



CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL

**SENIOR PARENT COLLEGE
APPLICATION NIGHT**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

ROWAN COLLEGE OF BURLINGTON COUNTY

Spring Ahead Program

01 / Fall

Information Session

When: November

Held at Cherokee during the school day to introduce the benefits of the program.

02 / Spring

Campus Visit

When: Spring 2027

An exciting field trip to RCBC during the school day to experience the campus environment.

03 / Next Steps

How to Register

Action Required

Students must sign up for each session. Details will be sent via daily announcements and student email.



Rowan College
at
BURLINGTON COUNTY

COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

01 / PHASE ONE

Applying

September – February

- Develop a list of colleges meeting student needs
- Submit all applications & support materials by deadline
- Complete FAFSA & CSS Profile

02 / PHASE TWO

Decisions

December – May

- Receive and consider admissions decisions
- Monitor requests for additional info
- Submit mid-year transcripts if required

03 / PHASE THREE

Cost & Aid

February – May

- Financial aid packages and reward letters received
- Carefully analyze and compare offer details

04 / PHASE FOUR

Choice!

By May 1st

- Make the final college decision
- Submit enrollment deposit to chosen institution

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

01 / INDEPENDENCE

Encourage taking the lead

Empower your student to take charge of their own application process, fostering ownership and key life skills.

02 / PLANNING

Discuss deadlines early

Talk about upcoming application deadlines in advance to ensure all support materials and submissions are ready on time.

03 / ORGANIZATION

Prioritize & stay organized

Help establish weekly check-ins and suggest using shared digital calendars or tracking spreadsheets to monitor requirements.

04 / FINANCE

Support financial aid

Parents play an active, vital role in completing financial aid applications like the FAFSA and comparing final college offers.



Counselors are currently meeting with your students to support them through every step.

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.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit www.nacacnet.org

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

Test Optional

Scores Not Required

They are completely optional but will be reviewed and considered if you choose to submit them.

Zero Penalty

Choosing not to submit scores will not be held against you or disadvantage your application.

Must Opt-In

You must explicitly indicate on your application if you are applying under test-optional rules.

Test Required

Required by Some

A selection of colleges and universities still require SAT or ACT scores for all general admissions.

Specific Majors

Certain highly competitive majors (like STEM or Nursing) may mandate scores even if the school is optional.

GPA Thresholds

Some schools require scores only if a student's cumulative GPA falls below a specific benchmark.

Sending Scores

You must send official score reports directly to your colleges through the testing organizations.



REMAINING DATES



Remaining Test Dates

November 7

Register by October 23

December 5

Register by November 20

www.collegeboard.org



Remaining Test Dates

December 12

Register by November 6

February 27

Register by January 22

www.actstudent.org

APPLYING ONLINE

1. Research

Check Requirements

Start by visiting colleges' websites to verify specific admission guidelines.

Track Deadlines

Keep close track of application deadlines to ensure you never submit late.

2. Prioritize

Earliest Deadlines First

Order your applications by their due dates and work on the most urgent ones first.

Time Management

Give yourself ample time to write essays and request recommendations.

3. Apply

Submission Portals

Apply directly through individual college websites or via the centralized Common App.

