



Navigating the College Application Process

Class of 2026

College Application Timeline:

-  1. Wrap up college exploration
(September-October)
2. Apply, request letters of recommendation and transcripts, send test scores (if sending them)
(September-December depending on deadlines)
3. Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA)
(OCTOBER)
4. Apply for scholarships
(September-May)





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**Wrap up
College
Exploration
and Testing**



College Rep Visits at FHS:

- Schedule in Schoolinks
- All take place in room 114 (unless otherwise noted)

College Campus Visits:

- Schedule online on college website
- Get form from Mrs. Anderson and return with signature from college admission staff





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Here's what's happening

Check out this Scholarship!

Gerald & Joyce Petersen Family Scholarship

Deadline: September 15, 2025



Northeast Community College

Check out this Scholarship!

Hyacinth Harsch Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: September 15, 2025



Northeast Community College

Check out this Opportunity!

Retired Veteran Opportunity | We Honor Veteran Hospice Volunteers in Akron & Surrounding Are

Akron, OH | 25-50 mi.



Volunteer Match

Check out this Scholarship!

Gerlach Music Scholarship

Deadline: September 1, 2025

\$1,400

To Do List **1**

Events **10**

Reminders

My Team

Survey/Forms

Shared Notes

1 Due within the Next Four Weeks!

September 2025

15th

Complete the "Find Your" Assessment



Not Done



5 More To Dos Coming Up This Year

Show Remaining To Dos



The [988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#) provides 24/7, free, and confidential support to Ohioans in a mental health crisis. Ohioans can call or text "988" to reach a trained specialist for support.



Fall ACT and SAT Test Dates



ACT

Test Date: 10/18
Register by: 9/12
Late Reg. by: 9/30

Test Date: 12/13
Register by: 11/7
Late Reg. by: 11/24

act.org

SAT

Test Date: 10/4
Register by: 9/19
Late Reg. by: 9/23

Test Date: 11/8
Register by: 10/24
Late Reg. by: 10/28

Test Date: 12/6
Register by: 11/21
Late Reg. by: 11/25

collegeboard.org



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Get
Organized

Know the requirements!!

Essay/Personal Statement?

Letters of Recommendation?

Tests required???

Application Fee?

Deadlines?

My Colleges

Application requirements

Sort my colleges by: College Name ▾

	Bowling Green State University Add your term or admission plan Application – <i>In progress</i>	 
<p>Show more details ▾</p>		
	The Ohio State University Add your term or admission plan Application – <i>In progress</i>	 
<p>Show more details ▾</p>		
	Xavier University Add your term or admission plan Application – <i>In progress</i>	 
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Decision Deadlines:

- **Early Action**

(Apply early. Get decision early. No commitment. More scholarships)

- **Early Decision**

(Apply early. Get decision early. BINDING commitment to the college---you can only apply to one school ED)

- **Regular Decision**

(Later application deadline. Usually Jan. or Feb. Less scholarship opportunities)

- **Rolling Admission**

(No set deadline. Applications accepted until spots are full)



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Apply

Ways to Apply



Common App

You can apply to multiple colleges using one common application

You **MUST** connect your account w/Schoolinks
commonapp.org

College Website

You can apply to an individual college via their website

Some schools don't use Common App

Considerations

If you are applying to schools with competitive admissions, here is what is considered:

- GPA and Strength of Transcript
- Test Scores (if submitting)
- Essay
- Work Experience or Extracurriculars
- Leadership and volunteer experience
- Recommendations (if using)



Letters of Recommendation

Things to consider:

1. Are letters of recommendation required? If so, how many?
2. Pick someone familiar with your work ethic and character (If more than one required, choose at least one teacher in a subject area similar to your major)
3. Always ask IN PERSON FIRST
4. Request a letter in Schoolinks and allow plenty of time (at least two weeks)
5. Outside Recommenders are allowed (coach, manager, youth pastor, etc.) THESE GET REQUESTED IN COMMON APP

What should you write about?

