

Welcome Class of 2027



Planning Your Future

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Post Secondary Plans

- College- 2 & 4 years
- Military Service
- Trade School/[Apprenticeships](#)/Paid Internships
- Workforce



Getting Organized

- **Which application will you complete?**
 - SUNY/CUNY Application, Common Application, Common Black College Application, or an application specific to the college.
 - Obtain or initiate the application online.
- **Which colleges are you going to apply to?**
 - YOUR college list will transfer to “Colleges I’m Applying To” on Naviance from Common App. If not using Common App. you will need to add the colleges in Naviance--see your counselor for details
- **What are the different types of deadlines?**
 - Early Decision, Early Action, Regular, or Rolling Admissions.
- **What supplemental documents are required?**
 - High school transcript, teacher recommendations, counselor recommendation, resume, portfolio, etc... this will vary by school.

Types of Deadlines

- **Early Action (EA)**

An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. When you apply early action, you get admission decisions from colleges earlier than usual. Early action plans are **not binding**, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action. Some colleges have an early action option called EA II, which has a later application deadline than their regular EA plan.

- **Early Decision (ED)**

An option to submit an application to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. When you apply early decision, you get an admission decision earlier than usual. Early decision plans are **binding**. You agree to enroll in the college immediately if admitted and offered a financial aid package that meets your needs. Some colleges have an early decision option called ED II, which has a later application deadline than their regular ED plan. *You can only apply ED for ONE school. If you are accepted under early decision, you must retract all other applications.*

- **Regular Admissions:**

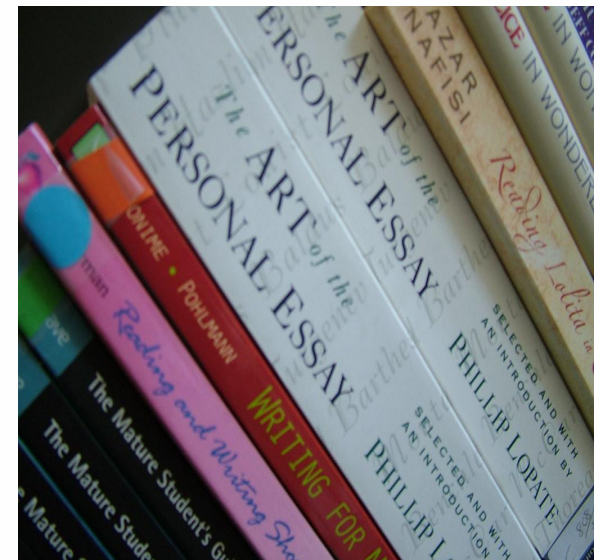
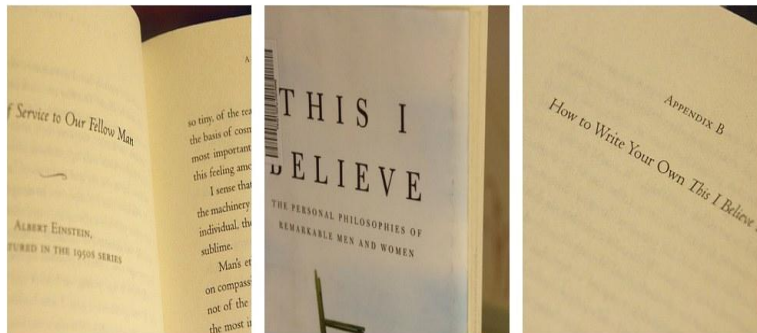
Applying with the majority of students at this deadline. It is most commonly due early January or February, you will receive your notification by mid April.

- **Rolling Admissions:**

An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly.

College Essay

- Check applications for essay prompts.
 - For example, Common App has a set of prompts, specific colleges may have different essay requirements.
- Proofread and ask others to proofread and provide constructive criticism as well.



Recommendation Letters

Preparing to ask a teacher/counselor :

1. Ask in person if he/she would be willing to write a recommendation for you. Be sure to ask, **giving plenty of time** to the person writing the letter. This request should be made weeks before the letter is needed for your applications.

