

CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL



SENIOR PARENT COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

ROWAN COLLEGE OF BURLINGTON COUNTY

Spring Ahead Program

- **Information Session in October (at Cherokee during school day)**
- **Campus Visit in the Spring (trip to RCBC during school day)**
- **Students will have to sign up for each. Will be advertised to students in daily announcements and through email**



Rowan College
at
BURLINGTON COUNTY

Timeline

PHASE ONE: Applying to College *(September – February)*

- Develop a list of colleges that meet your student's needs
- Submit all applications and support materials by the chosen deadline
- Complete FAFSA and possibly CSS Profile (select colleges)

PHASE TWO: Admissions Decisions Received *(December – May)*

- Consider all options
- Look for requests for additional information (mid-term transcript sometimes required)

PHASE THREE: How Much Will This Cost? *(February – May)*

- Financial Aid packages/reward letters received

PHASE FOUR: College Choice! *(by May 1st)*

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Encourage your student to take the lead
 - Discuss the application deadlines that your student plans to meet in advance
 - Help your student prioritize time and stay organized
 - Weekly check-ins
 - Calendar and/or spreadsheets
 - Parents are an important part of the financial aid process
- *Counselors are currently meeting with your students*

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



National Association for
College Admission Counseling
Guiding the way to higher education

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

Applying to 4-Year College

Application

- online application
- application fee
- essay

Letters of Recommendation

COMPLETE APPLICATION

Transcript

SAT/ACT

****Fine and Performing Art students will likely be required to audition or provide a portfolio****

SAT/ ACT TEST SCORES

- Most schools are “test optional”
 - *Scores are not required, but will be used if sent*
 - *Not submitting them does not count against the student*
 - *Must indicate on application if applying test optional*
- Some colleges require SAT or ACT scores to be considered for admission
- Some colleges will require scores for specific majors or if a student falls under a specific GPA
- **Students must send their scores directly to their colleges through the testing company**

TESTING WEBSITES

www.collegeboard.org



www.actstudent.org



REMAINING DATES

- **SAT**
 - **November 8** – Register by October 24
 - **December 6** – Register by November 21
- **ACT**
 - **December 13** – Register by November 7
 - **February 14** – Register by January 9

TESTING WEBSITES

www.collegeboard.org



www.actstudent.org



APPLYING ONLINE

- Start by visiting colleges' websites and checking application deadlines/ requirements
- Begin applications with earliest deadline first
- Apply either through the college website or Common Application website (**commonapp.org**)
 - Use the Common App every time it is available

THE COMMON APPLICATION

The Common Application is a college admission application that may be used to apply to more than 1,000 colleges and universities

Search

For counselors and teachers ▼

For colleges and universities ▼



FIND COLLEGES

About ▼

Plan for college ▼

Apply to college ▼

Pay for college ▼

Sign in

Create an account

Your future starts here

Apply to college for the first time or transfer to complete your degree. Navigate your entire college application journey with Common App.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

School:

Cherokee High School
120 Tomlinson Mill Road
Marlton, NJ 08053

Counselors Title: School Counselor
Phone: 856-983-5140 Fax: 856-596-6495

Number of Credits for your Classes:

Full Year Courses- 5 credits
Full Year AP Lab Sciences- 6 Credits
PE-2.5 Credits/ Health- 2.5 Credits
Semester Courses- 2.5 Credits

GPA:

Unweighted is out of 4.00
Weighted is out of 6.00
You can report either unless it is specified

Rank: None

Number of Students in Senior Class:

537

CEEB:

310-761

THE COMMON APPLICATION & SCOIR

- Students typically use the Common Application to apply to college
- School related materials will be sent via SCOIR
 - Transcripts, letters of recommendation, school reports
- Students must connect their SCOIR and Common Application accounts

SCOIR



common
app 

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Navigating the Common App

The screenshot displays the Common App dashboard for a user named 'Sample'. The interface is divided into three main sections: a left sidebar, a central main content area, and a right-hand help and support panel.

