

# How Do I Get Where I Am Going?

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Helpful tips for seniors applying to various colleges,  
SAT/ACT scoring, applying for scholarships, and Financial  
Aid (FAFSA)

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# Next Steps for Seniors

- Begin the application process. To complete the application process you'll need, at minimum, these three things:
  - Completed application (with fee)
  - Official high school transcript
  - SAT/ACT scores
- College Fair at Century Center- Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018 at Century Center in South Bend. The Fair is open from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

# College Applications

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# Next Steps...Applying to College

- **NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>** is the deadline for most schools for the early admissions deadline and also merit based scholarship consideration.
- If you want to be considered for merit based scholarships from the schools you are applying to, you need to have applications submitted by NOV 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Refer to each school's website for the criteria of merit based scholarships.

# Applying...

- Complete an online application (two forms):
  - Common Application
  - School specific online application
    - Each individual school will provide information on their application process at their website.

# Applying...

- **Common Application:** all-inclusive application, you choose the schools that download the application.
- Common Application can be accessed from two sources:
  - Visit [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) or...visit the school's website for which you want to apply and you will be directed to the Common Application.



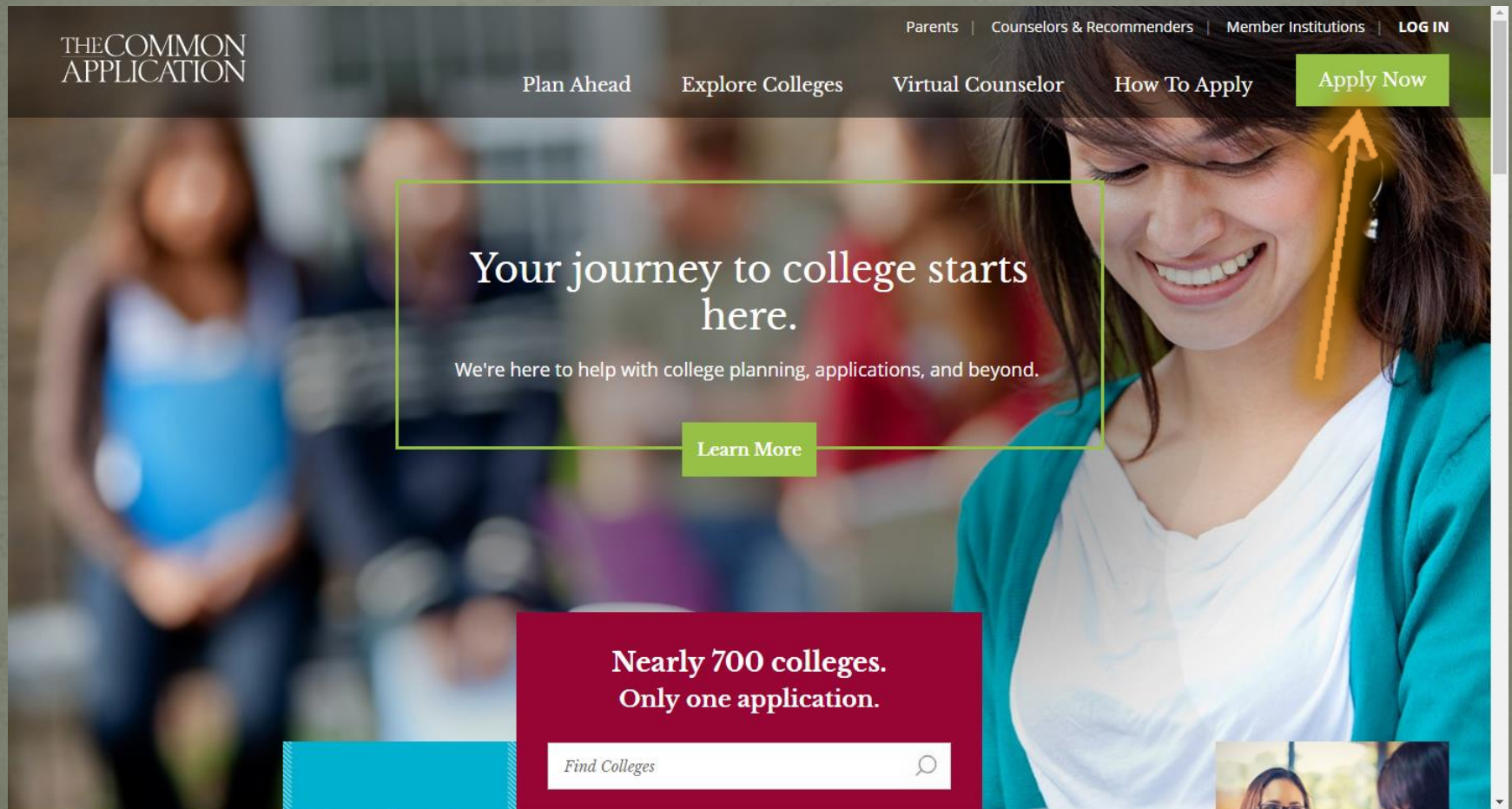
# Applying...Common Application

## Common Application:

- To send transcripts for schools using Common App, invite your counselor from the tab labeled “Recommenders”.
- If we do not have your Senior Profile, we will NOT be able to write much about you!
- **All Common and college applications needing to be processed by November 1 (big deadline for many schools for their scholarship consideration) must be submitted no later than October 20--Friday. Applications submitted after October 20th may not be processed by the November 1 deadline since we will be on Fall break from October 26-Oct 29.**
- When invited, your counselor will submit the following:
  - Counselor letter of recommendation (if required)
  - Official transcript
  - Secondary school report (includes academic information)
- Repeat the invitation process to invite other recommenders including teachers and community members.



# Applying...Common Application



# Applying...Common Application

## IMPORTANT REMINDER:


OFFICIAL TEST SCORES MUST BE SENT TO YOUR COLLEGES OF CHOICE DIRECTLY FROM EACH TESTING AGENCY [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org) or [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org)

# Applying Continued...

- SCHOOL SPECIFIC APPLICATION:
  - **Access the application** - go to the college website that you are interested in and click on the “admissions” tab and then press “apply now”



# Applying...School Specific Application

Ball State University

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# Applying Continued...

## Transcript requests for School Specific Applications:

Official transcript requests should be made online using [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)