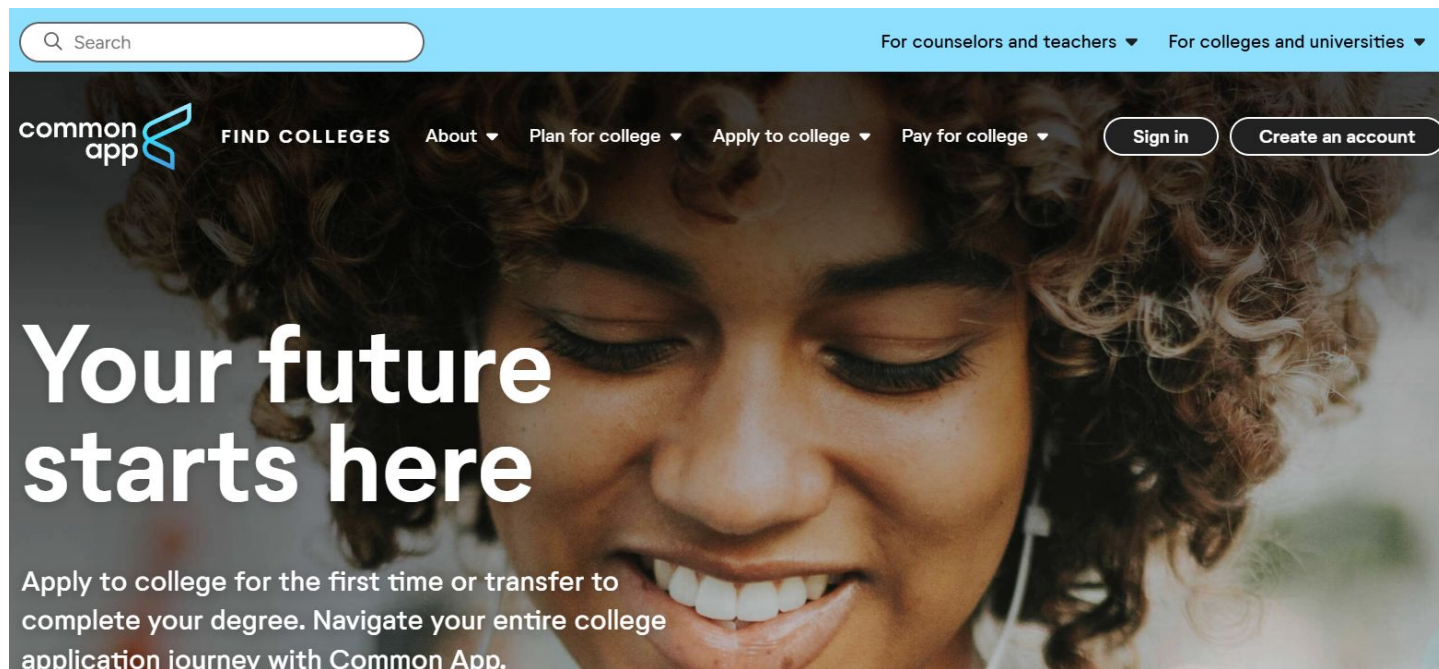
Common App First

Use the Common App platform every time it is supported by your chosen school.

www.commonapp.org

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



HELPFUL INFORMATION

School Information

Cherokee High School

120 Tomlinson Mill Road
Marlton, NJ 08053

Counselor Contact

Title: School Counselor

Phone: 856-983-5140 | **Fax:** 856-596-6495

Course Credits

- Full Year Courses: **5 credits**
- Full Year AP Lab Sciences: **6 credits**
- PE / Health: **2.5 credits each**
- Semester Courses: **2.5 credits**

Academic & College Codes

GPA Scale

Unweighted: Out of 4.00

Weighted: Out of 6.00

You can report either unless specified.

Class Rank

Rank: None (School does not rank)

Senior Class Size

Students in Senior Class: 471

CEEB Code

310-761

THE COMMON APPLICATION & SCOIR

1. Connect Accounts

Students **must connect** their SCOIR and Common Application accounts to sync application milestones.

SCOIR

common
app



2. Apply to College

Students typically use the **Common Application** platform as their primary portal to apply to colleges and universities.

3. Send Materials

School-related materials must be sent securely via **SCOIR**.

Including:

- Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- School Reports

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Navigating the Common App

The screenshot displays the Common App dashboard interface. On the left is a blue sidebar with navigation links. The main content area is white with a light blue header. The header includes the Common App logo, a greeting "Good morning, Sample!", and an illustration of a person. The dashboard is divided into sections: "My Common Application" (0/6 sections complete) with links for Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities, and Writing; "My Colleges" (3 colleges on my list, 3 in progress) with a "Show colleges" link; and "Deadlines" for September, showing "No deadlines this month." and a calendar for September. On the right is a "Help & support" sidebar with a search bar and several FAQ links.

common app

Dashboard

APPLY

- My Common Application
- My Colleges

EXPLORE

- College search
- Direct admissions
- Financial aid

Settings

Sign out

Good morning, Sample!

Dashboard

My Common Application

0/6 sections complete

- Profile
- Family
- Education
- Testing
- Activities
- Writing

My Colleges

3 colleges on my list

3 in progress

Show colleges

Deadlines

September < > Today

No deadlines this month.

September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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](#)

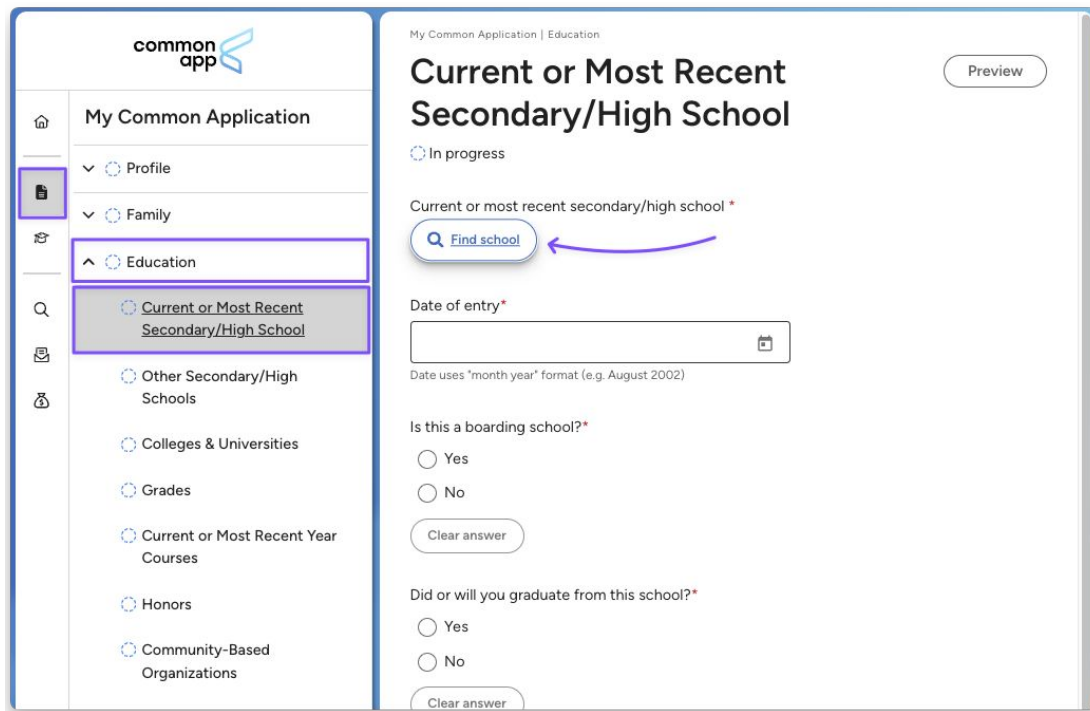
How many colleges can I add to My colleges list?

