

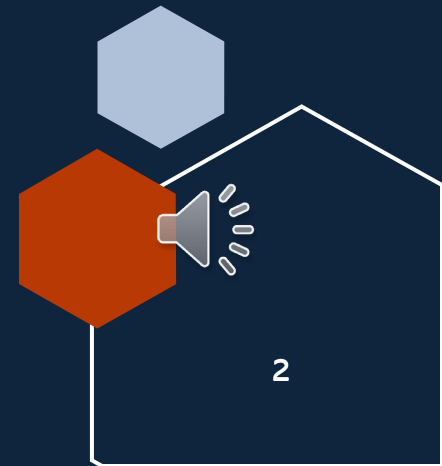
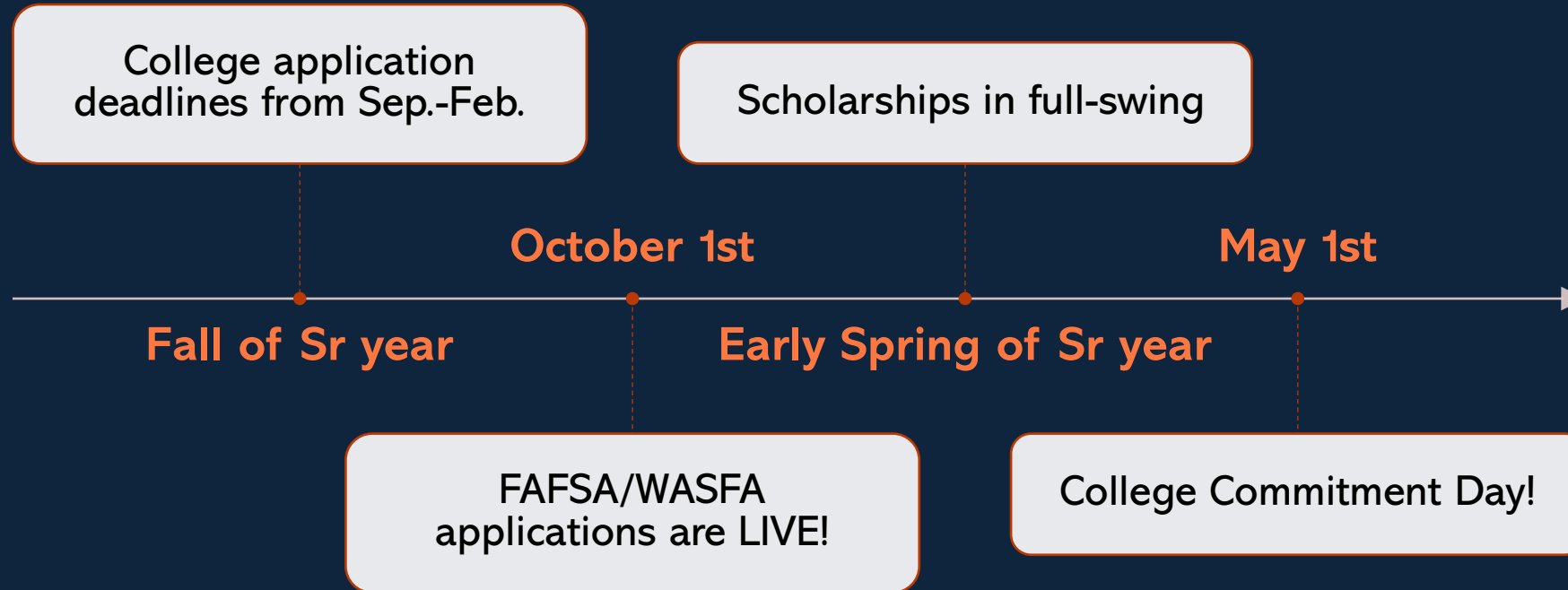
Post-High School Planning:

4 Year College



Application Timeline

- Working through college applications
- Creating a plan to pay for college
- Committing to a college and wrapping up your Senior year STRONG!



