

#2-HOW DO I APPLY?



Apply (online in most cases) Check the "College Planning Calendar" in your Senior Packet frequently, and attend your Senior Readiness Events and any College Fairs you can. Know the deadlines.

- Use Naviance or Sales Force to narrow down your college search to 3 -6 colleges
 - Add the colleges to your list
 - Visit the college websites
- Follow the steps to applying as a: "freshman", "undergraduate", "new student" or "prospective student".
 - Make sure to read all directions on the application
 - Neatness counts
 - Double check to see if there are any portions your teachers/counselor must complete. If so, ask them nicely

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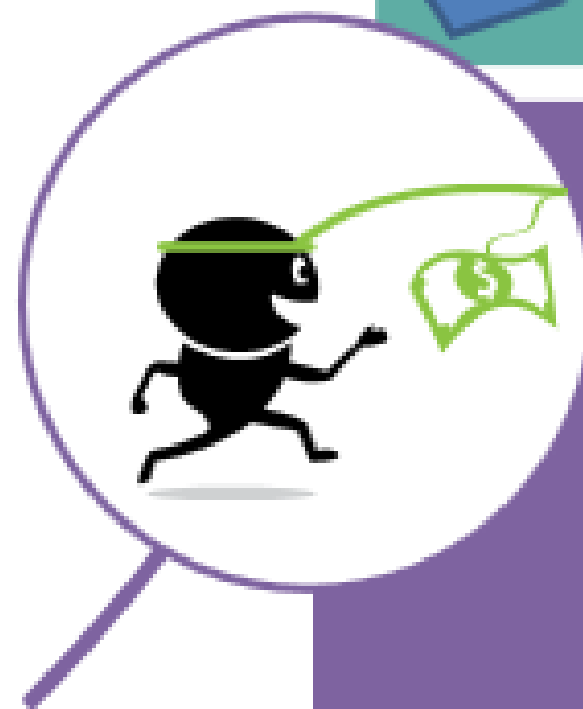


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- **Transcript Request Form-** Everytime you apply to a College or Scholarship you **MUST** fill out a BLUE transcript request form. They are located across from the back desk on the wall in Post Grad
 - These forms will send out your transcripts, class rank, g.p.a. *If the school you are applying to requires you to send your test scores directly form CollegeBoard/ACT, you must log into those portals to send
 - You **MUST** allow for two weeks for processing
 - You must double check to see if your school requests 7th semester transcripts, if so you will have to resend after semester
- **Letters and Essays**
 - (Optional) Some colleges require teacher/counselor recommendations and a personal essay. You will upload your personal essay directly to your application online as required. Teachers and Counselors will upload their letters directly to Naviance or Sales Force
 - (Optional) Some colleges require a secondary school report or counselor recommendation form. Your Counselor will fill this out online. We will send this with your transcript, scores, and any letters of recommendation requested. Please ask your counselor if this
 - Any transcripts FEES you are paying by a check or money order will be sent if provided



Find the Money

- Attend the information nights, especailly the finiancial aid planning night with your parents
- Create an account at <https://studentaid.gov>
 - Complete the FASFA forecaster to get an estimate of what federal aid you could be calculating- called the EFC (estimated family contribution)
 - Complete the actual FASFA in October- and way before March
- Check weekly for scholarships and grants.
 - Check in your Senior Packet for more scholarship search engines other than Naviance or Sales Force
 - Complete the requirements of each scholarship and make sure to follow it up with a transcript request form
- Review your Award Letters and make a sound decislion. Come see counselors for help on how top read and compare.