- Something that matters to you
- Something that makes you uniquely you!
- Challenges and Strengths
- Something that you have overcome

Essays

Let's talk about AI...

Have someone **PROOFREAD** it!!!

Again, allow plenty of time if asking a teacher to proofread it!



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Set up Schoollinks and Send Documents

Application Documents to Send to the College

- HS Transcript (request in Schoolinks, sent by high school)
- CCP Transcript (request from college, sent directly from college)
- Test Scores (if sending, **MUST** Send through test agency website)
- Letters of Recommendation (request in Schoolinks, sent by high school)
- Essay(s) (submit in Common App or attach to application)



Schoolinks

Go to app.schoolinks.com

→ Login with Google

→ You will choose Colleges from left-hand menu

- ◆ Choose College Applications
- ◆ You **MUST** fill out the information they ask before you can move forward (profile info, Fee Waiver questions, and FERPA Waiver)
- ◆ Connect Schoolinks to your Common App account (on left-hand side) or choose **ADD APPLICATION** on right-hand side if applied directly on college website



Here's what's happening 📌

Check out this Opportunity!
Listening, Friendly Visiting & Compassionate Hospice Volunteer (Medina)
Medina, OH | 10-25 mi.



Check out this Opportunity!
Clerical Support
Akron, OH | 10-25 mi.



Lounge Design Scholarship \$1,000
Deadline: October 2, 2024



Check out this Opportunity!
Hospice Seeks Volunteer Beautician and Mail Art

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Exit Student Demo X



Virginia Miller



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Search for an application by name

Comments ⁰

+ Add application

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Fulfilled Pending Declined

View all requests

FAFSA ?

NOT FILED

Update Status

common app ?

CONNECTED

Log in →

Unlink account

Application setup

INCOMPLETE

Personal details

Add

Fee waiver eligibility

Add



Welcome to College applications

Track applications and request important documents, like transcripts and recommendation letters, all in one place!

Ready to get set up?

Let's go →

Accepted

Add a result to mark a completed application as accepted.





PERSONAL DETAILS



FEE WAIVER ELIGIBILITY



FERPA WAIVER

Personal information

Use the same home address you are using in your college application forms. This is needed for some documents your counselor needs to send to colleges.

Birthdate



Home address

Use the same home address you are using in your college application forms. This is needed for some documents your counselor needs to send to colleges.

Street Address

Apt, suite, etc (optional)

City

State

Zip/postal code



When you add or update your address here, Schoolinks will update the address for your account.

Next →

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Steps for Applying w/Common App:

1. Complete Common App Checklist and Sign FERPA waiver (You will sign the FERPA waiver twice...once in Schoolinks and once in Common App)
2. Complete all required parts of the Common App
3. IF you are asking for a letter of recommendation from a coach, employer, clergy, family friend, etc, you will request in the “Other Recommenders” tab in Common App (all teacher recs will be requested from Schoolinks)
4. Your essay(s) and/or personal statement must be done in Common App
5. You must complete the questions tab for each individual school before submitting

APPLY

My Common Application

My Colleges

EXPLORE

College search

Direct admissions

Financial aid

Settings

Sign out



Test Student
CAID 38317044



Good afternoon, Test!

Dashboard

My Common Application

0/6 sections complete



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My Colleges



Nothing here yet! Add some colleges to your list to get started.

Help & support

Search FAQs

Search takes you to the student solution center

How can I add a college to My colleges?

To add a college to your account:

Select **College search** from...

[Read full answer](#)

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?

You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the My Common...

[Read full answer](#)

How many colleges can I add to My colleges list?

You may add and apply to up...



