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The College Application Process
November 18, 2020

AGENDA

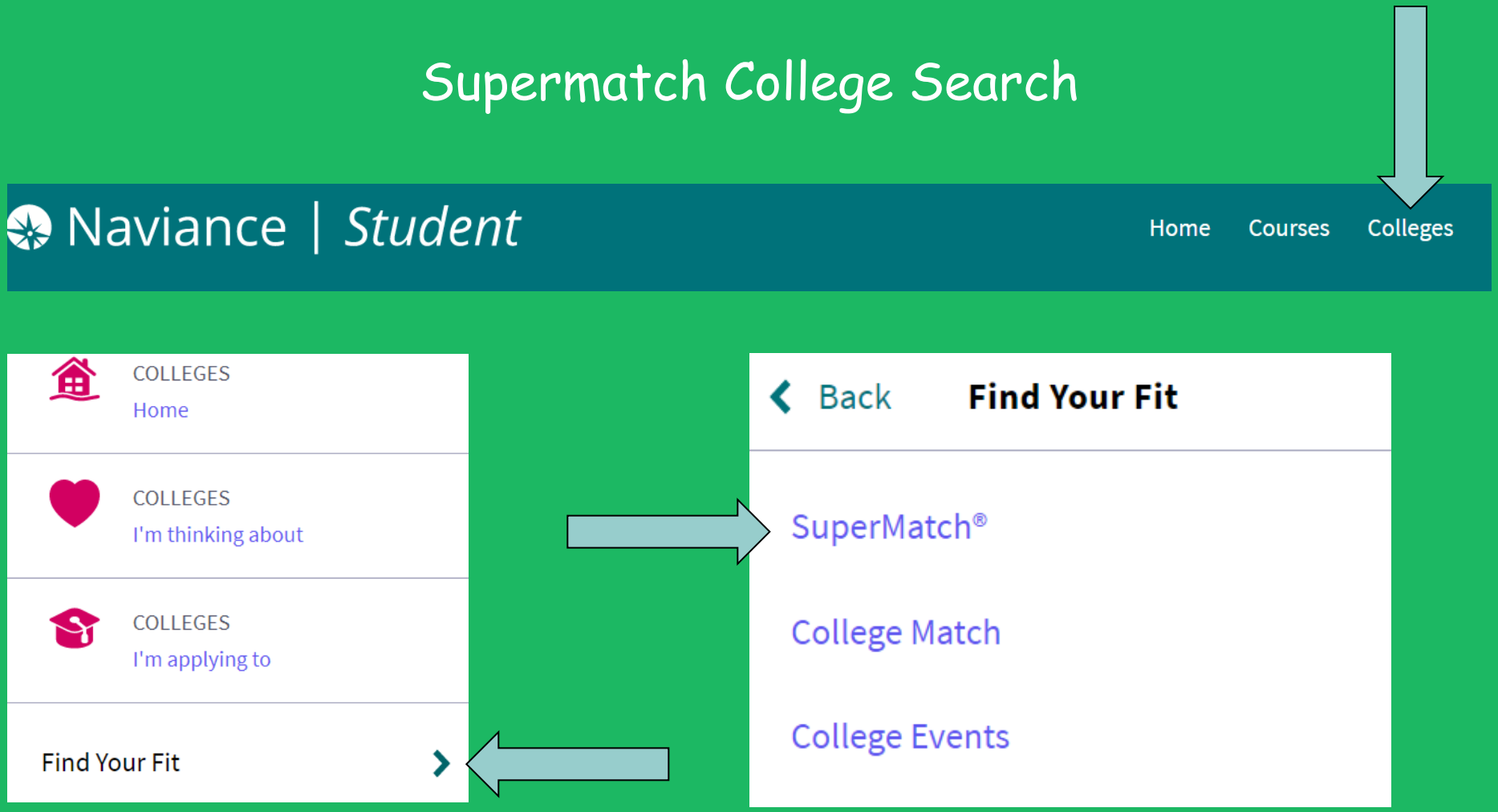
- Post High School Plans
- Your College List
- The Essentials of the College Application Process
- Common Application/Coalition Application/School Application
- College Essay
- FERPA
- Common App Matching
- Transcript Request Forms
- SAT/ACT
- Teacher Recommendations
- Student Responsibilities