2. Once the teacher has agreed, **ask what information is needed from you**. This may include a resume, [Letter of Recommendation Form](#), unofficial transcript, any recommendation forms for any college that may not accept electronic applications, and date the letter is needed by. Take your organized information to your recommender in a timely manner.

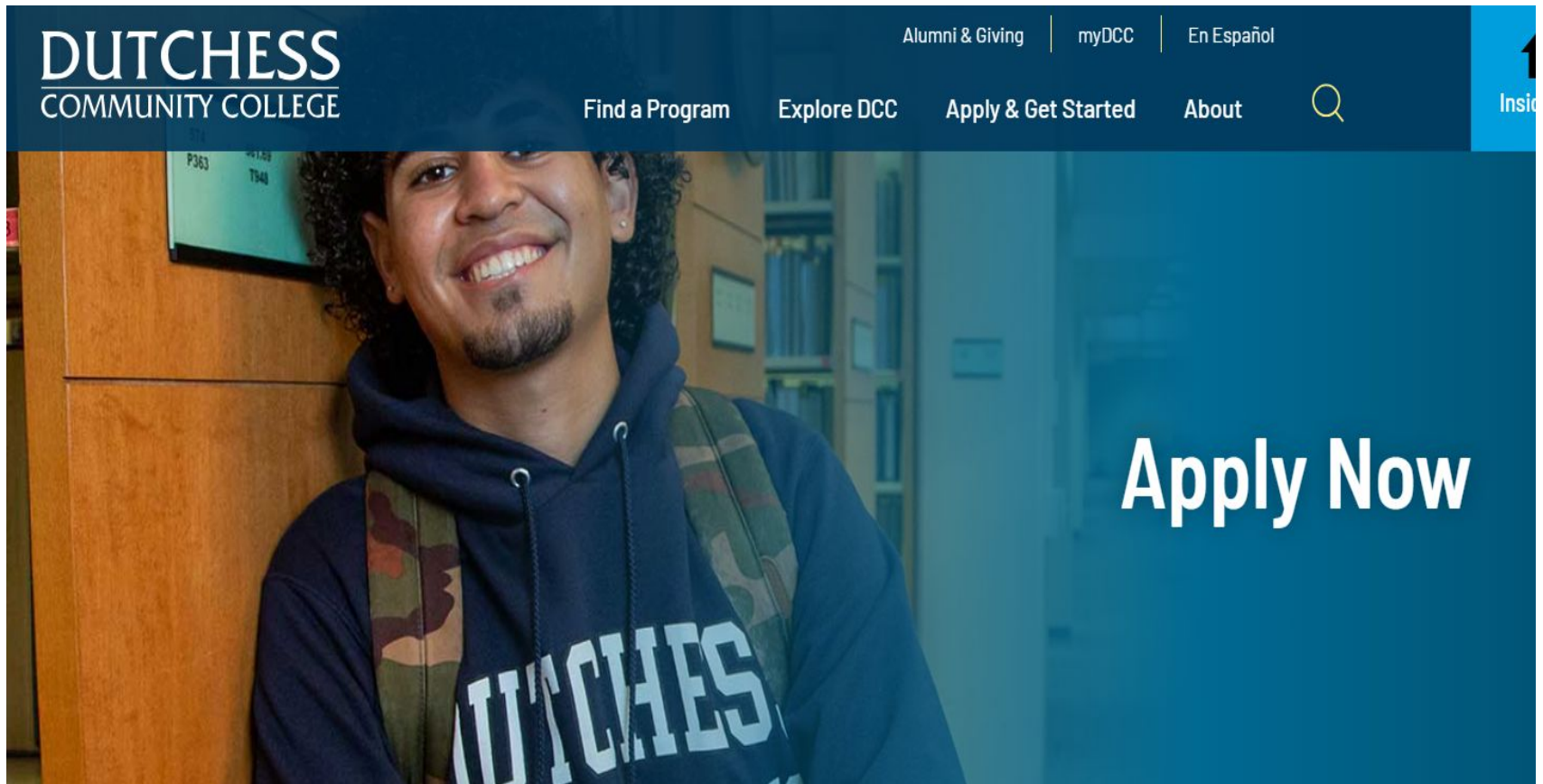
3. Understand that a **LOT** of time goes into writing a polished letter and some teachers write as many as 40-60 letters within a short amount of time during the fall semester. Make sure to acknowledge this effort.

