

College Application Guide

TASKS

MY TOP 3 COLLEGE CHOICES

COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM (can be found on college's website)			
	1.	2.	3.
Name of college, university, or school			
Early Application Deadline (often by Nov. 1)	/ /	/ /	/ /
Regular Application Deadline	/ /	/ /	/ /
Application Fee (if any)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
GRADES			
Request a copy of your transcript through parchment.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TEST SCORES			
Standardized Test Scores, ACT or SAT (found on transcript)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced Placement (AP) Test Scores (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION			
Requested from: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ESSAYS			
Write admission application essay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof essay for spelling and grammar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have someone else review and proofread essay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
List extracurricular, volunteer, and work activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make copies of all college application materials for your own records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED (confirmation email received)	/ /	/ /	/ /

AFTER YOU SEND YOUR APPLICATION			
Receive decision letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receive financial aid award letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make final college choice (often by May 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Send deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Request final transcript on parchment.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FAFSA Checklist

DOCUMENTS YOU NEED TO FILL OUT THE FAFSA	✓
Your most recent income tax return (or your parents' if you are a dependent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your current bank statements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your current investment records (if any)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Records of any untaxed income you may have received	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your driver's license (if you have one)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your Social Security Number	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your alien registration or permanent resident card if you are not a U.S. citizen	<input type="checkbox"/>

To get the best financial aid award possible, submit all required applications before the earliest due date of the schools you are considering.

If all items are checked, then you have all the necessary documents to fill out the FAFSA online.

- Visit <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to start your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1.
- Know your Student Financial Aid deadlines:
 - Federal Deadline: _____
 - State Deadline: _____
 - College Choice #1 Deadline: _____
 - College Choice #2 Deadline: _____
 - College Choice #3 Deadline: _____

Date FAFSA completed and submitted: _____

REMEMBER YOUR STUDENT AID PIN!

Your PIN can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your Federal Student Aid records online. Never give your PIN to anyone. To apply for a PIN, visit <https://pin.ed.gov>

MY PIN IS: _____

Scholarship Application Guide

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarships: Colleges typically award merit scholarships on the basis of academic (GPA, ACT score, etc.), athletic, or artistic merit, in addition to special interests. Some merit scholarships also consider financial need, but rewarding talent is the primary objective. These scholarships are often automatic and may not require an application.

Need-Based Scholarships: The government and colleges award grants and scholarships based on financial need. Financial need is generally determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Many colleges will automatically consider you for this type of aid as soon as you complete the FAFSA.

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Many private scholarships for college students are offered each year by a variety of corporate, professional, trade, government, civic, religious, social, and fraternal organizations. These scholarships can range in amount from small honorariums to thousands of dollars. To be considered, students must meet the eligibility criteria specified by the donor or sponsor and complete a scholarship application.

Searching for and applying for scholarships is a time-consuming process, so it is a good idea to start as early as possible. Breaks from school provide good opportunities to spend time on your search. The counseling office publishes a monthly bulletin of private scholarships.

INFORMATION YOU MAY NEED WHEN APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS ✓

Personal Background Information

1. Personal information – name, full address, phone number, date of birth, parents’ names & employment	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Email address (one that you check regularly)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Personal statement – list of goals (education, career, personal)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Resume	<input type="checkbox"/>

Academic Information

1. Current school information – name of school, class rank, expected graduation date	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. School transcripts	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Recommendation letters	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. College choices	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Intended academic major or areas of study	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Academic information – GPA, AP, honors courses	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Six-digit school code (Warren Mott: 233691)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Financial Information

1. Parents’ income – most recent federal tax statement if you are a dependent	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. FAFSA – completed free application for federal student aid at www.fafsa.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Completed Student Aid Report (SAR) from your completed FAFSA	<input type="checkbox"/>

Miscellaneous Information

1. School activities – list of extracurricular activities, clubs, organizations, sports, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Community activities – volunteer, community or public service activities, number of hours volunteered	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Employment – list of internships, assistantships, summer jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. List of any awards or honors you have received	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Scholarship essay	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/>