

The College Application Process

Parent Workshop
Newfield High School
September 29, 2025





Introduction

- This PowerPoint Presentation has been posted for the students on the *Guidance Class of 2026 Google Classroom*

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highlighting the college application process for this year.

- Counselors will begin meeting individually with each senior on October 1st.



* Appointment Overview *

What Should I Be Doing Now?!

- Attend college fairs and in person for students (October 29th @ NHS), continue the college search process online
- Update resume in Naviance Student
- Request letters of recommendation
- Work on/finalize college essay
- Register for SAT/ACT (if necessary)
- Complete NCAA eligibility (if applicable)
www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Discuss Early Action / Early Decision options
- Prepare a well researched list of schools to begin the application process...



* Appointment Overview *

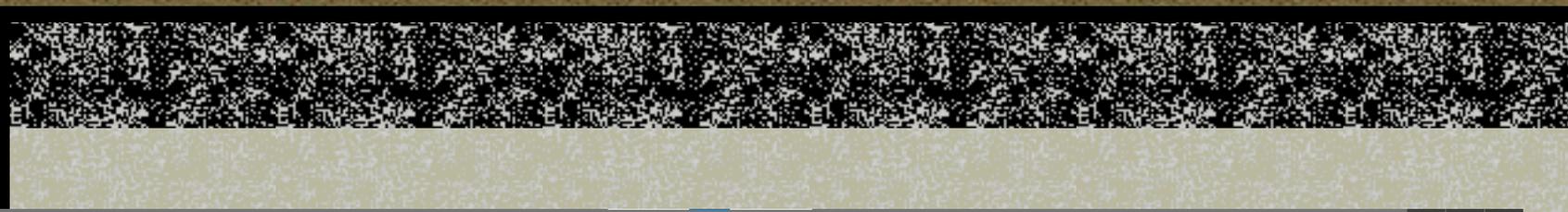
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- Discuss the process of applying:
 - "Green Forms" (1 per college applying to, submitted to counselor in order for documentation to be sent)
 - Parent and Student must sign and date each form
 - How to submit applications online (either through the Common Application, SUNY website or individual college website)
 - www.commonapp.org
 - www.suny.edu
- Sign on to Naviance Student Account
 - Access through Student Clever app located on Middle Country website
- View the Tutorial below for assistance in matching your Common Application & Naviance Student accounts:
 - <https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1>



Common Application Matching Process:

- Register for the Common Application (www.commonapp.org)
- Everyone MUST complete the following sections in Common App:
 - Education
 - College Search (add at least one college)
 - FERPA



common app

My Common Application

- Profile
- Family
- Education
 - Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School**
 - Other Secondary/High Schools
 - Colleges & Universities
 - Grades
 - Current or Most Recent Year Courses
 - Honors
 - Community-Based Organizations
 - Future Plans
- Testing
- Activities

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My Common Application | Education

Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School Preview

In progress

Current or most recent secondary/high school *

[Find school](#)

Date of entry*

Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)

Is this a boarding school?*

Yes

No

[Clear answer](#)

Did or will you graduate from this school?*

Yes

No

[Clear answer](#)

Please indicate if any of these options will have affected your

Help & support

Search FAQs

Search takes you to the student solution center

Why can't I find a school or college in the lookup list?

When searching for a high school or a college within your Common App, you may not...

[Read full answer](#)

[All help topics](#)



Dashboard

APPLY

My Common Application

My Colleges

EXPLORE

College search

Direct admissions

Financial aid

Settings

Sign out



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College search

Application requirements

College or City Name

Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

More filters

1150 results

Sort by: College Name

	Aberystwyth University Aberystwyth, Ceredigion - GBR	+ Add
	Abilene Christian University Abilene, TX - USA	+ Add
	Adams State University Alamosa, CO - USA	+ Add
	Adelphi University Garden City, NY - USA	+ Add
	Agnes Scott College Decatur, GA - USA	+ Add
	Air Force Academy USAF Academy, CO - USA	+ Add

Help & support

Search FAQs

Search takes you to the student solution center

How do I search for a college?

