

Welcome to College Application/ Financial Aid Night



WHAT WE WILL COVER

- What To Do Before Completing Applications
- Deadlines
- Parts of the Application
- Your Immediate Responsibilities
- Counselor Responsibilities
- Financial Aid(Jess Odium)



Before Applying.....

- College Search- Collegeboard, Naviance, Petersons.com
- Sign up for college representatives visiting THS through your Naviance account
- Narrow down your schools to:
 - 1-3 Reach Schools
 - 1-3 Match Schools
 - 2 Scholarship Likely SchoolsTotal= 4-8 schools on average
- Campus visits

Once you decide where you are applying be sure to visit the campus in person.

Before Applying.....

College Fair

Thursday October 1st

6:30-8:00 pm

Lewis Mills High School



Understanding Deadlines

Early Decision (***only 1 school***): These offers are binding:

- If your first choice has Early Decision, then you may want to use this option
- ***This is not for someone who is unsure!***

Early Action:

- Regular admission, but happens early (Colleges like to see students use this date for applications)
- You can use this for several schools

Priority Deadline:

- This is the deadline for students who want to be considered for merit, grant, honors program, or university based scholarships, often earlier (Oct, Nov, Dec). If you miss these deadlines you will not be considered for these awards

More Deadlines.....

- Regular Admission Deadline: This is the absolute last day you can apply for admission to schools. All materials must be at the school before this date (including teacher rec's)
- Rolling Admission: The admissions criteria is established beforehand. Students will be accepted if they meet the criteria until the freshman class reaches capacity
- Special Majors or Program Deadlines: Certain majors will have a different (earlier) deadline than the rest of the university majors and often different admission requirements

Free Application Dates!

Uconn- Oct 15-Nov 2

CCSU- Nov 2

SCSU- Oct 15-Nov 15

ECSU- up until Nov 15

WCSU- month of Nov



Parts of the Online Application

- Online Application Form
- Application Fee (anywhere from \$20-80)
- Essay
- Recommendations- if necessary
 - Teacher(s)
 - Counselor
- Standardized Testing Score (test optional?)
- Transcript
- School Profile



ONLINE APPLICATION- COMMONAPP.ORG

The screenshot shows the Common App website in a web browser. The browser's address bar displays 'www.commonapp.org'. The website's header includes the 'THE COMMON APPLICATION' logo on the left and navigation links for 'Parents', 'Counselors & Recommenders', 'Member Institutions', and a 'LOG IN' button on the right. Below the header is a dark navigation bar with links for 'Plan Ahead', 'Explore Colleges', 'How To Apply', and a prominent green 'Apply Now' button. The main content area features a large background image of a diverse group of students. Overlaid on this is a green-bordered box containing the text 'Your journey to college starts here.' and 'We're here to help with college planning, applications, and beyond.', with a green 'Learn More' button below. At the bottom, there is a red banner for 'MARIST' on the left, a search bar with the placeholder 'Find Colleges' and a magnifying glass icon in the center, and a small inset image of two students on the right. Below the search bar, text reads 'View all colleges that accept the Common Application' with a right-pointing arrow. A stylized orange and white logo is visible at the bottom right of the page.

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MARIST

Your Immediate Responsibilities

ESSAY

- May have worked on in English class
- Can get assistance from English teacher/counselor
- Opportunity for college admission reps to understand who you are
- Word limit: 650
- See handout with Commonapp essay prompts
- Make it personal . .don't use AI

Your Immediate Responsibilities

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Only request **2** academic teacher recommendations for college applications (see teacher rec. request form)
- Follow up with your in person request by adding each teacher to your Naviance account (see 4 Steps to completing your Application in your senior planning folder)
- Inform Counselor of recommendation ***if needed***
 - Share your resume, college essay, and earliest application deadline with your Counselor

Your Immediate Responsibilities

YOUR RESUME

- Shows how you spend your time outside of class
 - Seniors have completed this in their CEC course last year.
 - Share a copy with your counselor and the teacher writing you recommendations.
 - Can be used to help you fill out the Common App.

Your Immediate Responsibilities

STANDARDIZED TEST(S)

- **SAT or ACT**

- Both are widely accepted
- Some schools or specific majors will require these
- Registration Deadline for 11/7 is 10/23
- ACTs: Late registration for 12/12 is 11/6

Test Optional

- About 86% of 4 year colleges have test optional policies (students are admitted based on high school academics, activities, essay, and recommendations)
 - But if you submit scores, colleges will use as part of decision ***You, the student, MUST send your scores directly from Collegeboard.org or Actstudent.org to each college you apply to (not sending scores will delay the decision)***

Your Immediate Responsibilities

WHAT TO SUBMIT TO YOUR COUNSELOR TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

- Transcript Request Form must be completed and submitted to your counselor for each school you apply to
- Indicate which teachers will be providing recommendations
- Log onto Naviance. Go to My Colleges and check off Submitted Application and Request Transcript.

Counselor Responsibilities

- Initial Transcript
- Counselor Recommendation
- Secondary School Report
- School Profile
- Mid-Year Report & Transcript
- Final Transcript
- Communication with Colleges



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