

Visit

Visit a college website and click on the visit button to schedule a tour of campus. When touring a campus be sure to find out information about what majors they offer, the application process, cost of tuition, and room and board cost (if applicable). Juniors are allowed one excused college visit day a year and seniors are allowed two excused visits. The College Visit Day form is in the guidance office and must be filled out and turned in to Mrs. Fox several days prior to the visit.

Apply

If you are interested in applying to a college, visit their website and click on the apply button. If it directs you to the Common Application, you will be required to fill out a more extensive application that can be used by many other schools. If it directs you to set up a user name and password, you will fill out an individual application for that specific college. Please see more information on the back of this paper about applications.

Finance/Budget

When you pick a college, you will want to understand the cost involved with attendance. Students will need to develop a price range they are comfortable with and develop a financial plan to cover the cost of attendance. We encourage all students to consider a local option that does not include room and board cost, in case the price tag of attending a university and living on campus becomes too much of a financial commitment. Students continuing their studies at a higher education institution will need to complete the FAFSA form. Please refer to the Cost of Higher Education and Financial Aid handout from your school counselor for more in-depth information.

College Visits

Community Colleges

A community college offers Short Term and Long-Term Certifications, 2-year Associate Degrees, and University Parallel Programs.

Edison, Sinclair, Ivy Tech

Regional Campuses

A regional campus is part of a larger university system but has its own separate campus. Regional campuses offer four-year bachelor degrees. The campuses are much smaller than the main campus and offer a lower tuition rate. Some regional campuses offer on campus and off campus housing.

Wright State Lake Campus, Indiana University East, Ohio State Lima, Miami University Hamilton

Four Year Universities

A four-year university offers undergraduate bachelor and master degrees. Campuses also offer onsite student housing and often require students to live on campus for one or two years. The total cost of a 4-year university includes the tuition and room and board fees.

Most commonly attended 4-year public universities from past GHS students include:

Bowling Green State University, University of Cincinnati, Miami University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, University of Toledo, Wright State University

Most commonly attended 4-year private universities from past GHS students include:

Cedarville University, University of Dayton, University of Findlay, Indiana Wesleyan University, University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH), Otterbein University, Tiffin University, Wittenberg University

College Applications

College Applications should be filled out in the month of October and early November to meet early action deadlines for colleges. There are two types of applications that students can fill out. All colleges have different deadlines. Apply early and pay attention to deadlines!

Traditional Application:
A traditional application is a shorter application that is for one school only. Many students use the traditional application if they are only applying to one or two schools. Applications can be found on the individual college website of each school. When you pull up the college website click on their APPLY NOW button and follow the prompts. You will always be filling out an undergraduate application as an incoming Freshman. Once your application has been filled out you will need to see your school counselor or email them about sending your transcript to the admissions office in which you applied.

Common Application:
The Common Application can be found at **commonapp.org**. This application is used when students are applying to three or more colleges, or schools that strictly only accept the Common Application. This is a longer application with more detail. Your school counselor also has access to the Common Application and can upload your transcript directly through their account once you invite them as part of the completion process of filling out your Common Application. There is a great video to help explain the Common Application and how to get started.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rM2x2j03haU