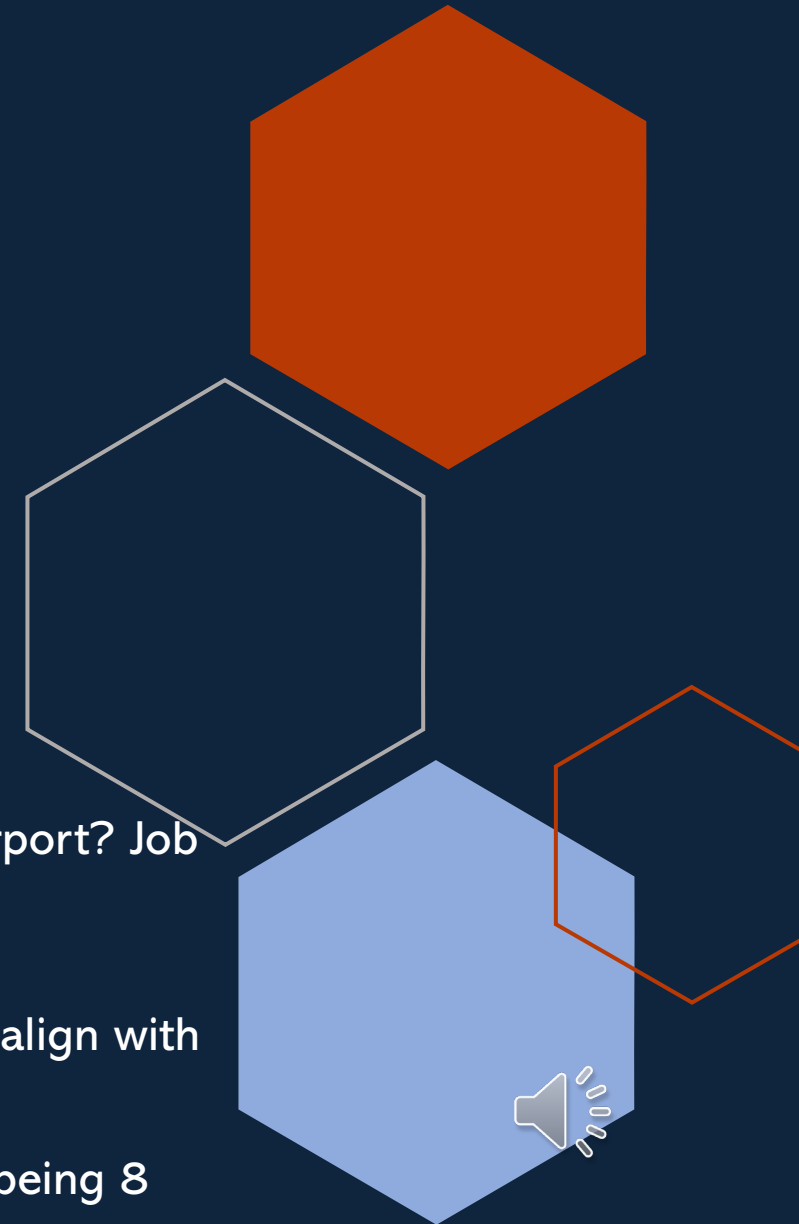


Where do I even start?

- [College Search](#)
- [Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program \(WAGAP\)](#)
- [Western Undergraduate Exchange \(WUE\)](#)

Creating My College List

- In-state vs Out-of-State
- Private vs Public
- Urban vs Rural
- Have the subjects/majors you are interested in?
- Need housing? Close to Airport? Job opportunities?
- Does the campus have activities/clubs/sports that align with your interests?
- No more than 10, average being 8 colleges





What do you need to successfully apply to college?

- [Common App](#) or college specific application?
- Unofficial transcript or [official transcript](#)
 - Counselor to add to application at the end of S1 and again at the end of S2
 - Viewing unofficial transcript in Skyward
- Current semester 1 schedule of courses
 - Counselor to add to application for S1 and S2 – schedule changes must be reported
- [JHS School Profile](#)
- [JHS Counselor information](#)
 - Counselor Recommendation (Sec School Report) vs Counselor Letter of Recommendation
- Letter of Recommendation (LOR) - IF required
 - [Teacher LOR](#)
 - [Counselor LOR](#) (counselor specific request form under "Application Materials & Other Forms")
- Writing sample (personal statement and/or short answer)
 - College view on AI