You may add and apply to up to 20 colleges. You may add and remove a college at any...

[Read full answer](#)

THE COMMON APPLICATION

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



The screenshot shows the Common App interface. On the left, the 'Education' section is expanded, and 'Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School' is selected. A purple box highlights the 'Find school' button in the main content area, with a purple arrow pointing to it from the right. The main content area displays the title 'Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School' with a 'Preview' button. Below the title, it says 'In progress'. The form includes a 'Find school' button, a 'Date of entry' field with a calendar icon, and two questions: 'Is this a boarding school?' and 'Did or will you graduate from this school?'. Each question has 'Yes' and 'No' radio button options and a 'Clear answer' button.

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

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

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Adding colleges to your Common App list

The screenshot shows the Common App website's college search interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with the 'common app' logo at the top. Below the logo are sections: 'Dashboard' with a home icon, 'APPLY' with 'My Common Application' (document icon) and 'My Colleges' (graduation cap icon), and 'EXPLORE' with 'College search' (magnifying glass icon, highlighted with a purple box), 'Direct admissions' (envelope icon), and 'Financial aid' (dollar sign icon). The main content area is titled 'College search' and includes a search bar labeled 'College or City Name'. Below the search bar is a note: 'Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston'. There is a 'More filters' button with a funnel icon. A button labeled 'Application requirements' is in the top right. Below the search bar, it says '974 results' and 'Sort by: College Name' with a dropdown arrow. A list of colleges is shown, each with a logo, name, location, and a '+ Add' button. The colleges listed are National Louis University, Aberystwyth University, Adelphi University, Agnes Scott College, Alaska Pacific University, and Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

common app

Dashboard

APPLY

My Common Application

My Colleges

EXPLORE

College search

Direct admissions

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Application requirements

College or City Name

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

More filters

974 results

Sort by: College Name

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

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Select a start term and admission plan

Apply to The College of New Jersey

Preview

General

 In progress

The questions on this page are being asked by The College of New Jersey.

Preferred start term*

Fall 2027 X ▾

Preferred admission plan*

Regular Decision X ▾

Regular Decision candidates are encouraged to apply by January 1st to receive priority consideration for [merit scholarships](#).

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Recommenders and FERPA – Only Completed Once!

The screenshot displays the Common App interface. On the left is a sidebar with a 'My colleges' section containing 'Lehigh University' and a list of application categories. The 'Recommenders and FERPA' category is highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Recommenders and FERPA' and shows an 'In progress' status. It includes a paragraph explaining that recommenders submit forms on behalf of the user and that requirements vary by college. Below this is a section for 'FERPA Release Authorization' with a warning icon, stating that users must complete this process before inviting counselors, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors. A link 'Learn more about FERPA' is provided. At the bottom of the main content area are two buttons: 'Complete Release Authorization' and 'Continue'. A purple arrow points from the 'Complete Release Authorization' button to the 'Recommenders and FERPA' category in the sidebar.

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

Definition

FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Important Guidelines

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.

The image shows a mobile app interface for the FERPA Release Authorization. At the top, there's a title bar with a close button (X) and the text "Release authorization". Below this, the text explains FERPA's role in protecting student privacy and the right to review records. It then asks if the user wants to waive the right to review confidential letters of recommendation. A list of points explains that waiving rights reassures colleges and that some recommenders may decline to write a letter if rights are not waived. It also provides a link to the Help Center for more information. At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled "I have read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.*" which is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below the checkbox is a blue "Continue" button, also highlighted with a red rectangle and a red arrow pointing to it from the right.

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!

Recommenders and FERPA

 Complete

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

[View Details](#) ▾

Invite recommenders

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

[Invite Recommenders](#)

 Counselor

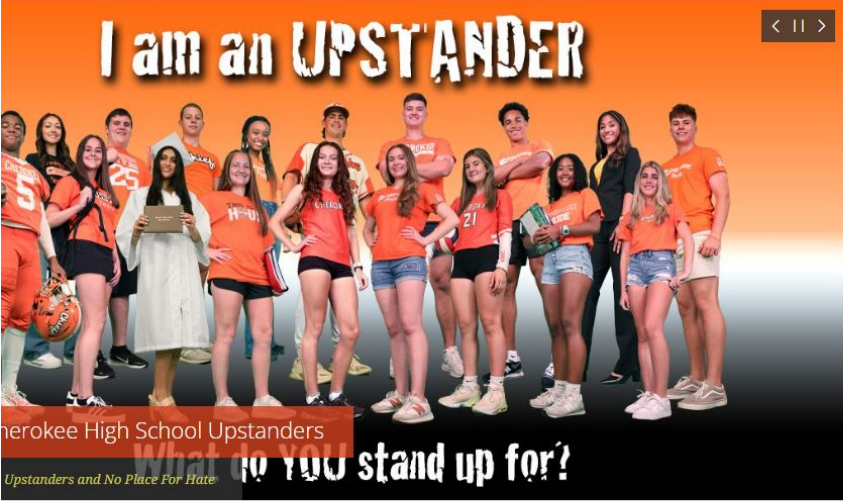
Your school is using Scoir for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. If your counselor wishes to submit forms via mail, you can download forms that can be completed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