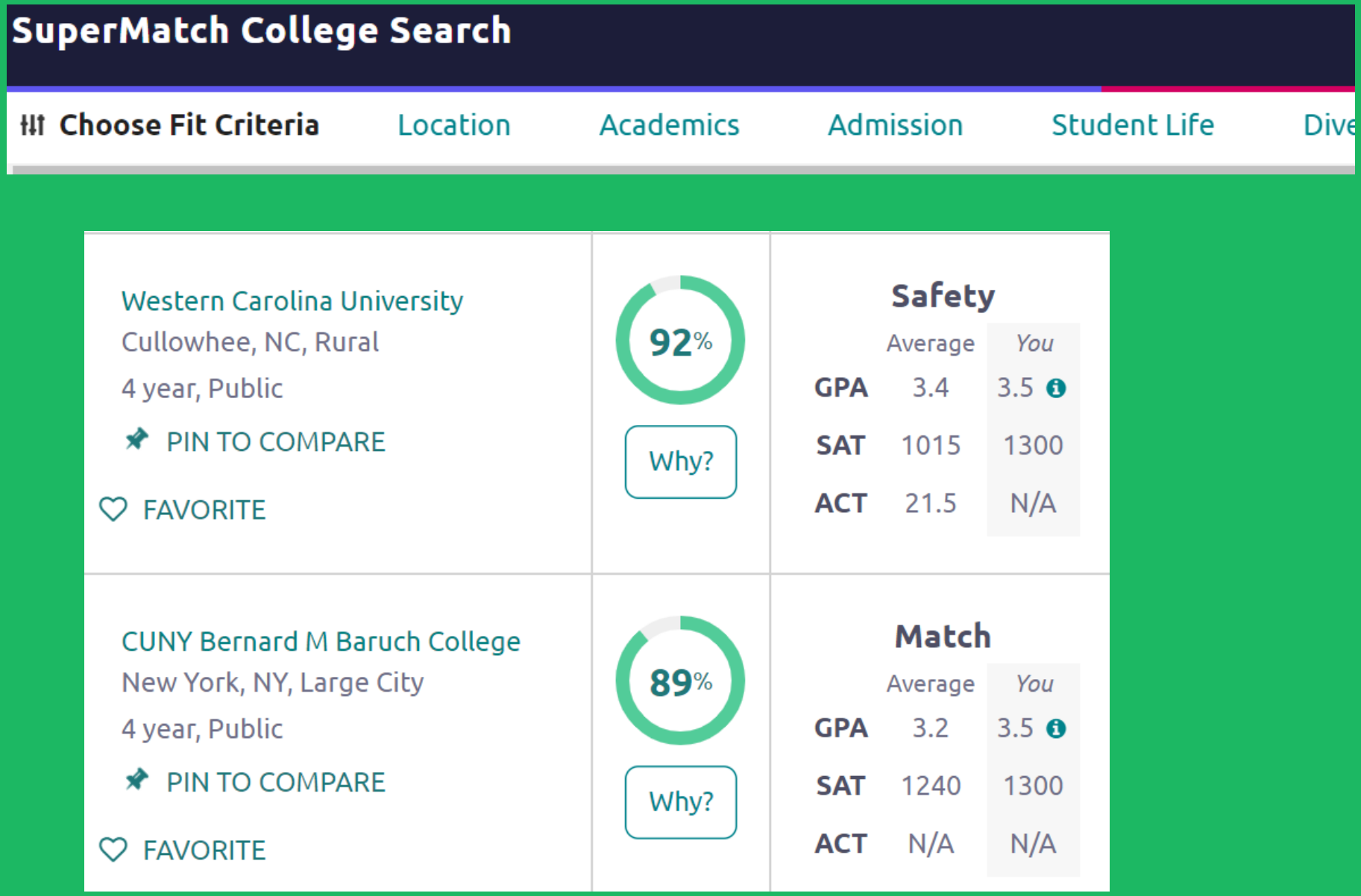
Post High School Educational Options

- Four year Institutions
- Two year Community College - MC has partnerships with more than 40 colleges and universities. The benefits range from application fee waivers to transfer scholarships www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/transfer/transfer-agreements.html
- Vocational/Trade School - http://ww
- Military
  - Air force, coast guard, army, marines,navy

Which Colleges Go on my List?

