMER BOOT CAMPS

How to Write the Personal Statement

Option 1: June 2, 4, 6 (MWF)
Option 2: June 16, 18, 20 (MWF)

1:00pm-2:30pm or 7:00pm-8:30pm ET

How to Write the
UC Personal Insight Questions
July 14th & 16th (Mon & Weds)
6:00pm-8:00pm ET

How to Write the College
Application + Supplemental
Essays
Sunday September 21st
3:00pm-5:00pm ET

Miss the live event? Don't worry!
Register below to get access to all recordings and content.



Ethan Sawyer
College Essay Guy



Financial Aid & Scholarships

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

www.studentaid.gov

Not sure who which parent or contributor you need to use?

Try: studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents

Pennsylvania Higher Education Access Agency (PHEAA)

www.pheaa.org/grants/state-grant-program

CSS Profile

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

Participating schools:

profile.collegeboard.org/PPI/participatingInstitutions.aspx

Scholarships

- www.goingmerry.com
- www.fastweb.org
- www.raise.me
- www.myscholly.com

Lunch & Learn Workshops

Topics include:

Tackling the Common App
Completing the SRAR/STARS
Applying for Financial Aid
Scholarships

See Schoology for dates and times.

...and more!

**Be sure to check the Counseling
Dept Schoology
page for updates and resources.**