SCOIR



Lenape Regional High School District

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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



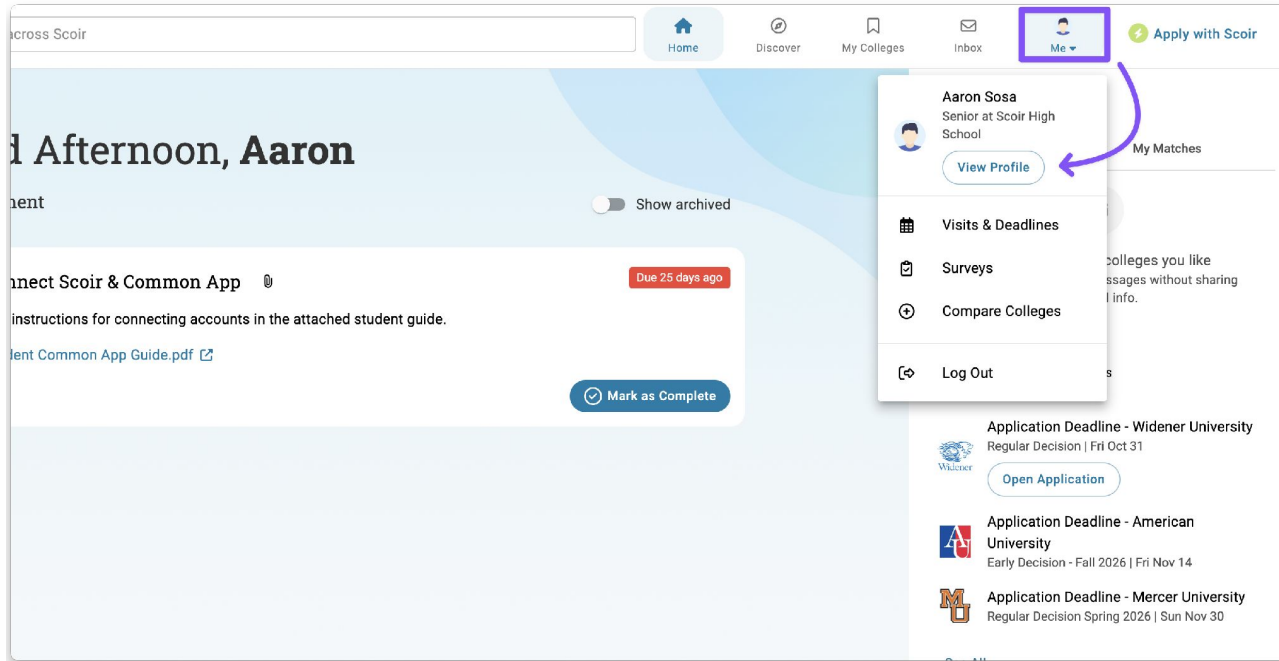
SCOIR



Free & Reduced Lunch Application

THE COMMON APPLICATION RECOMMENDERS

Go to “View Profile”



THE COMMON APPLICATION RECOMMENDERS

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

The screenshot shows the 'Personal Details' page for a user named Aaron Sosa. The page is divided into three main sections: Personal Details, Parents, and Account. The 'Personal Details' section includes fields for name, email, phone, date of birth, and a list of personal information (Legal Sex, Race, Ethnicity, Citizenship) all marked as 'Not specified'. The 'Parents' section has an 'Invite a Parent' button and a question about being a first-generation college student. The 'Account' section includes email management, FERPA authorization, and waiver of rights, all marked as 'Unsigned'. A purple box highlights the 'Common App' section at the bottom right, which shows the 'common app' logo, the text 'Not Connected', and a blue button labeled 'Connect Common App'. A purple arrow points from the 'Common App' section towards the center of the page.