4. Beacon teachers are very familiar with submitting the letters to Naviance. If you need your letter sent in a different format, inform the appropriate parties via email.

5. Expressing gratitude. Once you know your recommendation letters have been turned in, it is appropriate to handwrite a short thank you note for the time and effort given on your behalf. E-mails and typewritten notes are not as personal as a handwritten thank you.

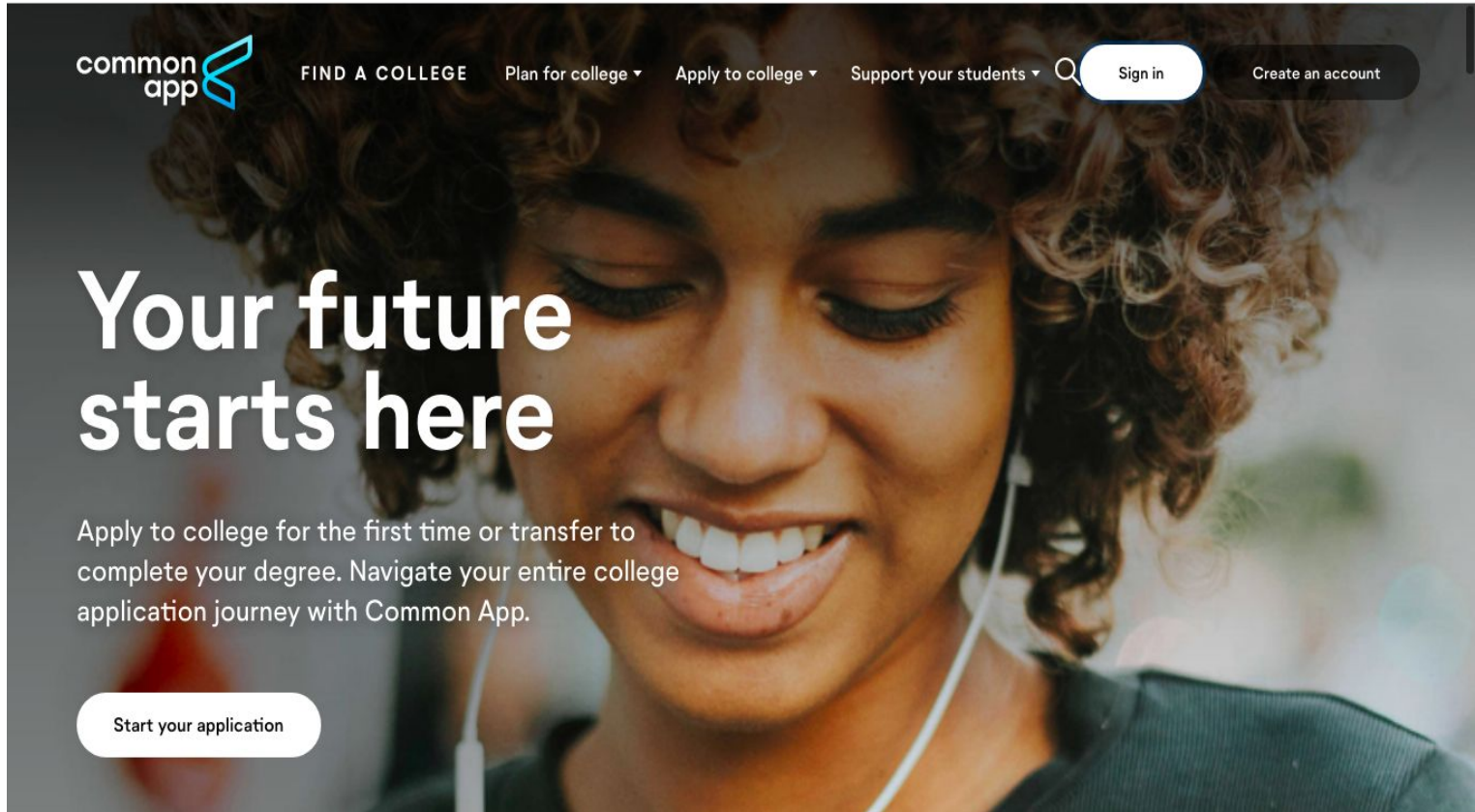
Dutchess Community College

- [Dutchess Community College](#)



Common Application

- [Common App](#) & [Common Black College Application](#)



★ USE A **PERSONAL** EMAIL when creating the college accounts

Create A Common App Account

Sign in



Students

First-year student

Transfer student

Don't have an account yet?

Create an account >

Recommender login >

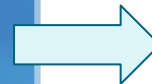
Member college login >



Let's get started!

Welcome to Common App! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

Already have an account? [Go to the login page.](#)



First year student



Transfer student



Education professional



Parent or other adult



Education

My Common Application | Education

Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School

✓ Complete

! Current or most recent secondary/high school *



Find school

Please complete this required question.

Choose Beacon
High School,
Beacon, NY

! Date of entry*

September 2021



Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)

Is this a boarding school?*

☐ Yes

☒ No

Clear answer

Adding a College

My Colleges

 You must first add a college to your My Colleges list before you can apply. Go to the [College Search](#) tab to add colleges to your list.

In this tab you will continue your application for each college and you will:

- Complete college-specific questions and supplements
- Invite and manage recommenders
- Submit your application!

For more help in completing this tab, you may contact our [Applicant Solution Center](#) at any time to answer your questions.

College search

Application requirements

College or City Name

suny

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

 More filters

25 results

Sort by: College Name ▼

	SUNY Binghamton University Binghamton, NY - USA	
	SUNY College at Geneseo Geneseo, NY - USA	
	SUNY Maritime College Throggs Neck, NY - USA	
	Purchase College, SUNY Purchase, NY - USA	
	SUNY Stony Brook University Stony Brook, NY - USA	

FERPA



My Colleges

Overview

^ SUNY Binghamton University