Supermatch College Search




SuperMatch College Search
Choose Fit Criteria
Location
Academics
Admission
Student Life
Dive
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC, Rural
4 year, Public
PIN TO COMPARE
FAVORITE
92%
Why?
Safety
Average
You
GPA 3.4 3.5
SAT 1015 1300
ACT 21.5 N/A
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College
New York, NY, Large City
4 year, Public
PIN TO COMPARE
FAVORITE
89%
Why?
Match
Average
You
GPA 3.2 3.5
SAT 1240 1300
ACT N/A N/A

College Rep Visits

What's New

Stony Brook University, State University of New York will be visiting your school on Friday, November 13th, 2020 at 11:30 am more info

Harvey Mudd College will be visiting your school on Friday, November 13th, 2020 at 3:00 pm more info

University of California-Santa Barbara will be visiting your school on Monday, November 16th, 2020 at 11:30 am more info

Show more

Sort Your List

Once you have a list of colleges you think you will be satisfied attending, sort it into three categories:

Safety: These are colleges that you feel you have a very good chance of getting into and that you think you can afford to attend. They should also be colleges you would be happy to attend.

Target: These are colleges that you feel you have a good chance of getting into and that are good matches for you overall.

Reaches: These are colleges that you think may be more of a challenge to get into. Getting in is not a sure thing, but it's realistic enough to be worth the effort of applying.

How Many Colleges Should I Apply To?

Attend Scheduled rep visits and do virtual visits online

Once you have your "colleges I'm applying to" list you can click on to find out:

University of California-Santa Barbara	RD	Regular Decision	November 30	N/A	requested	Initial materials submitted
University of Colorado Boulder	RD	Regular Decision	January 15	N/A	requested	Pending
Georgetown University	RD	Regular Decision	January 10	N/A	requested	Pending

Deadline.....method of application....document transmission method

NON-Restrictive Application Plans:

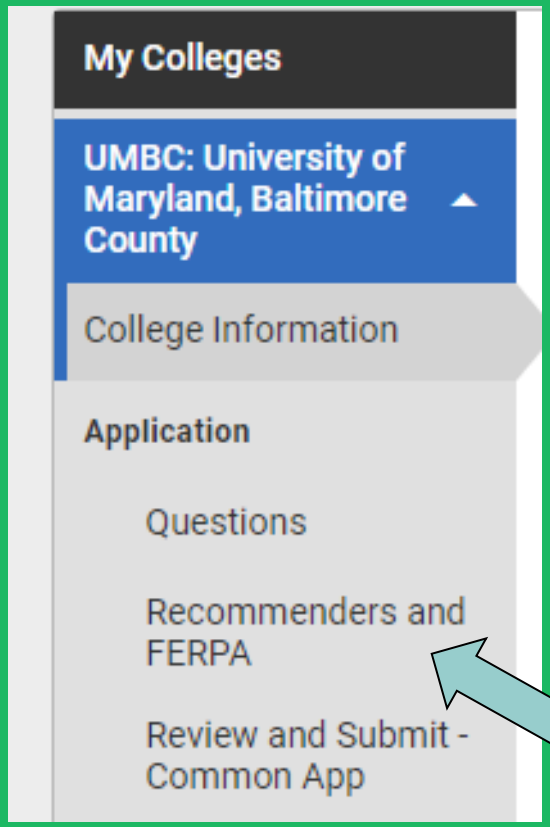
- Early Action/Priority- Apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date
- Regular Decision- Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time
- Rolling Admission- Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admissions cycle