Personal Details [Download Resume](#)

Aaron Sosa

[Personal Details](#)

[Academic Overview](#)

[Personal Bio](#)

[Activities & Achievements](#)

[College Preferences](#)

[Careers](#)

[Drive](#)

Aaron Sosa

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Aug 2, 2010

Legal Sex: Not specified
Race: Not specified
Ethnicity: Not Specified
Citizenship: Not specified

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.
 - **Students will need to rank their teacher letters of recommendation.** *This will help SCOIR send the preferred letter of recommendation when schools only accept 1 letter.*
- Teachers will upload their letters through SCOIR once they are complete

TEACHERS AND COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS IN SCOIR

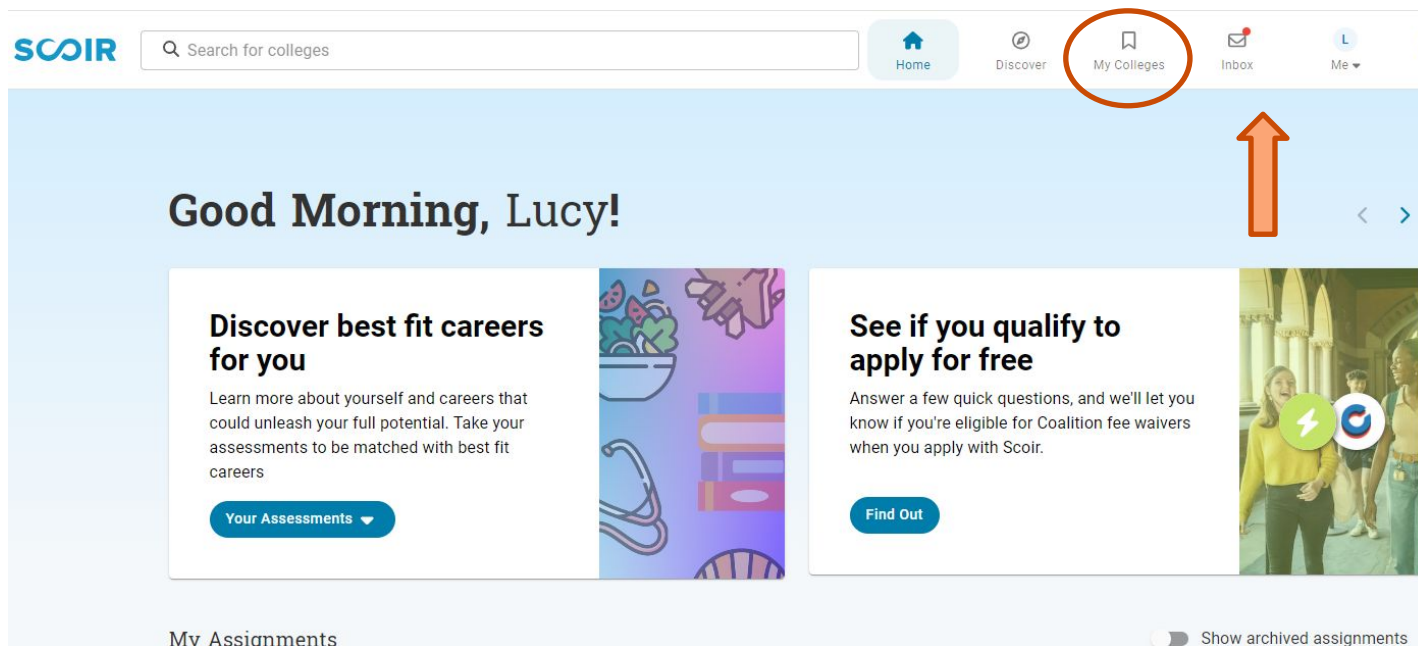
To submit teacher and/or counselor recommendation request in SCOIR:



1. On the “My Colleges” page, select “Recs & 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” 

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION IN SCOIR

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



The screenshot shows the SCOIR home page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SCOIR logo on the left and a search bar labeled "Search for colleges" in the center. To the right of the search bar are five navigation buttons: "Home" (with a house icon), "Discover" (with a magnifying glass icon), "My Colleges" (with a bookmark icon, circled in orange), "Inbox" (with an envelope icon), and "Me" (with a person icon). Below the navigation bar, the main content area has a light blue background. It starts with a greeting "Good Morning, Lucy!" followed by two promotional cards. The first card is titled "Discover best fit careers for you" and includes a button labeled "Your Assessments". The second card is titled "See if you qualify to apply for free" and includes a button labeled "Find Out". To the right of the second card is a photo of three students. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "My Assignments" and a toggle switch labeled "Show archived assignments". An orange arrow points from the bottom right towards the "My Colleges" button in the navigation bar.

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 “Recs & Docs”

The screenshot shows the SCOIR 'My Colleges' interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text 'Selective schools with early decision rounds'. Navigation links include Home, Discover, My Colleges (with a red notification badge), Inbox (with a red badge showing 75), and Me. A green button 'Apply with Scoir' is on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs: 'Top Choices', 'Share Interest', and a highlighted 'Recs & Docs' tab (circled in orange with an arrow pointing to it). Other tabs include 'Sort: Deadline', 'Export', 'Add College', and a grid icon. The main content area is divided into four columns: 'Suggested (1)', 'Following (7)', 'Applying (2)', and 'Applied (1)'. The 'Suggested' column shows 'Villanova University' with details like 'Avg SAT 1452', 'Avg ACT 33', 'Accept. Rate 27%', and a 'Scoil' progress bar. The 'Following' column lists 'Monmouth University', 'Providence College', 'Rowan College (Burlington)', 'Rowan University', and 'Saint Joseph's University'. The 'Applying' column shows 'Fairfield University' and 'Quinnipiac University' with application status and document progress. The 'Applied' column shows 'Penn State University' with enrollment status and document progress. A vertical sidebar on the left has a 'Not Interested' button and a 'View (36)' link. The footer contains copyright information: '© 2026 SCOIR Inc. All Rights Reserved. Terms of Service | Accessibility'.

