
The College Application Process

Parent Workshop
Newfield High School
September 28, 2026



Introduction

- This presentation highlights the college application process for this year and has been posted for the students on the **Guidance Class of 2027 Google Classroom** [hlobobn](#)
- Counselors will begin meeting individually with each senior on October 1st

Appointment Overview

What Should I Be Doing Now?

- Attend college fairs (October 6th @ NHS and continue the college search online)
- Update Resume in Naviance
- 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 (cont.)

- Discuss the process of applying:
 - “Green Forms” (1 per college applying to, submitted to the 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

Dashboard

APPLY

My Common Application

My Colleges

EXPLORE

College search

Direct admissions

Financial aid

Settings

Sign out



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Practice account

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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](#)



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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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.



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](#)

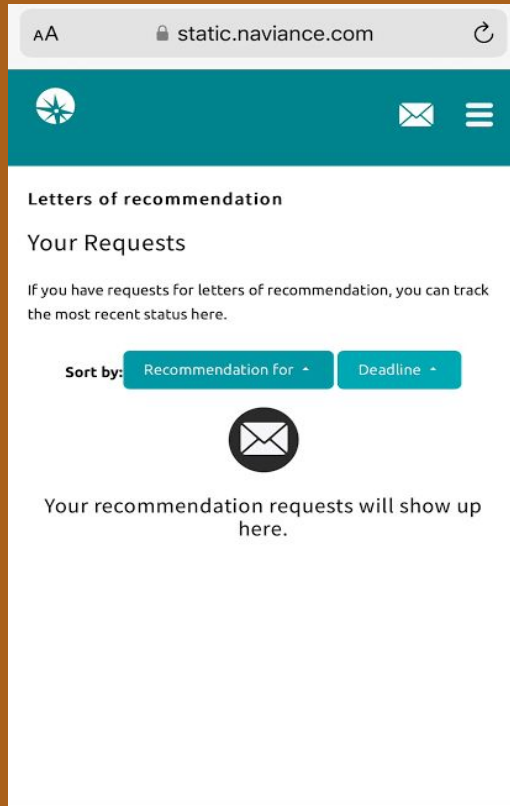
How do I assign my recommenders?

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 and genuine.
- Your recommender might also get the subtle message that you don't trust them.
 - 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 a copy of your resume**
- **Once a teacher agrees to write a letter, 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
 - Photo ID 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

The SAT logo, featuring the letters "SAT" in white on a blue background.The ACT logo, featuring the letters "ACT" in white on a dark blue background, with a red swoosh under the "A".

College Rep Visit & On-Site Admissions at Newfield High School

- Admissions representatives visit Newfield High School on a rather regular basis.
- Announcements are made the morning of each visit and a calendar of the visits is posted outside of Ms. Gomez's office as well as within English google classrooms.
- On-Site admissions
 - Please contact your counselor for additional information
- Mini-College Fair
 - October 6, 2026

College Rep Visits

October 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Southern Conn. State 8th period	2 Coastal Carolina 4th period	3
4	5 Pace University 8th period	6 College Fair!	7	8 Wagner College 8th period	9	10
11	12	13 SUNY Oneonta 8th period	14	15	16 Univ. of New England 8th period	17
18	19 SUNY Stony Brook 8th period	20 SUNY Maritime 8th period	21 Syracuse University 8th period	22	23 Albertus Magnus 8th period	24
25	26 SUNY Binghamton 4th period	27 Nova Southeastern 8th period	28 Bryant University 4th period	29	30	31

NOTES

If interested, please visit the rep's table in between Cafe A and B during the designated period.

Please ask your teacher for a pass if you have class at that time.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- FAFSA form should be filled out online after **October 1, 2026**
- FAFSA Overview for the **26-27 FAFSA**
 - What is FAFSA?
 - How to create a FAFSA Account
- Attend our Financial Aid Night
 - October 14th Virtual
- Scholarship Opportunities are posted in Naviance Student through the following steps:
 - Colleges → Scholarship List → Local & Regional Scholarships
- Middle Country SD Scholarship information is 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 you 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?