



Oberlin College

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Undecided?

It's Common.

Does it seem like your friends have a dream school and know exactly what they want to study?

Are you wavering between a few different passions and colleges?

Thinking you'll have five different minors?

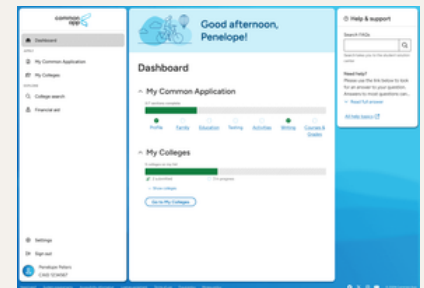
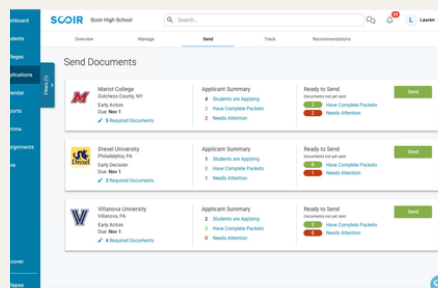
You are not alone. This dilemma is more common than you realize. Between 20% and 50% of students go to college undecided. In fact, many colleges don't ask you to declare a major until the end of your sophomore year! About 80% of students change majors during their four years, and most people change careers. Size, type of college, location, atmosphere, flexibility of curriculum, inclusion on campus – there are so many factors to consider when starting this next adventure. And each student's journey is unique to them. Regardless of where you are, we want to help you find the right fit.

You may not even be sure if you're ready for college right now. We encourage you to still pursue a college search, and if you are still not sure, look into options for deferring enrollment. Colleges may allow you to delay enrolling for up to two years. This path would give you more flexibility than not applying to college at all. Solebury has prepared you well for a college experience, full of discovery, growth and academic pursuits. Please don't miss out on that because you are undecided.

Scoir & Common App

Which Is Which?

We realize that using Scoir and the Common Application in conjunction may seem a little overwhelming (especially with FAFSA, CSS Profile, and applicant portals!), but feel free to ask any questions. There are a lot of moving parts, and we are here to help you navigate them. Scoir continues to be a helpful tool for students, counselors and colleges, and we assure you that with clear communication from students (moving that college over in Scoir!), colleges will receive everything they need from us in plenty of time.



Financial Aid Events

Mark Your Calendars!

College Cost Conversations: Planning, Paying & Preparing

Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m EST

Join Candace Powell-Kinard, Certified College Funding Specialist and Founder of EduDreamer Consulting, for a practical conversation about college pricing, scholarships and merit aid, financial aid, borrowing, and strategies for preparing to pay for college. Families will learn how to better evaluate college costs, understand their options, and identify the important financial conversations to begin having now. Register [here](#).

FAFSA Completion Workshop: Let's Get it Done!

Thursday, October 29 at 7 p.m EST

Completing the FAFSA is one of the most important steps in the college financial aid process—and families don't have to figure it out alone. This is a hands-on working session, not simply a presentation. Families will log into the FAFSA, work through the application in real time, ask questions as they arise. Our goal is simple: come ready to work on the FAFSA and leave with it completed—or as close to completed as possible. Register [here](#).

PS: FAFSA is open! We encourage students and parents to create their studentaid.gov account [here](#) (parents and students will create them separately), and begin the financial aid process. Here is a helpful [video](#)!

Meeting Deadlines

Scoir

Oct. 7: Deadline to indicate in Scoir that you are applying to colleges with a Nov. 1 – 20 due date (by moving colleges to the “Applying” column).

Oct. 30: Deadline to indicate in Scoir that you are applying to colleges with a Nov. 21– Dec. 20 due date (by moving colleges to the “Applying” column).

It takes time to prepare, send and process materials. We want to make sure that we are presenting the best possible applications to the colleges, so please be sure to meet these application indication deadlines. **You do not need to submit your application by these dates, just indicate your intent to apply through Scoir.** Without the college being moved to the Applying or Applied column, we can't send anything for you!

Touring A College?

There's a form for that.

If you are planning to visit a college in person, we encourage you to do so when you have do not have school. If you must miss school, you will need to fill out the College Visit Permission form (found [here](#) in the College Counseling Handbook). Present this form to any teachers whose classes you must miss and return it to Erin before you leave for your trip.

College Visits

Meet The Rep!

Don't forget to go to the Upcoming Visits section of Scoir to sign up for college visits. *Even if you can only stay for a few minutes, we encourage you to come and meet with the representatives from colleges you are interested in. This helps establish/maintain a relationship with the person who may be making the decision on whether to admit you or not!*

Visits will be in the Carriage House first floor Conference Room. The following colleges will be visiting Solebury through the first week of November:

Fri Oct 2nd, 2026, 9:15AM -Bucknell University (PA)
Fri Oct 2nd, 2026, 10:00AM -Marist University (NY)
Fri Oct 2nd, 2026, 11:30AM - Bryant University (RI)
Fri Oct 2nd, 2026, 1:00PM - University of Tampa (FL)
Fri Oct 2nd, 2026, 1:00PM - Franklin and Marshall College (PA)
Mon Oct 5th, 2026, 9:15AM - Penn State University
Mon Oct 5th, 2026, 10:00AM, *Virtual* = [Link](#)- Fordham University (NY)
Mon Oct 5th, 2026, 1:00PM - Lafayette College (PA)
Mon Oct 5th, 2026, 1:45PM - College of Charleston (SC)
Tue Oct 6th, 2026, 10:00AM - Kenyon College (OH)
Tue Oct 6th, 2026, 11:30AM - Guilford College (NC)
Tue Oct 6th, 2026, 1:00PM - Clark University (MA)
Tue Oct 6th, 2026, 1:45PM - Muhlenberg College (PA)
Wed Oct 7th, 2026, 10:00AM - Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY)
Wed Oct 7th, 2026, 10:45AM, *Virtual*- [Link](#) - Skidmore College (NY)
Wed Oct 7th, 2026, 11:30AM -Sarah Lawrence College (NY)

Upcoming Test Dates

SAT | November 7

Register [here](#) by October 23.