My Colleges

Overview

^ Bowling Green State University



College information



APPLICATION

General

Academics

Contacts

Family

Residency

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit -
Common App

Do

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Bowling Green State University

[Add your term or admission plan](#)



Application – *In progress*

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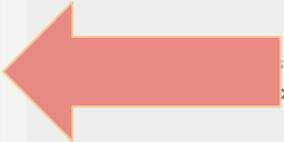
Fee waiver eligibility



Incomplete →

Completed & pending →

Accepted



Upload transcripts

Complete the student checklist to mark an application completed.

Add a result to mark a completed application as accepted.



Steps for Applying to Non-Common App Schools:

- Select the Add application button at the top right and search for the school
- Answer the questions about what kind of application, will you submit test scores, applying for financial aid, etc.
- Apply via the school's website
- Once all things have been complete, mark them as complete so that the application moves into the next column



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Search for an application by name

Comments 0

+ Add application

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FAFSA ? NOT FILED

[Update Status](#)

common app ? CONNECTED

[Log in](#) →

[Unlink account](#)

Application setup COMPLETE

Personal details

Fee waiver eligibility

Incomplete →

Add an application to request transcripts and counselor docs.

Completed & pending →

Complete the student checklist to mark an application completed.

Accepted

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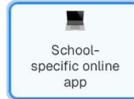
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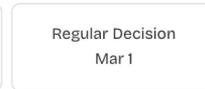
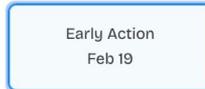
Application status: **In Progress**

We've added the application method, application type and document destination available for this college. If you can't find the option you're looking for, let us know in the chat.

Application Method



Application Type



Application deadline
Feb 19



This college is In-Network. We'll make sure your materials are sent electronically where they need to go.

Program Name (Optional)

Fill this in if you're applying to a program that requires a different application.

Program name

Student requirements

Select any of the following that apply to this application. You can always add or remove from the student checklist later if you change your mind.

Financial aid

- Applying for Financial Aid?
- Applying for Financial Aid? Is FAFSA submission required?

Scores and performance

- I will be submitting test scores along with my application to this institution. Required
- I will be submitting a Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) along with my application to this institution. Optional

 SchooLinks does not submit any test scores or reports on a student's behalf.

✓ Save Application

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Bowling Green State University-Main Campus >

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Application status: **In Progress**

0 [Comments](#)

Method	Type	Deadline	Destination	
School-Specific Online Application	Early Action	Feb 19	In Network	

Student checklist

Mark all complete ☑

Submit Application ...

Submit your application forms and any required essays.

Test Scores ...

Submit official ACT or SAT test results BGSU's College Codes: ACT - 3240 & SAT - 1069 BGSU accepts scores listed on an official high school transcript or sent directly from ACT or College Board (SAT)
The results of one of these tests are required for all freshmen except those who have been out of high school for three or more years. The ACT writing test is recommended but NOT required.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

This college does not accept teacher recommendations.

COUNSELOR DOCUMENTS

We've researched what documents are required and automatically requested them from your counselor.

Transcript ?

Added 08/27/2025 as preset

Request Counselor Document





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Application setup **COMPLETE**

Personal details

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1 Incomplete →

Edit an application below to **request recommendations** or **update checklist**.



Bowling Green State University-Main Campus

Unknown

Early Action | Feb 19

0/2

0 Completed & pending →

Complete the student checklist to mark an application completed.