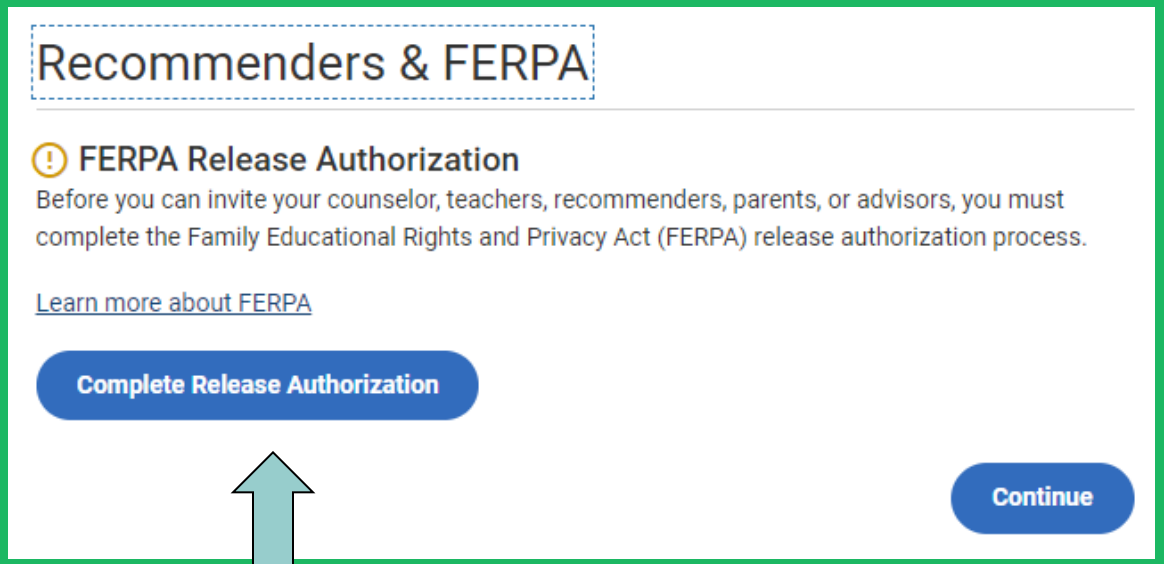
Restrictive Application Plans

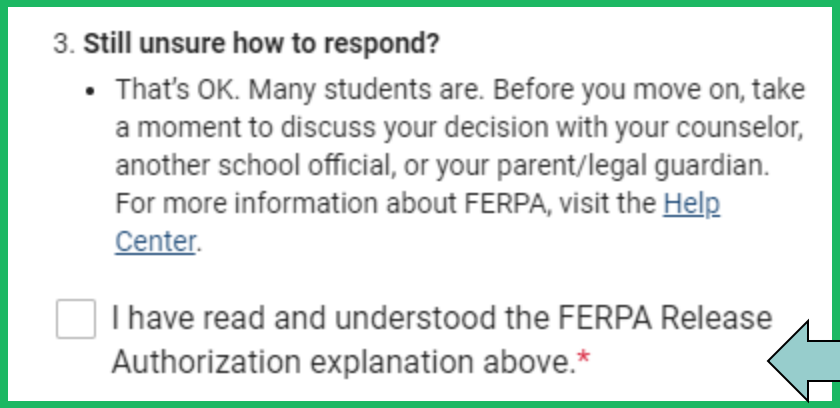
- Early Decision **BINDING**– Students make a commitment to a first choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.
- Restrictive Early Action – Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May to confirm.

Common Application

- Accepted by over 900 colleges
- www.commonapp.org – click on "apply now"
- Use a PERSONAL email for college applications, not your MCPS email
- Common app opens August 1 every year but an account can be created at any time
- Guided tutorial for users after an account is created
- Time it takes varies based on school's requirements-allow six weeks to get everything together for applications
- Be sure to match your account with Naviance-directions for matching in your Naviance account
- Essay word count maximum 650


My Colleges
UMBC: University of Maryland, Baltimore County
College Information
Application
Questions
Recommenders and FERPA
Review and Submit - Common App


Recommenders & FERPA
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


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.*

The Coalition Application

- Accepted by over 150 colleges and universities
- www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
- Locker offers a digital space where you can organize everything-can begin as early as 9th grade
- Essay word count maximum 550
- Every Coalition app school is committed to providing strong financial aid and an affordable college experience to students.

