

## COLLEGE PLANNING

### How can I apply to college?

Regular Admission

Set deadline

Regular Rolling Admission

First come, first serve

Early Action

Apply early, get an answer early

Early Decision

Binding agreement

You can only apply to ONE school Early Decision

It is a formal process that student, parent and counselor all have to sign off on

### What goes into a college application?

Application – most applications are submitted electronically

Individual college application, found on college's website

[commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org)

[suny.edu](http://suny.edu)

[cuny.edu](http://cuny.edu)

Onsite applications – local, participating schools only

\*applications typically open on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Students can create accounts and begin filling out the applications

Application fee

Range \$25 - \$100 (\$50 average)

Transcript\*\*

SAT/ACT Scores (if required)

You must be sent directly to every college you are applying to from testing agency

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

\*If applying test optional make sure you read the college's testing policy on their website

Essay

Student Activity Sheet

Letters of recommendation

2 academic teachers

Possibly one counselor letter

**\*\*YOU MUST LET THE GUIDANCE OFFICE KNOW WHEN YOU COMPLETE AN APPLICATION SO WE CAN SEND AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT by completing the Green Online Application Form \*\***

### How do I apply for Financial Aid/Scholarships?

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

FAFSA opens on October 1

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

CSS Profile – fee

Required by some private selective colleges – deadlines vary by school

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

Scholarships

Available through thousands of organizations

<http://www.levittownschools.com/macarthur/guidance/scholarships/>

Individual College Scholarships