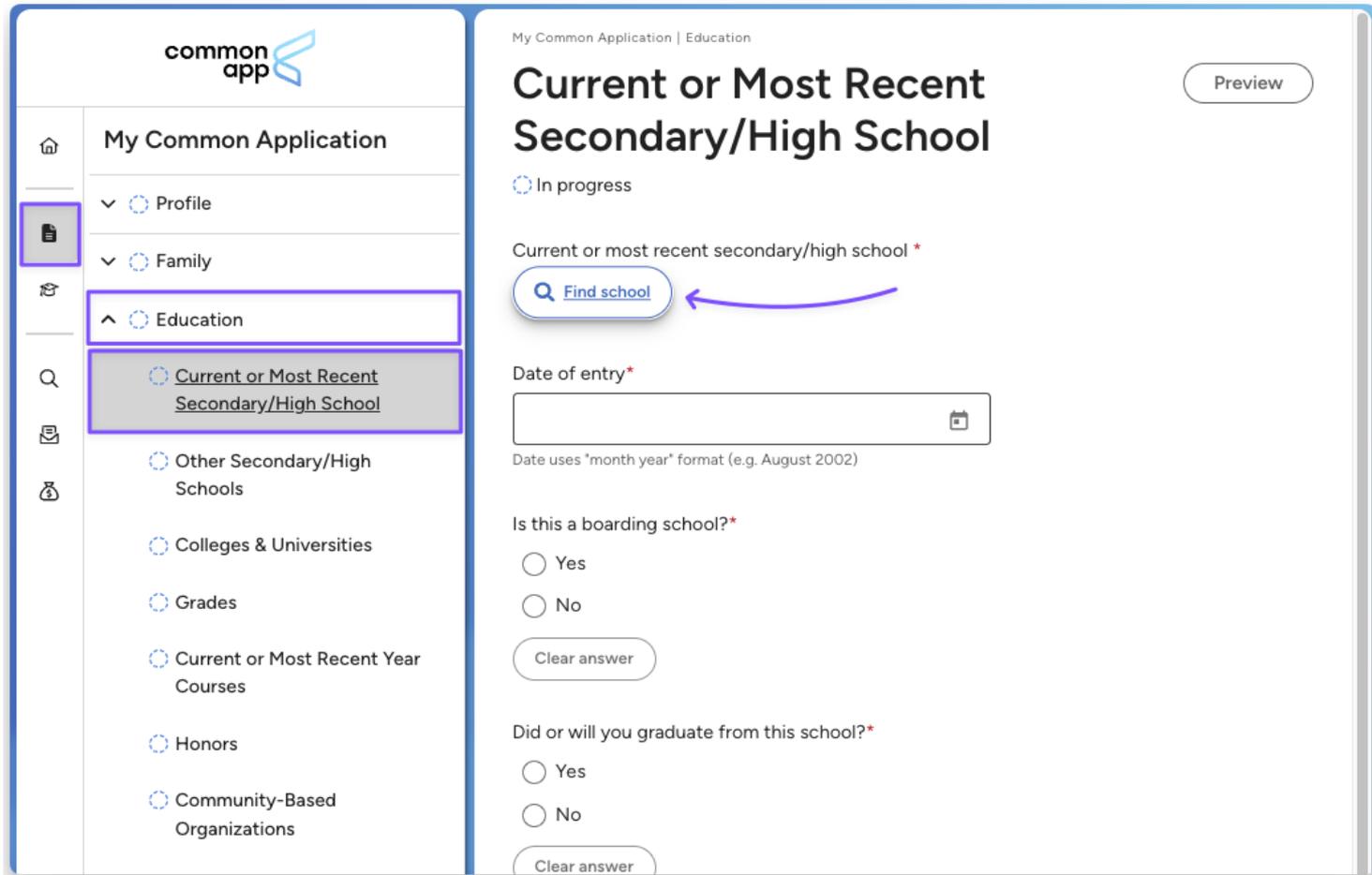
Left Sidebar: Features the 'common app' logo at the top. Below it is a 'Dashboard' link with a home icon. Under the 'APPLY' section, there are links for 'My Common Application', 'My Colleges', 'College search', 'Direct admissions', and 'Financial aid'. Under the 'EXPLORE' section, there are links for 'Settings' and 'Sign out'.