ASSIGNING RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR COLLEGES

Add new letter of recommendation request by selecting “New Request.”

[← Back to My Colleges](#)

Recs & Docs

 Based on your college list, you should request at least 1 recommendation. When you're ready, rank your recs so they're automatically assigned to your colleges in the order you set.

Recommendations



Recommender	Type	College	Status	
Matthew McMullen	Teacher	 General	Created Sep 4, 2025	Manage
Suzanne Connolly	Teacher	 General	Requested Sep 3, 2024	Manage Cancel

Rows per page: 10 ▾ 1-2 of 2 < >

ASSIGNING RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR COLLEGES

Toggle choices using the up and down arrows.

Rank Recommendations

None of your recs are ranked, so they won't be automatically assigned. You'll need to assign them to each college manually.

Ranked

Arrange your recs in your preferred order

Available

Matthew McMullen Created Sep 4, 2025		 
Suzanne Connolly Requested Sep 3, 2024		 

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

USING SCOIR TO MANAGE COLLEGE APPS (SENDING TRANSCRIPTS)

Use and function of each stage in your application journey:

Suggested

Your counselor or parents can add colleges for you to consider.

Following

Colleges that you are actively considering and exploring.

Applying

Colleges that you decided to apply to.

Note: Automatically added with Common App.

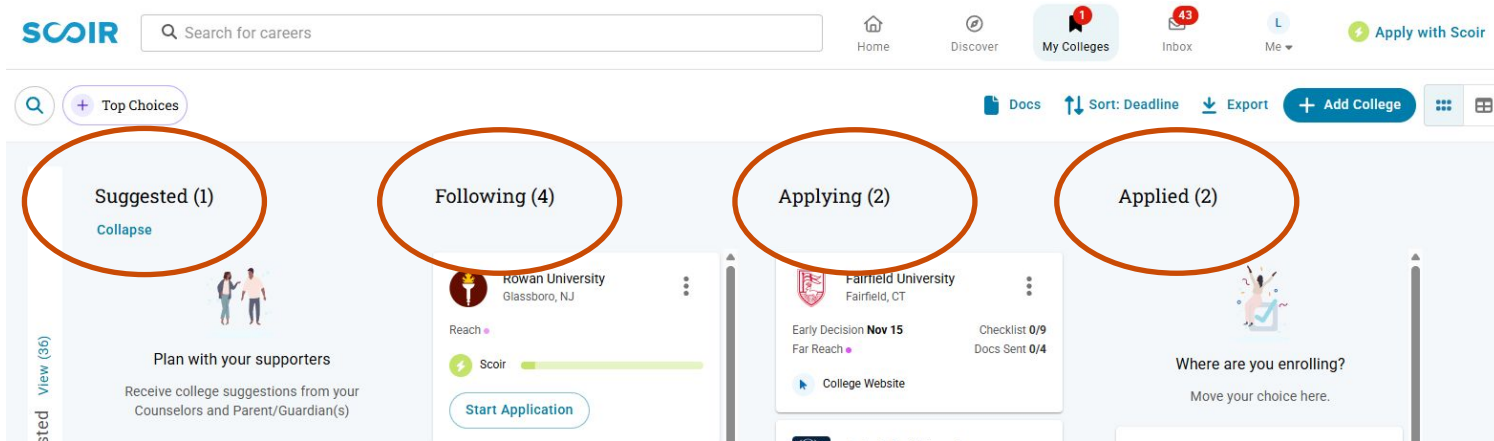
Applied

Inform your counselor that you need a transcript sent to this college.

Note: Automatically added with Common App.

USING SCOIR TO MANAGE COLLEGE APPS

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



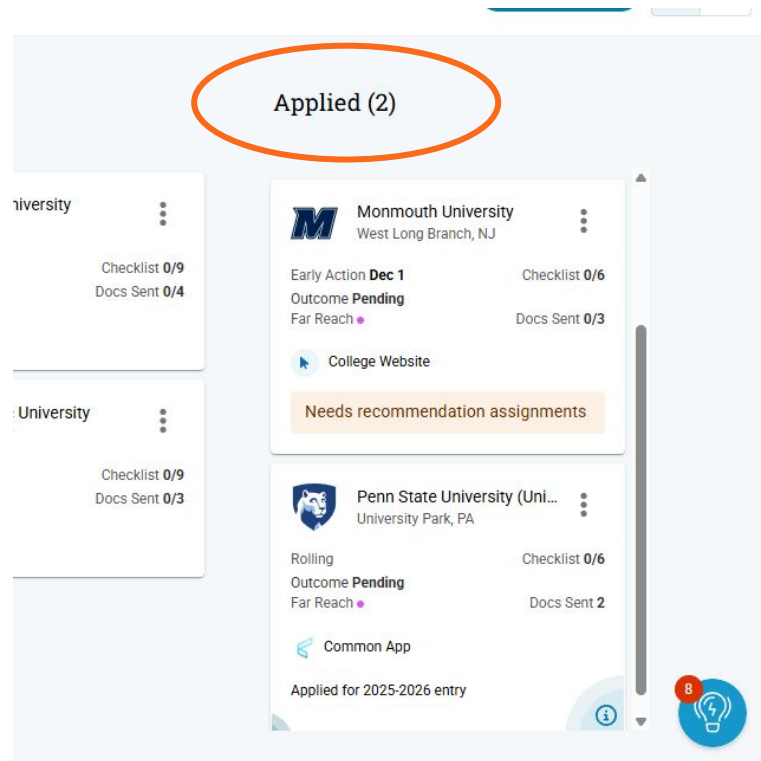
USING SCOIR TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT

Counselor Processing

When a college moves to the **“Applied”** column, counselors will send the transcript.

