

**OCTOBER~ do not forget to be consistent. Check and review your Senior Packets!**

- ▽ **BEGIN THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS.** Use the attached map for step-by-step instructions
- ▽ Continue to work on your college essays and keep your resume updated- *this will help when answering short prompts on applications for all schools and job applications*
- ▽ Complete your official Senior Credit Check by Fall Break: **TODAY**

Subject	Credits Required	Credits Accrued	Credits Needed	Credits Enrolled In S1	Credits Needed S2 (upon successful completion of this semester)	Graduation Proficiencies Completed?
English	4.0	<i>See Attached Transcript</i>				English  Y            N If No: _____ _____
Social Studies	1.5					
Government	0.5					
US History	1.0					
Math	3.0					
Science	3.0					Math  Y            N If No: _____ _____
World Lang.	x					
Practical Art	1.5					
PE	1.5					
Health	0.5					
Other						
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.0</b>					

- ▽ Check Naviance and other search engines for **Scholarships** each week- many big scholarships have early deadlines!
- ▽ **Apply for the FASFA online @ <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>** starting October 1, 2025. In addition to the FAFSA, some competitive and/or most private, colleges and universities require the completion of the CSS Financial Aid Profile.
- ▽ **APPLY** for Colorado schools on **FREE APPLICATION DAYS- October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2025**
- ▽ **Meet folks!** Go on virtual/in person college tours and fairs, schedule a visit with the College Reps who are visiting OHS

**NOVEMBER**

- ▽ **FASFA Completion Workshop-Date/Time TBD-by appointment only, please contact Mr. Sewell**
- ▽ REMEMBER and RECORD DEADLINES!
- ▽ Complete the application process for both colleges and scholarships by filling out a blue **Transcript Request Form** in Post Grad. *Check to see if the Institution you are applying to wants your test scores directly from ACT or College Board, or if they will take them from us. Allow two weeks for processing your college applications.*

**DECEMBER**

- ▽ Register for the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF) @ [cof.college-assist.org](http://cof.college-assist.org) (it's an automatic reduction in tuition)
- ▽ Finish Semester 1 strong!

**JANUARY-FEBRUARY**

- ▽ Make sure you are in the right classes for Semester 2 and graduation!
- ▽ Request a 7th semester transcript if your college requires these grades
- ▽ Applications to 2-year schools will open mid-January

# BASIC APPLICATION STEPS

## Apply online!

- Use Naviance to narrow down your search to 3 – 6 colleges
- Add these to your “Colleges I’m Applying To” list in Naviance
- Apply to those institutions online by applying through the college website, Common App, Coalition for College App, etc.
- Make sure you read all directions carefully on every application
- Apply as a “Freshman”, “Undergraduate”, “New Student” or “Prospective Student”
- Double check to see if there are portions your teachers/counselor must complete

## Transcripts

- Every time you apply to a college/university you must fill out a **BLUE** transcript request form in the Post Grad office
- The first two transcripts are free! After that, students are charged \$5 per transcript!
- Transcripts are sent to the colleges you are applying to and will include your
  - Grades (starting with 9th grade)
  - Class Rank
  - GPA
- Transcripts will not include test scores- you must send these on your own by logging into your ACT and/or College Board account.
- Know your deadlines! You must allow TWO weeks for processing.

## Additional Application Parts

- Letters of Recommendation
  - Some colleges require students provide 1 or 2 letters of recommendations, usually from teachers
  - Make sure you ask a teacher from at least 11th grade who knows you well
  - Providing the teacher a resume or brag sheet is helpful
  - Ask for a letter no less than 2 weeks from the deadline- more if possible!
  - Say thank you to the teacher/recommender!
- College Essay/Personal Statement
  - Follow instructions carefully
  - Double check your spelling/grammar
  - Ask an adult to look over it before submitting

## Paying for College

- Attend College/Career Info Night with your parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Create an account and FSA ID with FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Preview questions with the “FAFSA on the Web worksheet”
  - Do not lose your FSA ID!
  - Complete the FAFSA as soon as October 1st- This is when the application opens for 2025
- For one-on-one help, attend a FAFSA Workshop with your parent(s)/guardian(s) in the Fall (Information coming soon)
- Apply for COF (College Opportunity Fund)
  - Provides a stipend for new and continuing in-state students going to college in Colorado
- Scholarships
  - Use Naviance to find and apply for Scholarships!
  - Reach out to the college where you applied to see what scholarships are available