You can also access Parchment by visiting the Penn High School website and clicking on the “e-transcript” link: <http://penn.phmschools.org>

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# Applying Continued...

## A note on letters of recommendation:

- Please give counselors (and teachers) **at least two weeks** notice to complete your application materials and letters of recommendation.
- Also, provide a copy of your Student Profile for more detailed letters of rec.-a link was sent via Mr. Penney in the College Res. Room—you may print and a bring in or electronically send to us! We need these ASAP!

SAT/ACT

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# Next Steps...SAT/ACT

- If you are planning on applying to a 4 year college, an SAT or ACT is a requirement to complete your application process.
- SAT – three sections (Critical Reading, Math, Writing {optional})
  - To register to take the SAT visit: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ACT – five sections (Reading, Math, Science, English, Writing {optional})
  - To register to take the ACT visit: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)



# SAT/ACT continued...

- Can I get my test scores sent for free?
  - When you register for one of these tests, you have the option to have scores sent to four schools as a part of your registration.
    - Take advantage of this option or you will have to pay for additional scores to be sent.
- What if I already took a test, but did not have my scores sent to a school that I am applying to?
  1. Go to the website of the testing agency (Collegeboard or ACT) and
  2. log in to the account you created when you registered for the test.
  3. Click on “send scores” (there is a fee)  
[collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) or [act.org](http://act.org)

# SAT/ACT continued...

- **FAQ: I am applying to a community college such as IVY Tech and heard I don't need to take the SAT or ACT, true?** It is true that many community colleges offer placement tests as alternatives for placement, yes. However, we recommend taking an ACT/SAT because plans can change.
- **FAQ: Does it matter which test I take?** No, either test is accepted at every college with no preference.

# Fee Waivers

- Fee waivers help students, who qualify, with expenses such as taking the SAT or ACT and paying for college application fees.
  - You may qualify for one if you are on a “free or reduced” lunch program.
  - Ask your counselor for the fee waiver forms if you think you might qualify
- Also, individual schools may offer fee waivers during special events such as IUSB waives application fees for seniors that meet with an academic advisor at our on-site admission days. See sign up info in CCRC.



# Scholarships and Financial Aid

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Scholarships...Penn seniors

Accepted: \$9 million

In scholarships last  
year...do not doubt that  
you could qualify for  
*something!*

# Scholarships

- How do I go about hunting for scholarships?
  1. Some scholarships (merit based) are available through the colleges that you are applying to and you may be considered for them **automatically if you apply by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and meet the minimum criteria**
  2. Other scholarships, from the colleges that you apply to, may require you to apply for them separately. You should **search for the “scholarship page”** of the college’s website and see if there are any like this that you may qualify for.



