

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

Applications

Guidance Counselor

Transcript

Success



Senior Year



Complete by *Each underlined word is a link. Visit our website.* <https://wshs-counselors.weebly.com/>

<input type="checkbox"/>	August	Make a list of colleges that fit you. 6 to 10 schools are a good number. Do your research .
<input type="checkbox"/>	September	Most colleges have an online application. Or you can also use Common APP , SENEDU, HBCU APP , 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 Transcript Release comes in, just one is required. Your counselor also needs to know where all these transcripts are going, so you need Transcript Requests , one per college. Both forms are located on the counselor's website . And your counselor's Team page.
<input type="checkbox"/>	September - December	Turn in a copy of your spreadsheet , the release, requests, résumé 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Connect with your counselor	Your counselor 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 résumé and a letter to your counselor.
<input type="checkbox"/>	September - Dec	Retake the ACT , if necessary. Senior Retake is Sept 22 nd . Studying and practice is the key.
<input type="checkbox"/>	October - Jan	Complete the FAFSA. FAFSA opens October 1 st . Your parents must be a part of this process.
<input type="checkbox"/>	November - April	Search for scholarships and grants. Good sources are TN Promise, Ned McWherter , Questbridge, Local Chapters and Greek organizations, your parents' employer, school's senior REMIND and Teams ect... Eligible students will receive the TN HOPE Scholarship . Larger scholarships will come from the colleges scholarship funds. Look on their websites.
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 TN Promise . TN Promise is an opportunity to attend a community or technical college for free. TN Promise deadline is March 1, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	April - May	Turn in Scholarship Report and Final Transcript Request (more information to come). Attend graduation and have a happy life.☺