College information

APPLICATION

General

SUNY Information

Academics

Activities

Contacts

Family

Residency

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit -

My Colleges | SUNY Binghamton 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

Complete FERPA

es/35/recassign

Colleges Common

X Release authorization

The next screen will ask you two important questions about your release of and access to your educational records under FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond. We encourage you to learn about FERPA by [reading our FAQ](#). We also suggest discussing FERPA with your counselor, parent, guardian, or other school official to be better informed about your rights.

1. How does FERPA relate to your college application?

- FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.

2. In a moment, you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to review 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

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X Release authorization

FERPA Form

☒ I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*

Please select one: *

☐ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.***

Signature * Date *

Student Applicant

Date must be in YYYY-MM-DD format (e.g. August 1, 2002)

Back Save and Close

Completing the Application

- Enter all of your personal information.
- Be sure that all of the sections are complete.
- If there is anything you are unsure of, such as your Social Security Number, save and go back to it later.

Naviance Login

- Naviance Login

 **NAVIANCE**
BY POWERSCHOOL

[< Back](#)

Welcome Student!



Login to Naviance

CONTINUE WITH SINGLE SIGN ON

OR

Email or username

For example navigator@naviance.com

Password

Type password

☐ Remember me

[Forgot your password?](#)


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Linking Common App with Naviance

BY POWERSCHOOL

Colleges I'm applying to

Search for colleges

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.
Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare Me

* = extended profile available

College that I'm attending:

N/A

Show Me How

<https://student.naviance.com/colleges/compare>

In Naviance, hover over to the Colleges tab, click on "Colleges I'm Applying to", then click Match Accounts and follow the steps

List of “Colleges I’m Applying to”



- The colleges listed on the Common App will show up in Naviance which will allow the counselors/teachers to submit your letter of recommendation, transcript, etc.