Main Content Area: Starts with a greeting 'Good morning, Sample!' and an illustration of a person holding a tablet. Below this is the 'Dashboard' title. The first section is 'My Common Application', showing '0/6 sections complete' and progress bars for Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities, and Writing. The second section is 'My Colleges', showing '3 colleges on my list' and '3 in progress', with a 'Show colleges' link. The third section is 'Deadlines', showing 'September' and 'No deadlines this month.' with a calendar view for September (Su, Mo, Tu, We, Th, Fr, Sa) where the 31st is highlighted.

Right-hand Panel: Titled 'Help & support', it includes a 'Search FAQs' search bar. Below the search bar, there are two FAQ entries: 'How can I add a college to My colleges?' and 'I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?'. Each entry includes a brief explanation and a 'Read full answer' link. A third entry, 'How many colleges can I add to My colleges list?', is partially visible at the bottom.

THE COMMON APPLICATION

On the “Common App” tab, under “Education”, add Cherokee High School



The screenshot displays the Common App interface. On the left, a navigation menu is visible with the following items: Home, My Common Application, Profile, Family, Education (highlighted with a purple box), Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School (highlighted with a purple box), Other Secondary/High Schools, Colleges & Universities, Grades, Current or Most Recent Year Courses, Honors, and Community-Based Organizations. The main content area is titled "My Common Application | Education" and "Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School". A "Preview" button is located in the top right corner. Below the title, there is a "Find school" button with a magnifying glass icon, which is pointed to by a purple arrow. Below this, there is a "Date of entry*" field with a calendar icon and a note: "Date uses 'month year' format (e.g. August 2002)". Further down, there is a question "Is this a boarding school?*" with radio button options for "Yes" and "No", and a "Clear answer" button. At the bottom, there is another question "Did or will you graduate from this school?*" with radio button options for "Yes" and "No", and a "Clear answer" button.

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Adding colleges to your Common App list

The screenshot displays the Common App interface. On the left sidebar, the 'College search' option is highlighted with a purple border. The main content area is titled 'College search' and includes a search bar, a 'More filters' button, and a list of colleges. The search results show 974 results, sorted by College Name. The list includes:

- National Louis University (Chicago, IL - USA)
- Aberystwyth University (Aberystwyth, Ceredigion - GBR)
- Adelphi University (Garden City, NY - USA)
- Agnes Scott College (Decatur, GA - USA)
- Alaska Pacific University (Anchorage, AK - USA)
- Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Albany, NY - USA)

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Select a start term and admission plan

The screenshot displays the Common App interface for the University of Connecticut. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with 'University of Connecticut' selected. The main content area is titled 'General' and includes a 'Preview' button. The 'Preferred start term' is set to 'Fall 2026' and the 'Preferred admission plan' is set to 'Regular Decision'. A checkbox for 'I acknowledge and accept' is checked.

My Colleges | University of Connecticut | Application

General

[Preview](#)

In progress

The questions on this page are being asked by University of Connecticut

Inclusivity Acknowledgement

The University of Connecticut embraces diversity and cultivates leadership, integrity, and engaged citizenship among our students, faculty and staff. This collegian and vibrant environment promotes and nurtures perspectives that are enabled through differences in culture, experience and values.

As an applicant, I acknowledge this mission and agree to uphold the values established to develop an inclusive community for instruction, research and outreach should I be extended an offer of admission.*

I acknowledge and accept

Preferred start term*

Fall 2026 ✕ ▼

Preferred admission plan*

Regular Decision ✕ ▼

If you select on-campus housing below, you will be limited to the Storrs Main Campus or UConn Stamford as your first choice. You may select any UConn campus as a second choice, however please note that on-campus housing is only available on the Storrs or

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Recommenders and FERPA – Only Completed Once!

common app

My colleges

Overview

Lehigh University

College information

APPLICATION

- General
- Academics
- Activities
- Contacts
- Family
- Principles of our Equitable Community Statement
- Recommenders and FERPA**
- Review and Submit -

My colleges | Lehigh University | Application

Recommenders and FERPA

In progress

Recommenders are people who will submit forms to colleges on your behalf. This page shows which recommender types this college needs. Each college will have different requirements.

! FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

Complete Release Authorization

Continue

THE COMMON APPLICATION

FERPA RELEASE

FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- Students have a right to their educational record. Colleges prefer that students not view their letters of recommendation and are requesting students waive their FERPA rights for application materials.

Recommenders and FERPA

Release authorization

- FERPA regulates educational institutions' obligation to protect the privacy of student education records. This can include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review and inspect your education records. The confidential letters of recommendation issued by your high school or their staff may be part of those records.

2. In a moment, you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to review these confidential letters of recommendation. What should you know about this waiver?

- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

3. Still unsure how to respond?

- That's OK. Many students are. Before you move on, take a moment to discuss your decision with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. For more information about FERPA, visit the [Help Center](#).

I have read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.*

Continue

THE COMMON APPLICATION RECOMMENDERS

Recommendations for all Cherokee staff is sent via SCOIR

College information

APPLICATION

General

Residency

Academics

Writing



✓ Recommenders and FERPA

Review and submit
application

**Only return to this section if getting
a recommendation from someone
outside of Cherokee!**

Recommendors and FERPA

✓ Complete

Recommendors are people who will submit forms to colleges on your behalf. This page shows which recommender types this college needs. Each college will have different requirements.

✓ FERPA Release Authorization

[View Details](#) ▾

Invite recommendors

Use this section to invite and then [assign recommendors](#) to this college. You'll need to assign recommendors for each college on your list.

[Invite Recommendors](#)

✓ Counselor

Your school is using Scoir for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. If your counselor wishes to submit forms via mail, you can download forms that can be completed on paper and mailed to each institution to which you apply.

SCOIR

Lenape Regional High School District

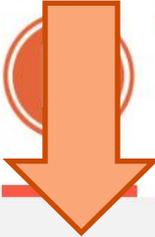
Home Activities Athletics Departments Our School Students/Parents

I am an UPSTANDER



Cherokee High School Upstanders
Upstanders and No Place For Hate

Cherokee High School Headlines

-  **Technical Support For Students & Parents**
Genesis, Email, Student Log In, Parent Log In
-  **School Calendar 2024-2025** ⬇️
-  **Transcript Request**
How to Request a School Transcript for Current, Past Graduates and Former Students
-  **Senior Parking Information** ⬆️

Genesis Portals Student & Staff Email Student & Staff Password Management Calendars **SCOIR** Free & Reduced Lunch Application

CONNECTING COMMON APP AND SCOIR

Go to “View Profile”

The screenshot displays the Scoir user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, Discover, My Colleges, Inbox, and Me. The 'Me' icon is highlighted with a purple box, and a purple arrow points from it to the 'View Profile' button in the dropdown menu. The dropdown menu also includes options for Visits & Deadlines, Surveys, Compare Colleges, and Log Out. Below the navigation bar, the main content area shows a greeting 'Good Afternoon, Aaron', a toggle for 'Show archived', and a card for connecting Scoir and Common App. The card includes a 'Mark as Complete' button and a 'Due 25 days ago' indicator. On the right side, there are sections for 'My Matches' and 'colleges you like'. At the bottom, there are application deadline notifications for Widener University, American University, and Mercer University, each with an 'Open Application' button.

across Scoir

Home Discover My Colleges Inbox Me Apply with Scoir

Good Afternoon, Aaron

Show archived

Connect Scoir & Common App Due 25 days ago

instructions for connecting accounts in the attached student guide.

Student Common App Guide.pdf

Mark as Complete

My Matches

colleges you like
messages without sharing
info.