0 Accepted

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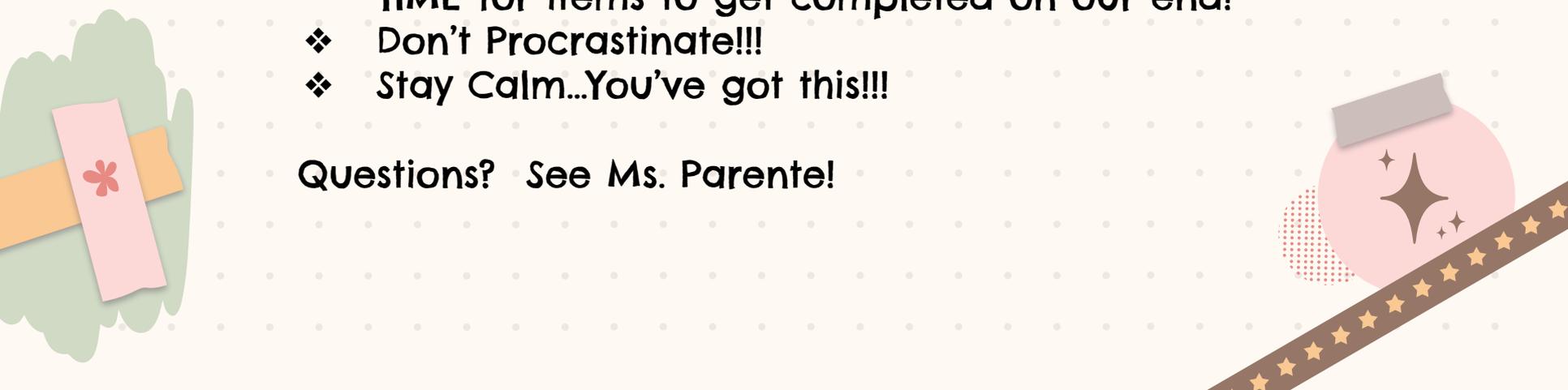




Tips for Success:

- ❖ Get organized (keep all of your college info in one place)
- ❖ Know your deadlines and **ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME** for items to get completed on our end!
- ❖ Don't Procrastinate!!!
- ❖ Stay Calm...You've got this!!!

Questions? See Ms. Parente!



Need Help?

College App Office Hours

Every Tuesday 1st Period

Every Friday L1/L2

Ms. Parente's office



Senior Meetings

I will be meeting with each of you to go over your transcripts, credits, seals, and future plans (college, career, etc)

The screenshot shows the Fairview High School website. The header is dark red with the school logo on the left, the name 'Fairview High School' in the center, and 'Staff Login' and 'STUDENT REGISTRATION' buttons on the right. A navigation menu below the header includes 'Schools', 'About', 'Athletics', 'Departments', 'School Guidance' (which is underlined), 'News & Information', and 'Cal'. The main content area has a white background. On the left is a dark red sidebar with white text links: 'Schedule a Meeting', 'ACT/SAT Testing', 'College & Career Planning +', 'College Credit Plus', 'Courses & Scheduling +', and 'Forms & Information'. The main heading is 'Schedule a Meeting' in dark red. Below it is a paragraph: 'Click below to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Cory or Ms. Parente in the FHS/MMS Guidance Office.' This is followed by two sections: 'STUDENTS: Click on a button below to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Cory or Ms. Parente.' and 'PARENTS & GUARDIANS: To schedule a meeting with the Guidance Office, please call (440) 356-3500 ext. 4147.' At the bottom are two dark red buttons with white text: 'SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH MRS. CORY' and 'SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH MS. PARENTE'. A large red arrow points from the right towards the 'SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH MS. PARENTE' button.

Fairview High School

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Have your student join my Canvas class: Seniors 2026

Join code: [Gradientlearning.instructure.com/enroll/TLN6PP](https://gradientlearning.instructure.com/enroll/TLN6PP)



SENIORS 2026 > Modules

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- BigBlueButton
- Collaborations
- Course Analytics
- Credentials
- Whole Student Data
- Lucid (Whiteboard)
- Kami

Recent Announcements

-  Schedule an appointment with me!!!
I want to talk to you about credits, seals, college, future ...
Posted on: Sep 11, 2025 at 1:40 PM
-  Polaris College and Career Fair October 7th!!!
This free event brings together more than 90 colleges, tr...
Posted on: Sep 9, 2025 at 7:06 AM

Collapse All

Export Course Content

COLLEGE 101

-  College Applications 101 Class of 2026.pdf
-  OPUAC Booklet-final 2025-26.pdf

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To Do

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