Common App Schools

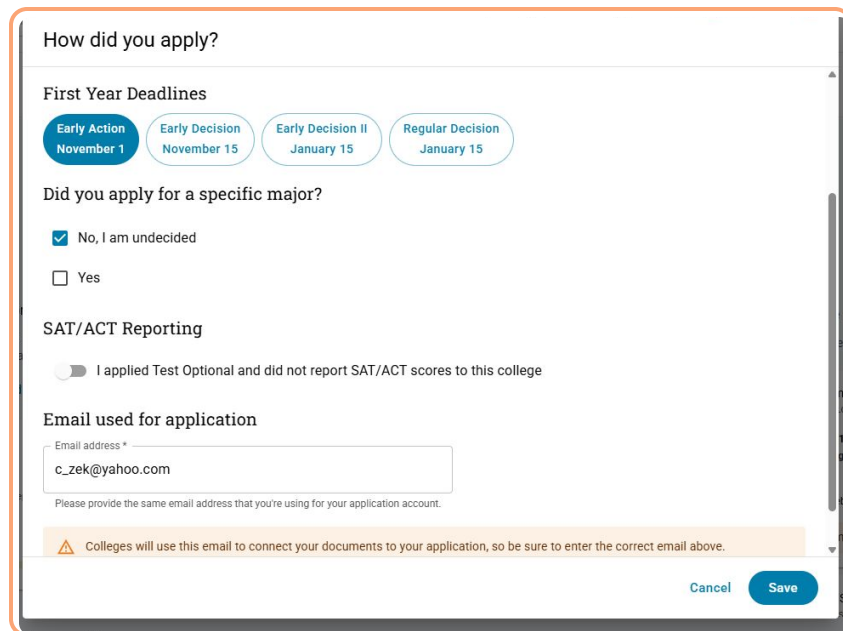
For Common App schools, the transcript will become available to all schools once it is sent to one college.



SENDING TO NON-COMMON APP SCHOOLS

Action Required: Manually put the college in the "Applied" column

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

01. "Applied" Status

The **only** actionable column that will cue your counselor to process a transcript request is **"Applied"**.

02. SCOIR Entry

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

03. Deadlines

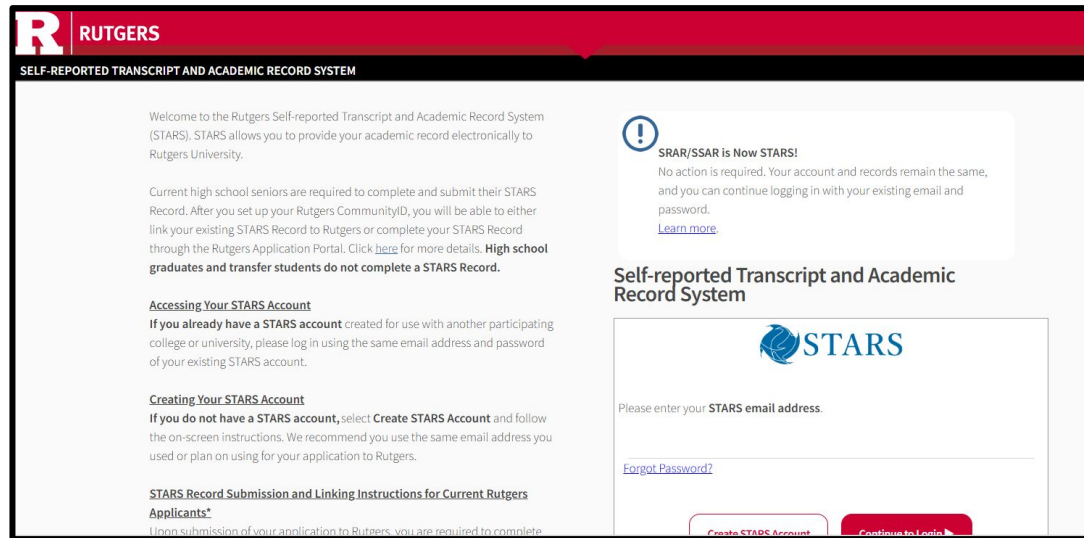
Students should strive to add a college to "Applied" no later than **TWO WEEKS** before their first deadline.

Example: For a Nov 15th deadline, add by Nov 1st. Email counselor if applying last-minute.

