



Hello Seniors!

This is meant to be a helpful resource for organizing your applications to colleges. **In addition, you should ALSO meet with your School Counselor to discuss your plans.** Please make sure you **check the deadlines & requirements on all the colleges** you are interested in applying to - make a plan to complete EVERYTHING before the deadline.

How do you check deadlines & requirements?

1. You can Google “application requirements for _____(insert college name here)”
-OR-
2. [Create a Common App account](#)
 - a. Go to the “My Colleges” tab
 - b. Add any colleges you want to apply to
 - c. Click on each college, scroll down to see ***what’s required***.

Application deadline terms

Early Action

(Usually November 1 or November 15). Apply early so you get your admission decision early. This is a GOOD OPTION, because it can relieve some stress and some schools consider you for additional scholarships!

Rolling Admissions

These schools will review applications as soon as they are submitted. They do not have a hard deadline, but remember....certain programs fill up very early so you should think about applying early.

Early Decision

This may be an option if (1) you have high financial need and the school covers full need (usually competitive schools) or (2) your family has the ability to pay for your college and this is your top choice school.

*****keep in mind you can only apply to 1 school Early Decision and you will not be able to compare financial aid from multiple schools if you choose this option*****

Regular Decision

Apply at the same time as most other people.

Common Requirements (for 4 year colleges or universities)

1. College application **[DO THIS IN COMMON APP]**
 - a. Many schools use the [Common Application](#) or their own specific form
 - i. [THESE ARE YOUR FIRST STEPS ON COMMON APP](#)
2. College Essay ([here's a helpful guide to get started](#)) **[DO THIS IN COMMON APP]**
 - a. Some colleges request shorter “supplemental writing” (you can check in Common App >> My Colleges >> Writing)
3. [Letters of Recommendation](#) (1 or 2 teachers, 1 counselor) **[DO THIS IN SCOIR]**
 - a. Give all your recommenders a [BRAG SHEET](#)
4. Transcript - ask your School Counselor in the Main Office **[DO THIS IN SCOIR]**

[MAKE SURE YOU SAVE YOUR PASSWORDS FOR THE ACCOUNTS YOU MAKE](#)

Community College

Thinking about attending community college next year? Well, the process is simpler than the one described above.

1. [Create an account with CCV](#) (if you don't already have one)
2. Complete a CCV Application
3. Fill out and submit the FAFSA
4. Fill out and submit the VSAC Grant Application
5. Schedule a “New Student Advising” appointment

COLLEGE APPLICATION / SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

Deadline	Action Needed	Additional info
September 15 - October 15	START YOUR COMMON APPLICATION . Make sure this is linked with SCOIR . *This is 1 application that allows you to apply to over 1,000 colleges with one click!	(1) Create an account as a “First-Year Student” (you will be a first year college student next year) (2) Start filling out the information in the “Common App” Tab (3) Also make sure you search for and add colleges in “My Colleges”
September 15	START: Brag Sheet Ask for two teachers and your School Counselor to write letters of recommendation.	Asking in person during the first month of school is best. Bring a brag sheet , which helps your recommenders know more about you.
September 26	Questbridge Application (dates and deadlines) Apply here . IF SELECTED YOU CAN ATTEND A FANTASTIC COLLEGE FOR FREE! [It is very competitive]	*If you want to attend a competitive school but do not mind which one, this could work for you.
September 30	Link your Common App to your SCOIR account .	*This is really important – it will allow colleges to receive transcripts and letters of recommendation from WHS!
Ongoing	Please make sure to add all of the colleges you want to apply to within SCOIR Instructions on page 5 of this document .	By organizing your applications within SCOIR, you will have built-in checklists of tasks to complete, as well as a place to view any deadlines. The more accurate your SCOIR account is, the easier it is for your School Counselor and Teachers to support you.
September 30	DUE: Brag Sheet DUE: Add your recommenders to SCOIR. Directions here . Request 2 Teacher Recommendations, 1 School Counselor	Asking in person during the first month of school is best. Bring a brag sheet , which helps your recommenders know more about you.

October 1	START: COLLEGE ESSAY / PERSONAL STATEMENT START: APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS	College Essay Guide College Essay/Personal statement Google Classroom College Essay Boot Camp: Oct 11 and 25 , 3:00-5:00 at WHS
October 30	DUE: COLLEGE ESSAY / PERSONAL STATEMENT (finished draft) CONTINUE: APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS	
Starting November 1	Submit your application (like Common Application) based on what deadlines you are trying to meet	(application, collect rec letters, complete essay)
Usually Opens Oct 1 and due Feb 11	Start: VSAC Unified Scholarship Application (apply to dozens of scholarships just for Vermonters)	video on how to apply @ 23:50
Opens Oct 1	CSS PROFILE - additional financial info for some schools.	Check here if any of the schools you're applying to need this form!
November 1	MOST EARLY ACTION / EARLY DECISION DEADLINES	
Opens December 1, finish by the time you submit your app.	START: FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) : free money from the U.S. government that you can take anywhere. Here is a video on how to fill out the FAFSA.	You will need: your and your parent's FSA ID, your family's 2023 1040 Tax returns, parent/guardian W-2 forms (and yours if you worked in 2022), Info about your family (social security numbers, birthdays).
January 1, January 15, February 1	MOST REGULAR DECISION DEADLINES	
February 11	DUE: VSAC Unified Scholarship Application scholarships	
February 15 - April 15	Update SCOIR account with the ADMISSION DECISION (Accepted, Waitlisted, Denied)	
February 15 - May 1	Share Financial Aid Awards with your School Counselor and schedule a meeting to discuss your decision.	