Application Deadline - Widener University
Regular Decision | Fri Oct 31
Open Application

Application Deadline - American University
Early Decision - Fall 2026 | Fri Nov 14

Application Deadline - Mercer University
Regular Decision Spring 2026 | Sun Nov 30

CONNECTING COMMON APP AND SCOIR

Select “Connect Common App” and use your Common App login credentials to link the accounts

The screenshot displays a user profile for Aaron Sosa. The profile is divided into several sections: Personal Details, Parents, Account, Scoir FERPA, and Common App. The Common App section is highlighted with a purple box, and a purple arrow points to the 'Connect Common App' button. The 'Common App' section shows the Common App logo, the text 'Not Connected', and the 'Connect Common App' button. The 'Account' section shows the email address 'cristina_hernandez+ca_2@scoir.com' and a '+ Add Alternate Email' button. The 'Scoir FERPA' section shows 'Release Authorization' and 'Waiver of Rights' both as 'Unsigned' with 'Review and Sign' links. The 'Parents' section shows a '+ Invite a Parent' button and a question about being a first-generation college student with 'Yes' and 'No' radio buttons. The 'Personal Details' section shows the name 'Aaron Sosa', a birth date of 'Aug 2, 2010', and fields for 'Legal Sex', 'Race', 'Ethnicity', and 'Citizenship', all of which are 'Not specified'.

Personal Details [Download Resume](#)

Aaron Sosa

Parents
[+ Invite a Parent](#)

I will be a first-generation college student.
 Yes
 No

You are a first-generation student if neither parent or guardian has received a 4-year college degree.

Account

cristina_hernandez+ca_2@scoir.com
(Primary)

[+ Add Alternate Email](#)

Scoir FERPA

Release Authorization **Unsigned**
[Review and Sign](#)

Waiver of Rights **Unsigned**
[Review and Sign](#)

Common App

Not Connected

[Connect Common App](#)

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

If Required:

- Ask two teachers in person (if possible)
- Give at least 2 weeks notice
- Teachers may request you complete a form to collect more information
 - *Generic teacher recommendation form is on the Counseling Center website*
- Enter teacher recommendation requests in SCOIR
- Teachers will upload their letters through SCOIR once they are complete
- After the letter has been uploaded, students must assign the letter to colleges

TEACHERS AND COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS IN SCOIR

To submit teacher and/or counselor recommendation request in SCOIR:

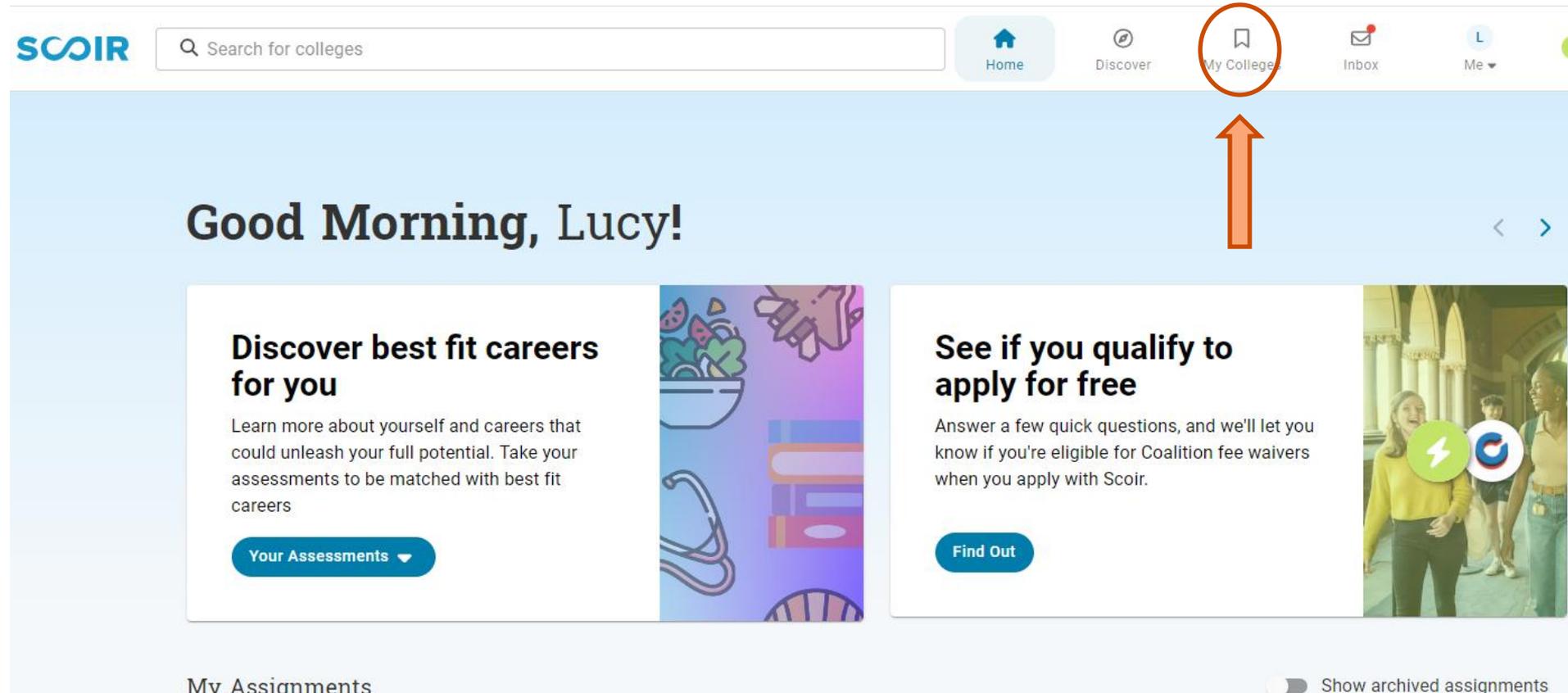
1. On the “My Colleges” page, select “Docs”
2. Click “New Request” 
3. Type the staff member’s name in drop down box
4. Type a message (Thank you!) in the “Message” box
5. Click “Submit”