Staying Organized

College	Private /Public	Major?	Application Deadline	Application Platform	Materials Needed	LOR	Date Submitted
University of Washington - Seattle	Public	Yes	November 15	Common App	FAFSA, test optional	NA	November 10
Oregon State University	Public	No, but similar	February 2	Common App or OSU App	FAFSA, test optional	Optional	January 9
Seattle University	Private	Yes	January 15	Common App	FAFSA, test optional	Teacher & counselor	January 9



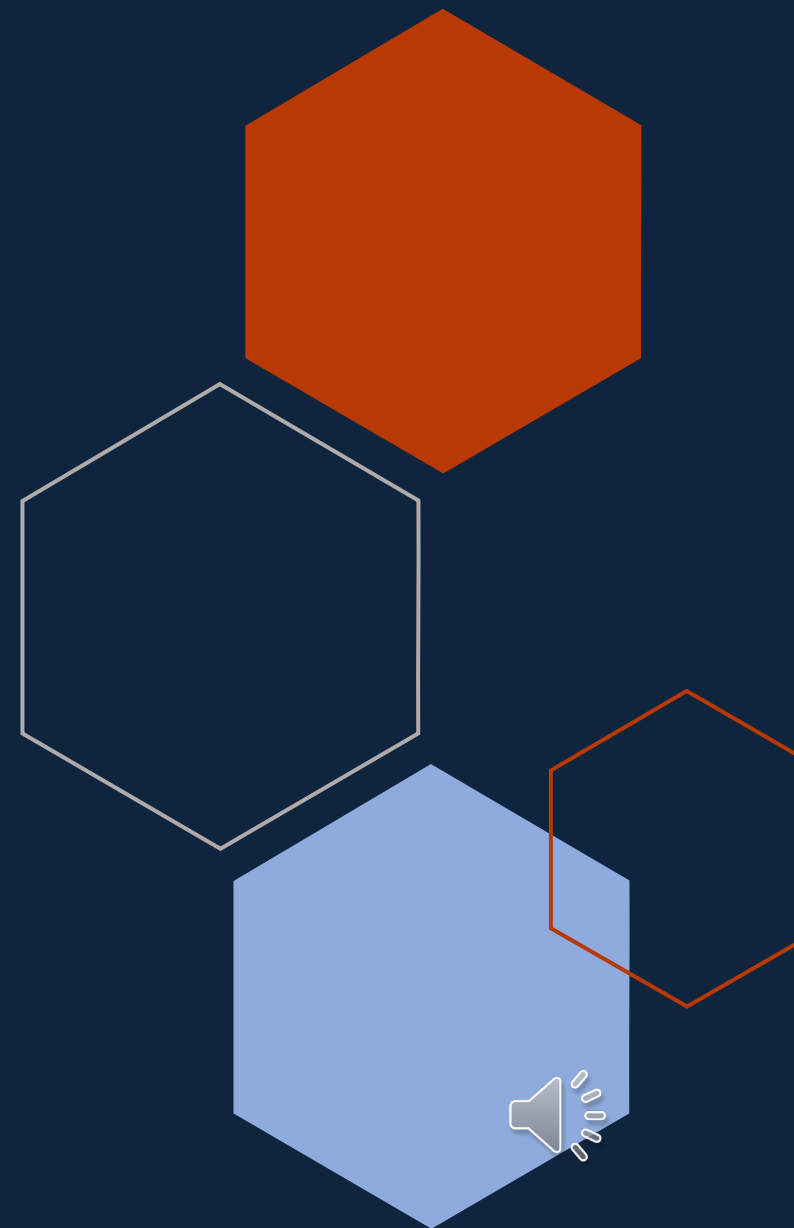
Paying for College

FAFSA

- Federal financial aid that determines eligibility for grants, loans and work-study programs.
- Available to US citizens and eligible non-citizens who meet specific criteria and income thresholds.
- Application opened on October 1st, 2025
- Otterbot that provides 24/7 FAFSA guidance for students and parents

WASFA

- Financial aid exclusively for WA State students to determine eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study programs.
- Primarily for undocumented students or those who do not qualify for federal aid due to their immigration status
- Application opened on October 1st, 2025
- Not sure which application to complete? Use the WASFA Questionnaire