RUTGERS APPLICATION PROCESS

Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System

Students must connect their STARS to their “Rutgers CommunityID”



The screenshot shows the Rutgers Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System (STARS) login page. The header features the Rutgers logo and the text "RUTGERS" in white on a red background. Below the header, the title "SELF-REPORTED TRANSCRIPT AND ACADEMIC RECORD SYSTEM" is displayed in a black bar. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a welcome message, instructions for current high school seniors, and links for accessing or creating a STARS account. The right column features a notification box stating "SRAR/SSAR is Now STARS!" with a link to "Learn more." Below this, the title "Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System" is followed by a login form. The login form includes the STARS logo, a prompt to enter the STARS email address, a password field, and a "Forgot Password?" link. At the bottom of the login form, there are two buttons: "Create STARS Account" and "Continue to Login".

RUTGERS

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

 STARS

Please enter your STARS email address.

[Forgot Password?](#)

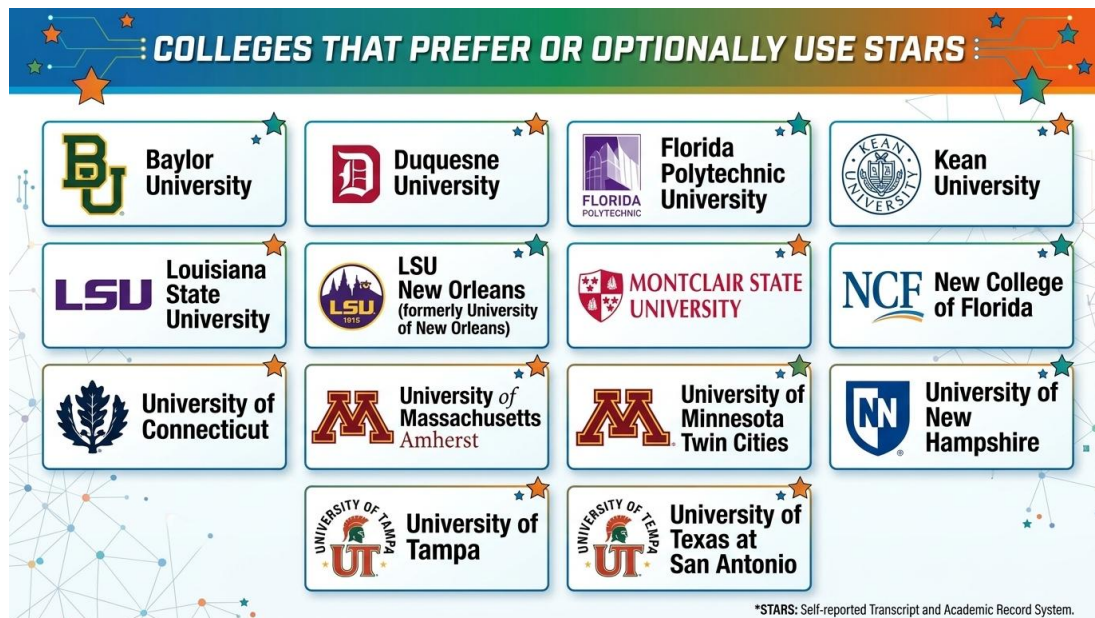
STARS- Self-Reported Transcript and Academic Record

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



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Colleges that PREFER or Optionally use the STARS in lieu of sending an initial transcript include:



MID-YEAR REPORTS AND FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Mid-Year Transcripts

Requests Start: January 2027

Transcripts will be officially sent once first semester grades are finalized in **February 2027**.

Students must update their STARS account at that time.

Final Transcripts

Requests Start: May 2027

Students will receive an email in May with instructions to complete the mandatory **Senior Survey**.

This survey is critical because it indicates exactly where you would like your final official transcript to be sent.

F.A.Q.

How do I apply for scholarships?

- Merit vs. Need-based aid
- FAFSA
- Search tools
 - [fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
 - [scholarships.com](https://www.scholarships.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 2026-27 FAFSA will open to all students on October 1, 2026.

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 to determine eligibility for federal financial aid.

Why do I need to file a FAFSA?

The U.S. Dept. of Education determines eligibility for federal aid. States (like New Jersey) and institutions use it to award state-specific grants, scholarships, and school-sponsored aid.

What you need to start your FAFSA:

- **FSA ID** for both Parent and Student (fsaid.ed.gov)
- **2025 Tax Returns & W2s** (or other records of money earned)
- **Social Security Numbers** for Parent and Student
- **Other Income Information** and tax documentation
- **State Issued Driver's License**
- **Permanent Resident / Citizenship** documentation

CSS PROFILE

CSS Profile MAY be required. Complete at: 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).

How does it differ from FAFSA?

It is **separate from the FAFSA**, which is primarily used to determine eligibility for federal and state-level financial aid.

Application Portal



FINANCIAL AID NIGHT



OCTOBER 14, 2026

6:00 PM

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> Letters of Recommendation - how to request

> Mindfulness/Wellness

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WHAT NOW?

01. Set Deadlines

Don't procrastinate! Begin by making a list of deadlines.

02. Connect Accounts

Create a Common App account and **connect** it to SCOIR.

03. Recommendations

Students should request letters of recommendation **early**.

04. Get Support

Email or call counselors with any questions!