Colleges I'm Applying To add applications											
Print summary Print detail											
☐ all	College	Delivery Type	Office Status	Student Status	Common App Status	Application Type	Deadline	WL	DF	Interest	Expect Result
☐	Amherst College		Pending	-	Not in list	Regular Decision - Fall 2026	Jan 5				Unknown
☐	Binghamton University		Pending	-	Started	Early Action - Fall 2026	Nov 1				Unknown
☐	Brown University		Pending	-	Not in list	Regular Decision - Fall 2026	Jan 5				Unknown
☐	Carnegie Mellon University		Pending	-	Started	Regular Decision - Fall 2026	Jan 5				Unknown
☐	Colgate University		Pending	-	Not in list	Regular Decision - Fall 2026	Jan 15				Unknown
☐	Dartmouth College		Pending	-	Not in list	Regular Decision - Fall 2026	Jan 1				Unknown

Adding Teacher for LOR

The screenshot shows a navigation bar with links: Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, **Colleges**, Planner, and About me. Below the navigation bar, there are three main sections: 'College Home', 'Research Colleges', and 'Apply to College'. The 'Research Colleges' section includes links like 'Colleges I'm Thinking About', 'College Visits', 'College Compare', 'College Resources', 'Acceptance History', 'Enrichment Programs', and 'College Maps'. The 'Apply to College' section includes links like 'Colleges I'm Applying To', 'Manage Transcripts', 'Letters of Recommendation', 'Test Scores', and 'Find Colleges Ready to Admit Me'. A red arrow points to the 'Letters of Recommendation' link.

Letters of recommendation

Ask for recommendation letters from teachers, your counselor, or people outside your school—like employers, coaches, or community leaders who know you well. These letters can help colleges learn more about your strengths and experiences. Use this page to request and manage your recommendations.

Manage recommendation requests

Recommendation for ↑

Summary

Type

Application deadline

Requested date

Recommender

No recommendation requests yet.
Click **Request recommendation** to get started.

Request recommendation

To add a teacher; hover over Colleges, click Letters of Recommendation, then click Request recommendation. Choose teacher, name of teacher, decide if the request is Open or Specific. Write a note to the teacher.

Financial Aid - FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid, [FAFSA® Application](#), is **FREE!!**
Tax information is utilized to complete the form. Most students will complete the **2027-2028** FAFSA.

The student and parent/guardian need to create an account using two separate emails at [FSA ID](#) to complete the FAFSA form.

Every student/family completes this process, even if you do not think you will qualify for need-based aid. Colleges often use this to identify you for Merit based scholarships, some colleges require this as part of the application.

2027-28 FAFSA® Form Now Available!

The 2027-28 FAFSA form is now available for all students and contributors.

FAFSA Deadlines



The 2027–28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now open!

Each college, career/trade school have their own deadline for the FAFSA. Students should check the school they're interested in applying for specific deadline.

CSS Profile



CSS Profile

Sign In



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Application Steps

Fee Waivers

Resources/IDOC

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Contact Us

FAQ

APPLY WITH CSS PROFILE

CSS Profile

Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to more than \$10 billion in nonfederal aid to thousands of students.