The College Essay

- Write about something that is not found on your application
- Include a "hook" – usually added at the end
- It does not have to have a happy ending but has to be honest
- Read your essay aloud
- Colleges want to learn about growth
- Tell a good story
- Write like you speak
- Imagine how the person reading your story will feel-will you be a good fit on their campus?
- Be sure to have someone review your essay and provide feedback

FAFSA- Opens October 1st

- Make a list of schools-you will need to list the schools you are applying to on your FAFSA

- Gather financial documents
  - Social security number
  - Alien Registration number (for Non-US citizens)
  - Federal income tax returns, W-2's, and other records of money earned (may be able use the tax retrieval online tool)
  - Bank statements and records of any investments
  - Records of any untaxed income

- Create a Federal Student Aid ID at studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
  - Both students and parents need to create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID, which will require making a user name and password.

- Start the FAFSA for the desired year- students attending college from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2020 can file the 2021-2022 FAFSA between October 1, 2020-June 30,2021 using their 2019 tax information

- Follow the instructions carefully

- Submit- FAFSA applications are typically processed within three to five days. Once processed you will receive a copy of your student aid report which includes for expected family contribution which determines your eligibility for Pell Grants.

MSFFA for
Non-Citizens or Green Card Holders

For applicants to receive aid when they cannot apply for FAFSA – this will be covered in the financial aid presentation

*Send Test Scores

Test scores must be sent directly from College Board (SAT) or ACT-if you do not select your schools when you register for the SAT you will be charged $15 to send your scores to each school

SAT – www.sat.collegeboard.org
ACT – www.actstudent.org

*Many schools are test optional this year due to COVID-please discuss with your CCIC or counselor to determine whether or not you should send your score.

What's in a COMPLETE APPLICATION?

- Application Forms
- Application Fees $50+ **ask about fee waivers**
- High School Transcript-pick up request form in Counseling office
- Final High School Transcript- Mailed AFTER the year ends
- Admission Test Scores-SAT/ACT sent directly from ACT or College Board
- Letters of Recommendation – Teachers and Counselor
- Essays
- Auditions and Portfolios
- Interviews-Not all schools require an interview

Montgomery College

- Simple online application. Can apply October 1st! FREE for MCPS students!!
- Due date for the Scholars Program and Macklin Program is in January 2021. Separate application. $25 fee
- Students may have to take the Accuplacer if they do not have an ACT or SAT score OR if scores are not a 21 or higher for the ACT or a 520 or higher on the Math SAT. (Rules may be different during COVID)
- Take assessment tests before class registration.

Important Reminders:

- Pay Attention to application deadlines
- Get your brag sheet written BEFORE you ask for letters of recommendation
- Allow 15 days for your teachers to write your letters and your registrar to get all your documents in order
- Check your email on a regular basis, MHEC will send you an email if you are awarded money
- SSL Hours – Don't wait to get your SSL Hours- Set a goal to get them completed by March. See your counselor if you have any questions
- Obligations – Make sure all your obligations are paid

LET'S REVIEW
Your Application Packet

STUDENT SUBMITS:

SCHOOL Sends:

Official Transcript

Secondary School Report

Letter of Recommendation

School Profile

Tips for Parents of Seniors

Now is the time to:

- Understand there will be stress
- Acknowledge that your student may see a peer's opinions and ideas equally as important as yours
- Work together. Your teen may not say so, but he/she probably wants your involvement and approval. Let the choices be your son or daughter's. She/he must live with the choice
- Resist the temptation to be critical or judgmental
- Feedback about the very important college essay- encourage them to let you or someone else read it!

Every high school has a college and career advisor

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