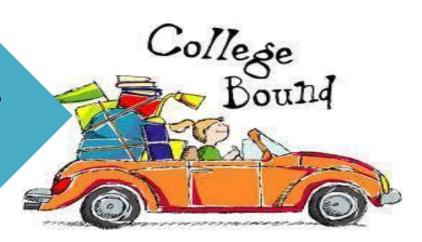
The Road to College

Contrary to popular belief, applying to colleges can be easy. A successful process takes planning and organization. Use this page to help guide you through the process, post in a prominent place and check off goals along the way.



APPLYING TO COLLEGE: TEN EASY STEPS

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| Complete by | Each underlined word is a link. Visit our website. https://wshs-counselors.weebly.com/ |
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| August | Make a list of colleges that fit you. 6 to 10 schools are a good number. Do your <u>research</u> . |
| September | Most colleges have an online application. Or you can also use <u>Common APP</u> , SENDEDU, <u>HBCU APP</u> , ect There is a cost to apply. Fees range from \$25-75 dollars. Also, hope you have built a good relationship with your teachers because now is the time to ask for a recommendation. |
| September - December | Colleges need a transcript from your counselor. You must give permission for your counselor to mail your transcript to any college/military. That's where the <u>Transcript Release</u> comes in, just one is required. Your counselor also needs to know where all these transcripts are going, so you need <u>Transcript Requests</u> , one per college. Both forms are located on the <u>counselor's website</u> . And your counselor's Team page. |
| September - December | Turn in a copy of your <u>spreadsheet</u> , the release, requests, <u>résumé</u> and personal statements to your counselor. Note : If you are applying to 3 or less schools, you don't have to submit as much, just the Release and Request. Ask your counselor to help make that determination. |
| Connect with your counselor | Your <u>counselor</u> will write a recommendation, complete your school report and mail your official transcript. You are responsible for your ACT score getting to the college. Please allow a reasonable turn around for your counselor, at least 2 weeks. Remember to provide a <u>résumé</u> and a letter to your counselor. |
| September - Dec | Retake the <u>ACT</u> , if necessary. Senior Retake is Sept 22 nd . Studying and <u>practice</u> is the key. |
| October - Jan | Complete the FAFSA. <u>FAFSA</u> opens October 1st. Your parents must be a part of this process. |
| November - April | Search for <u>scholarships</u> and grants. Good sources are TN Promise, <u>Ned McWherter</u> , Questbridge, <u>Local Chapters</u> and Greek organizations, your parents' employer, school's <u>senior REMIND</u> and Teams ect Eligible students will receive the <u>TN HOPE Scholarship</u> . Larger scholarships will come from the colleges scholarship funds. Look on their websites. |
| November - April | Wait for an acceptance letters or emails. If you don't get what you want, reevaluate and apply to more colleges. Also consider the <u>IN Promise</u> . <u>IN Promise</u> is an opportunity to attend a <u>community</u> or <u>technical</u> college for free. <u>IN Promise</u> deadline is March 1, 2021 |
| April - May | Turn in Scholarship Report and Final Transcript Request (more information to come). Attend graduation and have a happy life. © |