The **College search** section allows you to find the Common App member...

Read full answer

All help topics

FERPA Waiver



My Colleges

Overview

^ The University of Alabama

College information

APPLICATION

- General
- Academics**
- Family
- Awards and Experiences
- Disciplinary/Criminal History
- Certification
- Recommenders and FERPA**
- Review and Submit - Common App

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My Colleges | The University of Alabama | Application

Recommenders and FERPA

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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.

⚠️ Before you can continue your application, we need to know your current or most recent secondary/high school. Please complete the "Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School" question in the [Education section](#) of your Common App.

[Continue](#)

🔗 Help & support

Search FAQs

Search takes you to the student solution center

Can I submit my application before my recommenders submit their forms?
You are allowed to submit your application before your...
[Read full answer](#)

Why am I unable to assign an Other Recommender to a school?
You will only be able to assign an Other Recommender if a...
[Read full answer](#)

What do I do if I'm an international student and don't have a counselor?
If there is no counselor at your school, the recommendation...
[Read full answer](#)

How do I assign my recommenders?



FERPA Explained

- **The typical expectation for letters of recommendation in college admissions is that they are kept confidential.**
Admissions officers give most weight to letters that provide an honest and qualified assessment of the applicant. If you don't waive your FERPA right, you could accidentally signal to admissions officers that you don't trust your recommender or that the recommendation is less candid or genuine.
- **Your recommender might also get the subtle message that you don't trust him or her.** *The knowledge that you'll see the letter at some point in the future might cause your recommender to write a more generic letter, and thus be less powerful and effective in support of your candidacy.*
- *You won't be penalized for your response, but **it's risky to check "no"** since you don't know how admissions officers or your recommenders will interpret it.*



Letters of Recommendation

- Request letters of recommendation: in person with resume and through Naviance Student.
- Once a teacher agrees to write a letter, please add the teacher to Naviance.
- <https://www.screencast.com/t/yFlgLhUy>



* SAT / ACT *

- Be aware of upcoming deadlines & new procedures
 - Register early; No walk-ins accepted anymore!
 - Photo I.D. is required upon registering
- Students must send SAT/ACT scores to each college directly through the testing website:
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.actstudent.org

Contact your colleges of interest to inquire about possible updates on SAT/ACT requirements related to admissions and financial aid



College Rep Visits and On-Site Admissions at Newfield High School

- ❑ Please refer to your child's Naviance Student account to view upcoming college visits:
 - ❑ Access through Student Clever app located on Middle Country website
 - ❑ To view College Rep Visits go to the "Colleges" link at the top of on the Naviance Student homepage. Select the "College Visits" link for a listing.

- ❑ **On-Site Admissions**
 - ❑ Please contact your counselor for additional information.

- ❑ **Mini-College Day**
 - ❑ October 29, 2025



Financial Aid & Scholarships

- FAFSA form should be filled out online after **October 1, 2025**
- FAFSA Overview for the 25-26 FAFSA
 - ❖ What is FAFSA?
 - ❖ How to create a FAFSA Account
- Attend our Financial Aid Night
 - November 10th, 2025 @ CHS
- Scholarship Opportunities are posted in Naviance Student, select these links:
Colleges → Scholarship List → Local & Regional Scholarships
- Middle Country SD Scholarship information given to seniors in February



* Guidance Website *

- District Guidance Website
- Consistently updated with pertinent information
 - View scholarship tab on the guidance webpage for scholarship information.
 - "Senior Stuff & College Info" tab will include updates regarding college fairs, on-site admissions, rep visits, etc.
 - Links to many helpful websites (Naviance Student, SAT/ACT, Scholarships, Financial Aid, NCAA...)



* Student Checklist *

- Do Your Research!
- Complete Resume
- Request teacher recommendations
- Complete NCAA eligibility *(if applicable)*
- Send SAT/ACT scores
- Submit applications
- Fill out and sign a "green sheet" for each school & submit to your counselor!



??? Questions ???