Sign in to Fall 2025/Spring 2026

Sign in to Fall 2024/Spring 2025

Financial Aid – New York State

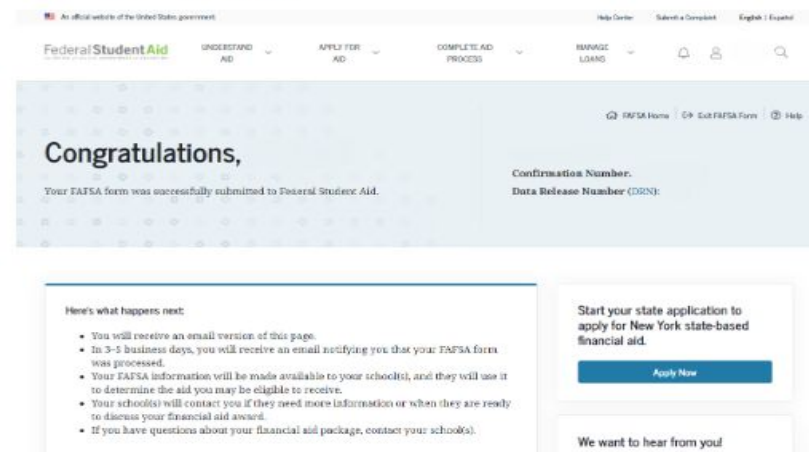
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

- If you attend a college in New York State, public or private, you may qualify for TAP.
- To determine if your school/college is on the list visit the website NYS.
- You can also apply once you complete the FAFSA form.

Apply through the FAFSA

The easiest way to apply for TAP is through the [FAFSA](#). Make sure you have completed your FAFSA!

New York State (NYS) residents attending NYS schools can link directly to the TAP application from the FAFSA submission confirmation page.



Didn't Apply for TAP through the FAFSA? You Can Still Apply

If you exited the FAFSA before completing the TAP application – and you filled in your New York State address and a New York State college on the FAFSA – HESC will automatically receive your information in about three days. HESC will then send you an email or postcard with directions to complete the TAP application online.

Received this notice from HESC? [Apply now.](#)

The Application Process Begins with Creation of Your HescPIN

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[Unlock Your Account](#)

Tools & Resources

[Student Newsletter Sign Up](#)

Learn how to manage your financial aid application process with these free resources.



Videos to Help You on Any Topic

Learning a new process can be easier when you can see and hear it at the same time. In addition to the examples below, check out our full library of explainer videos. They're great for sharing with the friends, family, and support professionals you'll rely on for help along the way.

VIDEO LIBRARY →

Individual Scholarships

[Remind App](#) or text @awards2027 to 81010

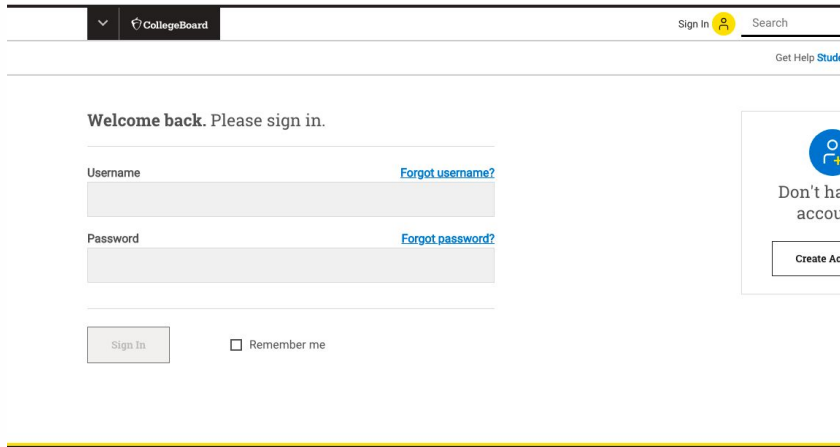
Do your research! There is money through community organizations, employers, college endowments, etc.

Some helpful places to search are [Naviance](#), [The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley](#), [Fastweb](#) and the specific college financial aid office and website.