Submit

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION IN SCOIR

Click “My Colleges” in the top banner of the SCOIR home page



The screenshot shows the SCOIR home page interface. At the top left is the SCOIR logo. To its right is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for colleges". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Discover", "My Colleges", "Inbox", and "Me". The "My Colleges" link, which features a bookmark icon, is circled in orange, and a large orange arrow points upwards to it from below. Below the navigation bar is a personalized greeting: "Good Morning, Lucy!". Underneath the greeting are two main content cards. The left card is titled "Discover best fit careers for you" and includes a "Your Assessments" button. The right card is titled "See if you qualify to apply for free" and includes a "Find Out" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a section for "My Assignments" with a toggle switch for "Show archived assignments".

SCOIR

Search for colleges

Home Discover My Colleges Inbox Me

Good Morning, Lucy!

Discover best fit careers for you

Learn more about yourself and careers that could unleash your full potential. Take your assessments to be matched with best fit careers

Your Assessments

See if you qualify to apply for free

Answer a few quick questions, and we'll let you know if you're eligible for Coalition fee waivers when you apply with Scoir.

Find Out

My Assignments

Show archived assignments

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION IN SCOIR

Under “My Colleges” in SCOIR, click on “Docs”

The screenshot shows the SCOIR interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search box on the left and several menu items: Home, Discover, My Colleges (with a red notification badge '1'), Inbox (with a red notification badge '43'), and Me. A green button labeled 'Apply with Scoir' is on the right. Below the navigation bar, a large orange arrow points to the 'Docs' button, which is circled in orange. To the right of 'Docs' are options for 'Sort: Deadline', 'Export', and 'Add College'. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'Following (4)', 'Applying (2)', and 'Applied (2)'. The 'Following' column shows cards for Rowan University and Saint Joseph's University. The 'Applying' column shows cards for Fairfield University and Quinnipiac University. The 'Applied' column shows a card for Monmouth University and a section titled 'Where are you enrolling?' with the text 'Move your choice here.'