ACT | December 12

Register [here](#) by November 6.

We know that some students are still eager to take either the ACT or SAT in senior year, as scores tend to go up with multiple sittings, which can strengthen your possibilities for admissions and/or scholarships.

However, over 80% of colleges are test optional. *Please remember that test optional truly means test optional.* You will still receive full consideration at most colleges without them.



College Fairs

This month, the following college fairs will be held:

NACAC Virtual College Fair

(Sun., Oct. 8, 1:00-6:00 ET)

York County College Fair

York College; York, PA

Monday, October 12th; 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Montgomery County College Fair

North Penn High School; Lansdale, PA

Tuesday, October 13th; 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Northeast Regional College Fair

Wilkes University; Wilkes-Barre, PA

Thursday, October 15th; 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Wed Oct 7th, 2026, 1:00PM - Columbia University (NY)
 Wed Oct 7th, 2026, 1:45PM - Moravian University (PA)
 Tue Oct 13th, 2026, 10:00AM - Goucher College (MD)
 Tue Oct 13th, 2026, 11:30AM - Providence College (RI)
 Tue Oct 13th, 2026, 1:00PM - Moore College of Art and Design (PA)
 Tue Oct 13th, 2026, 1:45PM - Furman University (SC)
 Wed Oct 14th, 2026, 9:30AM - Syracuse University (NY)
 Wed Oct 14th, 2026, 10:15AM - Rider University (NJ)
 Wed Oct 14th, 2026, 11:00AM - Grinnell College (IA)
 Wed Oct 14th, 2026, 12:15PM - Vanderbilt University (TN)
 Wed Oct 14th, 2026, 1:45PM - Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
 Thu Oct 15th, 2026, 11:30AM - University of Massachusetts (Boston)
 Thu Oct 15th, 2026, 1:00PM - Miami University of Ohio (OH)
 Thu, Oct 15th 2026, 1:45PM - George Washington University (DC)
 Mon Oct 19th, 2026, 1:45PM - American University (DC)
 Wed Oct 21st, 2026, 10:00AM - Holy Family University (PA)
 Wed Oct 21st, 2026, 11:30AM, Virtual - [Link](#) - Emerson College (MA)
 Thu Oct 22nd, 2026, 9:15AM - Hofstra University (NY)
 Fri Oct 23rd, 2026, 9:15AM - Savannah College of Art and Design (GA)
 Fri Oct 23rd, 2026, 10:00AM - Boston College (MA)
 Fri Oct 23rd, 2026, 1:00PM - Union College (NY)
 Fri Oct 23rd, 2026, 1:45PM - Vassar College (NY)
 Mon Oct 26th, 2026, 1:00PM - Immaculata University (PA)
 Tues Oct 27th, 2026, 1:00PM - St Mary's College of MD
 Tues Oct 27th, 2026, 10:00AM - Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
 Tues Oct 27th, 2026, 11:30AM - Susquehanna University (PA)
 Tues Oct 27th, 2026, 1:45PM - Virginia Tech (VA)
 Wed Oct 28th, 2026, 10:00AM - John Carroll University (OH)
 Wed Oct 28th, 2026, 11:30AM - Trinity College (CT)
 Wed Oct 28th, 2026, 1:00PM - Salve Regina University (RI)
 Thurs Oct 29th, 2026, 10:00AM - University of Delaware (DE)
 Thurs Oct 29th, 2026, 11:30AM - Saint Joseph's University (PA)
 Thurs Oct 29th, 2026, 1:00PM - The New School (NY)
 Fri Oct 30th, 2026, 11:30AM - Temple University (PA)
 Fri Oct 30th, 2026, 1:45PM - Marietta College (OH)

This list is subject to change. Schools may change their visit time or date, and we may add other schools to the list. Additionally, Lafayette College and Clark University will be speaking with Lauren's Personal Essay classes, and Hobart & William Smith Colleges will be speaking with Mike's Personal Essay class next week! They will be talking about how they consider essays as part of their application review. If you are not in the class and have a free period then, feel free to let us know if you'd like to join the class!

Final Thoughts

Making a list, checking it twice.

Staying organized, meeting deadlines, and communicating with Erin and Lauren will make the college application process so much smoother. As we work through the busiest month together, here are three very important things you can do:

1. **Mark your calendars** with deadlines and college visits
2. Indicate each application's status in **Scoir**
3. Take **20 minutes each day** to work on your applications. (hint: "College Corner" is on Thursday nights in the library classroom!)

This is an exciting time, and with so many moving parts, we want to support you in every way we can. Please keep us updated so that your materials can be sent on time. We want you to feel confident every step of the way that you're going to have some incredible college options!

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Our handbook!