SAT & ACT

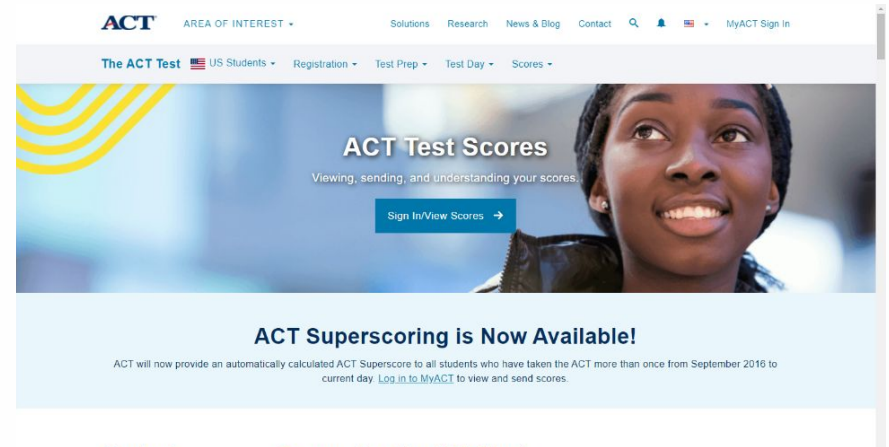
- You submit your scores when you complete your information for testing, or after testing through your account.

Collegeboard Log In for SAT



The image shows the Collegeboard login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Collegeboard logo, a 'Sign In' button, and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the main content area has a 'Welcome back. Please sign in.' message. There are two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. To the right of the 'Username' field is a link 'Forgot username?'. To the right of the 'Password' field is a link 'Forgot password?'. Below the input fields is a 'Sign In' button and a checkbox labeled 'Remember me'. On the right side of the login form, there is a section for new users with the text 'Don't have an account?' and a 'Create Account' button.

ACT Registration



The image shows the ACT website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ACT logo, a 'MyACT Sign In' button, and links for 'Solutions', 'Research', 'News & Blog', and 'Contact'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area has a header 'The ACT Test' with a dropdown menu for 'US Students'. There are links for 'Registration', 'Test Prep', 'Test Day', and 'Scores'. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'ACT Test Scores' and 'Viewing, sending, and understanding your scores.' Below the banner is a button 'Sign In/View Scores'. At the bottom of the banner, there is a section titled 'ACT Superscoring is Now Available!' with a paragraph of text and a link 'Log in to MyACT'.

Testing Upcoming Dates:

SAT - Nov. 7th @ BHS deadline Oct. 23rd

Dec. 5th **not** @ BHS deadline Nov. 20th

ACT - October 17th deadline Sept. 29th

Important

Fall 2026 College Planning Events

COLLEGE PANEL - THURSDAY, 10/1

**FINANCIAL AID NIGHT- WEDNESDAY,
10/7**

Time: 6pm

Location: BHS Cafeteria

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Upcoming Events

- College Panel- Oct. 1st @ 6:00pm - BHS
- Financial Aid Night- Oct. 7th @ 6:00pm- BHS
- [DCC College Fair](#)- Oct. 13th @ 6pm - Falcon Hall- Poughkeepsie Campus
- SUNY College Fairs- Visit [SUNY College Fairs](#) for dates, registration, and details (Oct. 20th NYC)
- [SUNY Free Application](#)- Oct. 19th - Nov. 2nd (Apply to up to 5 campuses for FREE)
- CUNY College Fair- Visit [CUNY College Fair](#)
- CUNY free application- [Oct. 15th - Nov. 16th](#) (Apply up to 6 campuses for FREE)
- Check [BHS Guidance](#) website for future events
- DCC Instant Admissions Day- TBD

Useful Websites

- [Common App](#)
- [Common Black College Application](#)
- [Dutchess Community College](#)
- [College Board](#)
- [FAFSA® Application](#)
- [Fastweb -- Scholarships](#)
- [Unigo -- Scholarships](#)
- [FSAID Log In](#)
- [NYS -- HESC, New York State, TAP](#)
- [The State University of New York-SUNY](#)
- [The ACT](#)
- [The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley Home](#)
- [The CUNY Application](#)
- [The SAT](#)

Thank You/Questions



- The more organized you are and the earlier you complete the tasks, the more stress free and fun this process will be.
- Keep the momentum going. **REMEMBER** colleges see which courses you are taking senior year, and many request mid-year and/or first quarter reports.
- Be sure to keep your grades up to your potential.