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION IN SCOIR



TEACHER RECOMMENDATION REQUEST: *Click “+ New Request”*

Letters of Recommendation



Recommender	Type	College	Status	
Matthew McMullen	Teacher	 General	Created	Manage Assignments
Suzanne Connolly	Teacher	 General	Requested Sep 3, 2024	Cancel

Rows per page: 10 ▾ 1-2 of 2 < >

ASSIGNING RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR COLLEGES



After teachers upload their letter, the student must assign it to colleges

Letters of Recommendation + New Request

Recommender	Type	College	Status	
Matthew McMullen	Teacher	 General	Created	Manage Assignments
Suzanne Connolly	Teacher	 General	Requested Sep 3, 2024	Cancel

ASSIGNING RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR COLLEGES



Manage Recommendation Assignments

Recommendation Details

Created by Matthew McMullen on 9/3/2025

Assignments [Select all](#)

	Quinnipiac University 0 of 0 Required. A maximum of 2 accepted.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairfield University 0 of 0 Required. A maximum of 2 accepted.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Monmouth University 0 of 1 Required. A maximum of 4 accepted.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cancel [Save](#)

All colleges set their own recommendation criteria

USING SCOIR TO MANAGE COLLEGE APPS (SENDING TRANSCRIPTS)

Use and function of each option:

Suggested: Your counselor or parents can add colleges for you to consider

Following: Colleges that you are considering

Applying: Colleges that you decided to apply to (automatically added with Common APP)

Applied: Informing your counselor that you need a transcript sent to this college (automatically added with Common APP)

SCOIR

USING SCOIR TO MANAGE COLLEGE APPS

The “My Colleges” screen contains multiple columns:
Suggested · ***Following*** · ***Applying*** · ***Applied***

The screenshot displays the SCOIR 'My Colleges' interface. At the top, there is a search bar for careers and navigation icons for Home, Discover, My Colleges (with a notification badge), Inbox (with a notification badge), and Me. Below the navigation bar, there are filters for 'Top Choices' and 'Add College'. The main content area is divided into four columns, each with a circled title:

- Suggested (1)**: Includes a 'Collapse' link and a card titled 'Plan with your supporters' with the text 'Receive college suggestions from your Counselors and Parent/Guardian(s)'.
- Following (4)**: Shows a card for Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ) with a 'Reach' indicator, a 'Scoir' progress bar, and a 'Start Application' button.
- Applying (2)**: Shows a card for Fairfield University (Fairfield, CT) with 'Early Decision Nov 15' and 'Far Reach' indicators, a 'College Website' link, and a checklist showing '0/9' items and '0/4' documents sent.
- Applied (2)**: Includes a card titled 'Where are you enrolling?' with the text 'Move your choice here.' and an illustration of a person celebrating.

On the left side of the interface, there is a vertical label 'sted View (36)'.

USING SCOIR TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT

- When a college moves to the “Applied” column, counselors will send your transcript
- For Common App schools, the transcript will become available to all schools once it is sent to one college

The screenshot displays the SCOIR interface with the 'Applied (2)' column highlighted. The interface shows a list of colleges with their respective application statuses and document submission progress.

University	Checklist	Docs Sent
Monmouth University West Long Branch, NJ	0/6	0/3
Penn State University (Uni... University Park, PA	0/6	2

Additional details for Monmouth University:
Early Action **Dec 1**
Outcome **Pending**
Far Reach ●
College Website
Needs recommendation assignments

Additional details for Penn State University:
Rolling
Outcome **Pending**
Far Reach ●
Common App
Applied for 2025-2026 entry

SENDING TO NON-COMMON APP SCHOOLS

Manually put the college in the Applied column

1. Enter your application ID (Check for accuracy)
2. Choose the deadline you want to meet
3. Select your major, if known
4. Select SAT/ACT option
5. Enter the email address you used to create the application (Check for accuracy)
6. Click “Save”

How did you apply?

First Year Deadlines

Early Action November 1 Early Decision November 15 Early Decision II January 15 Regular Decision January 15

Did you apply for a specific major?

No, I am undecided
 Yes

SAT/ACT Reporting

I applied Test Optional and did not report SAT/ACT scores to this college

Email used for application

Email address *
c_zek@yahoo.com

Please provide the same email address that you're using for your application account.

Colleges will use this email to connect your documents to your application, so be sure to enter the correct email above.