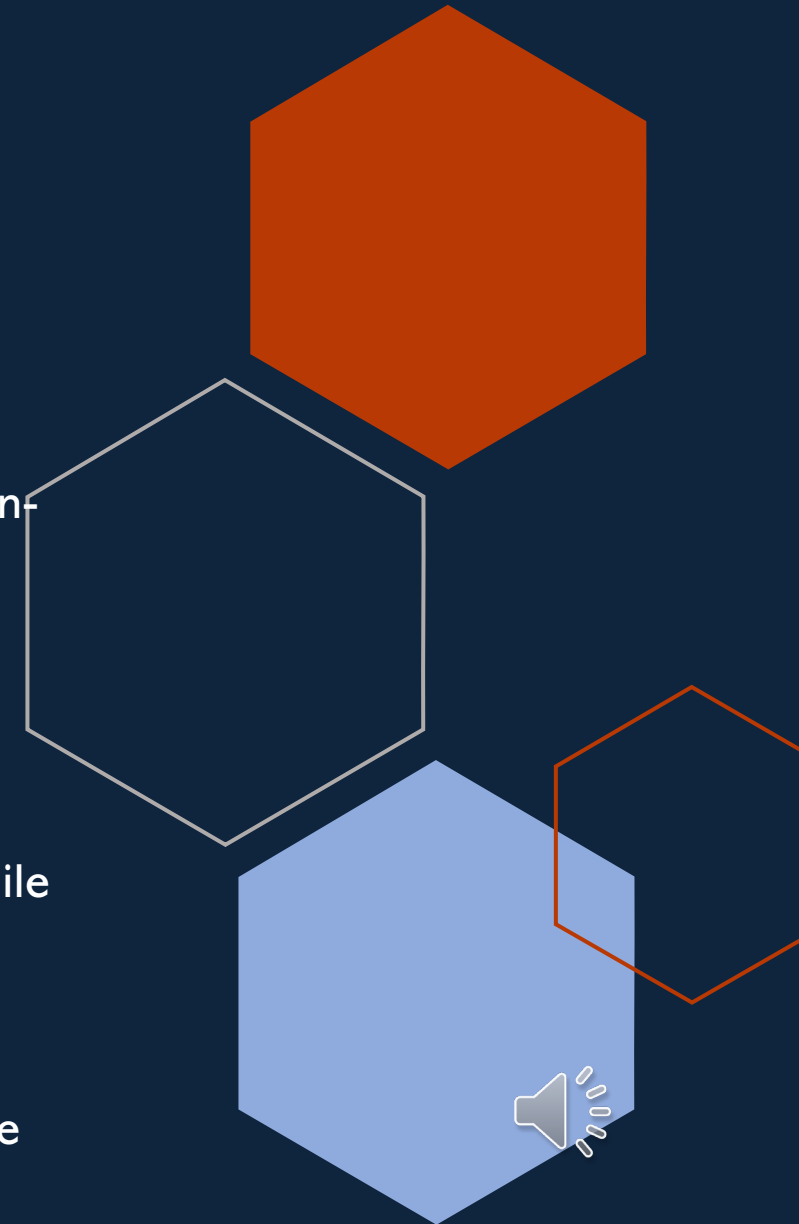




Additional Aid:

WA Student Achievement Council

- Grants: income-based aid; can be federal, state, and/or institutional (WA State Grants)
 - College Bound Scholars - need-based WA College Grant; students qualified in 7th or 8th grade
- Scholarships: merit-based & income-based from public, private and/or non-profit sources (thewashboard.org)
- Work-study: income-based federal & private; part-time job on or off campus related to a student's field of study (WA State work-study)
- Loans: income-based federal & private
 - Subsidized loans – US Dept of Ed pays the interest on these loans while students are enrolled in school at least part-time, during deferment and/or grace-period. These loans are based on financial need per information gathered on FAFSA application.
 - Unsubsidized loans – Interest on loans will accrue as soon as funds are disbursed. These loans are not based on financial need and are available to a wide range of students.



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College Application Support at JHS

- Upcoming college visits at JHS - sign up for a college visit in the CCC before/after school or during lunch
- FAFSA/WASFA support and webinars
- College essay writing workshops within LWSD
- College application support from your JHS Counselor
- Students needing support can self-seek by using the resources available from this presentation, the JHS website, their JHS counselor, the CCC and community resources