# Scholarships

Ball State University



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#### Financial Aid & Scholarships

📍 Lucina Hall, Room 245  
Muncie, IN, 47306 USA

🕒 Office Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Call-in Hours: 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

📞 765-285-5600

📠 765-285-2173 or  
765-285-1212

Scholarships are financial aid awards often based on talent, academics, service, or leadership. However, need-based scholarships also exist. You do not have to repay scholarships.

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Top-ability students in Indiana are expected to complete the Indiana Academic Honors Diploma. Out-of-state applicants should pursue the best college preparatory curriculum available to them.

### Academic Distinction Scholarships



### Academic Recognition Scholarship



### Alumni Scholarships



# Scholarships

3. Look for scholarships through your parents' place of work or other community resources like churches etc.
4. Do online scholarship searches through credible websites examples being [www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com), [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (be cautious with your personal information and DON'T PAY for the service)

# Scholarships

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#### Personal Information

#### Academic Information

#### Type Of Award

#### Affiliation Information

#### Search Results

### Welcome to the College Board's Scholarship Search!

Find scholarships, other financial aid and internships from more than 2,200 programs, totaling nearly **\$6 billion**.

Enter as much information as possible to find the most matches.

Scholarship information is based on the College Board's Annual Survey of Financial Aid Programs.

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#### Search for scholarships:

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#### Browse by sponsor name:

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#### FOR SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

All of the scholarship information is based on the College Board's Annual Survey of Financial Aid Programs. For scholarship organizations who would like to participate in the survey:

[Welcome!](#)[Sign up](#) ▸[Sign in](#) ▸[Me](#)[My Colleges](#)[My Plan](#)



# Scholarships

5. Another great resource is the Counseling Center Website: <http://penn.phmschools.org/counseling>, under the drop down menu for counseling, scroll down to scholarships. Here you will find a listing with links of scholarships currently available in the CCRC, Rm. 119.

- For news and updates on scholarships offered through Penn High School follow @PennScholarship
- If you have questions, ask your counselor or Mr. Penney for help.



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## Freshmen Tailgate helps builds Kingsmen community

The Penn High School Freshman Academy held a Tailgate Party on Thursday, Sept. 7. The event helped build Kingsmen community among the freshmen. About 150 students enjoyed the opportunity to display school spirit and socialize with Freshman Ac...

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# FAFSA

- FAFSA= Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Here is the link: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Application to be considered for federal and state financial aid programs (i.e. grants) as well as loans.
- We recommend that **everyone** considering going to college to complete the FAFSA. Circumstances can change!



# FAFSA

- IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FAFSA:
  - The 2019/2020 FAFSA is now available for completion starting October 1, 2018.
  - 2017 tax information will be utilized to complete the 2019/2020 FAFSA.
  - For state financial aid consideration, FAFSA is still due April 15, 2019.

# FAFSA

## FSA ID:

- To complete/submit your FAFSA online, you and your parents MUST apply for an FSA ID (can be done at anytime).
- <https://fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>
- To create your FSA ID you'll need the following:
  - Active email account
  - Social security number



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# Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



## New to the FAFSA?

**Start A New  
FAFSA**

## Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

**Login**

### College Scorecard

Information on college costs, graduation, and post-graduate college earnings.

### Deadlines

Information about your deadlines.

### School Code Search

### Announcements

- Heads Up! The new 2018-2019 FAFSA is almost here! To upload this better-than-ever version, *FAFSA on the Web* will be unavailable: Sunday, September 24, from 4:55 a.m. through 3:10 p.m. EST and Saturday, September 30, from 10 p.m. through 1:25 a.m. EST, Sunday, October 1.

### Thinking About College?



# FAFSA/College Help...

- Financial Aid Night at Penn: Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 pm Studio Theater

## **COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY DATES HAVE BEEN SET!**

ISFAA's College Goal Sunday 2018/19 leadership team is pleased to announce that the 30th year of College Goal Sunday is upon us! The dates have been set and the event will take place on October 28th, 2018 and February 24th, 2019! At locations all across Indiana, financial aid experts will once again give free FAFSA filing help to students and families!

The best way to stay connected with College Goal Sunday Indiana is to check this website, and follow us on Twitter ([twitter.com/CGS\\_Indiana](https://twitter.com/CGS_Indiana)) and like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/IndianaCollegeGoalSunday](https://facebook.com/IndianaCollegeGoalSunday))!

Questions?

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