Cancel Save

USING SCOIR TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The only actionable column that will cue your counselor to process a transcript request is “Applied”

Each college that requires an official transcript from Cherokee must have a request entered in SCOIR

Students should strive to add a college to “Applied” no later than TWO WEEKS before their first deadline (email your counselor if not applying until deadline)

(example: a college with a November 15th deadline should be added to “Applied” by November 1st)

RUTGERS APPLICATION PROCESS

Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System

Students must connect their STARS to their “Rutgers CommunityID”



SELF-REPORTED TRANSCRIPT AND ACADEMIC RECORD SYSTEM

Welcome to the Rutgers Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System (STARS). STARS allows you to provide your academic record electronically to Rutgers University.

Current high school seniors are required to complete and submit their STARS Record. After you set up your Rutgers CommunityID, you will be able to either link your existing STARS Record to Rutgers or complete your STARS Record through the Rutgers Application Portal. Click [here](#) for more details. **High school graduates and transfer students do not complete a STARS Record.**

Accessing Your STARS Account

If you already have a STARS account created for use with another participating college or university, please log in using the same email address and password of your existing STARS account.

Creating Your STARS Account

If you do not have a STARS account, select **Create STARS Account** and follow the on-screen instructions. We recommend you use the same email address you used or plan on using for your application to Rutgers.

STARS Record Submission and Linking Instructions for Current Rutgers Applicants*

Upon submission of your application to Rutgers, you are required to complete



SRAR/SSAR is Now STARS!

No action is required. Your account and records remain the same, and you can continue logging in with your existing email and password.

[Learn more.](#)

Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System



Please enter your STARS email address.

[Forgot Password?](#)

Create STARS Account

Continue to Login

STARS- Self-Reported Transcript and Academic Record

Colleges that require the STARS in lieu of sending an initial transcript include:



MID-YEAR REPORTS AND FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

1. Mid-year transcript requests will start in January 2026

Transcripts will be sent once the first semester is finalized in February of 2026 – ***Students should update their STARS account at that time***

2. Final transcripts will be requested in May

Students will be emailed in May and asked to complete the **Senior Survey**. This survey will ask where they would like their final transcript sent

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT



OCTOBER 23, 2025

6:00 PM

F.A.Q.

How do I apply for scholarships?

- Merit vs. Need based aid
- FAFSA
- Search tools
 - *fastweb.com*
 - *Big Future Scholarship Search (College Board)*
- Local Awards - Mr. Petragnani (*scholarship coordinator*)
 - The first part is available in December
 - The second part is available in the second semester

FINANCIAL AID: FAFSA

Complete the FAFSA at: www.fafsa.gov

The 2026-26 FAFSA will open to all students on October 1, 2025.

What is the FAFSA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an online form that must be submitted annually by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid.

Why do I need to file a FAFSA?

The U.S. Department of Education uses the information provided on your FAFSA to determine your eligibility for aid from federal student financial assistance programs. New Jersey uses the FAFSA to determine your state grant and scholarship eligibility. Colleges and Universities may also use the FAFSA data to award their own aid.

What you will need to start your FAFSA:

- FSA ID (fsaid.ed.gov) for Parent and Student
- 2024 Tax Returns, W2s, and other records of money earned for Parent and Student
- Social Security Numbers for Parent and Student
- Other Income Information
- State Issued Driver's License
- Documentation as U.S. Permanent Residents or Eligible Citizens

CSS PROFILE

CSS Profile MAY be required: cssprofile.collegeboard.org

What is the CSS Profile?

The **CSS Profile** is required by **many private colleges and universities**, and a few public ones, to award institutional financial aid (aid that comes directly from the school). **It is separate from the FAFSA**, which is used to determine eligibility for federal financial aid.

A promotional banner for the CSS Profile. The background is a purple-tinted image of a student with a backpack walking in a hallway. The text is white and purple. At the top, it says 'APPLY WITH CSS PROFILE'. Below that is the title 'CSS Profile' in a large font. The main text reads: 'Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to more than \$14 billion in nonfederal aid to thousands of students.' At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Sign in to Fall 2026/Spring 2027' and 'Sign in to Fall 2025/Spring 2026'.

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WHAT NOW?

- **Don't procrastinate! Begin by making a list of deadlines**
- **Create a Common App account and connect it to SCOIR**
- **Students should request letters of recommendation**
- ****Email or call counselors with questions****