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- Scholarship opportunities
- Fly-in events
- College invitations
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Ongoing updates!





MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE VISITS

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\$FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

MORE...

Welcome to the duPont Manual High School student resource page.

Please check back frequently for updates and additional opportunities!

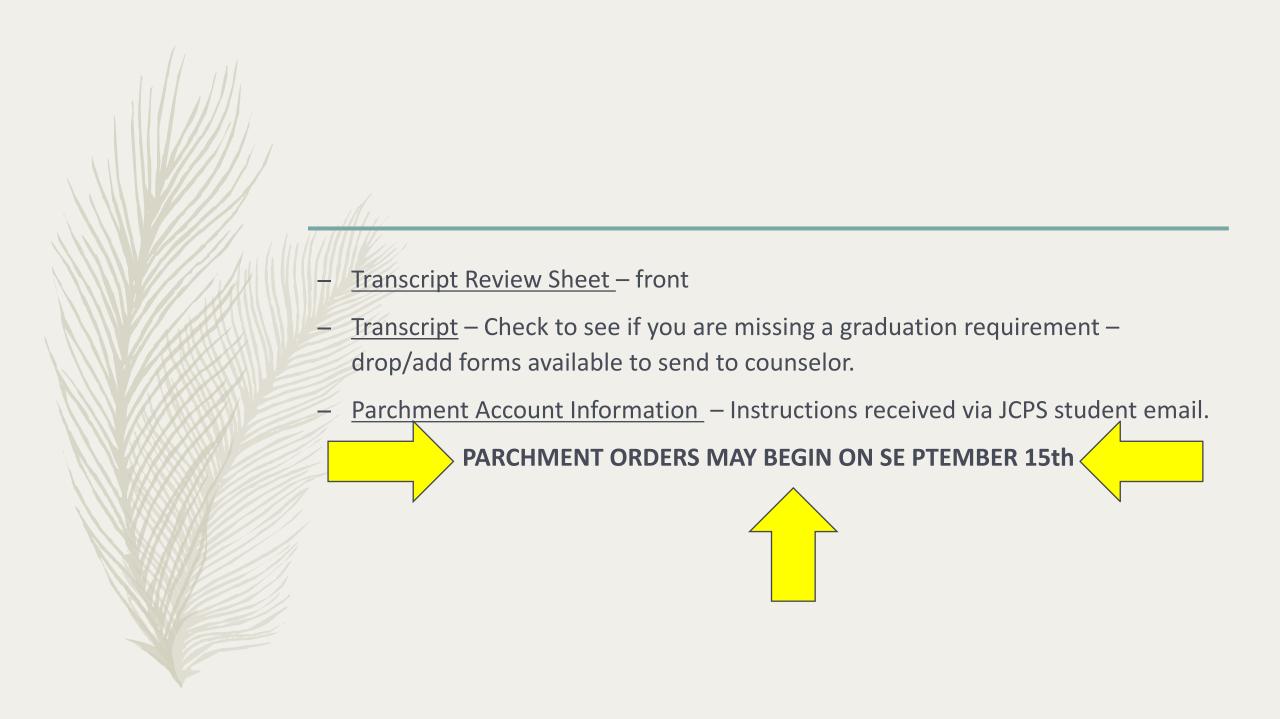


* <u>Financial Aid Night</u> – Sept. 12th @ 6pm in YPAS Auditorium

Presentation by expert from Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA)

Suggested Date for College Application Submission

- November 1, unless the date the college lists is earlier.
- Is the scholarship application separate from the application for admission?
- Check college <u>scholarship deadlines</u> many December (or sooner) deadlines.
- If applying to an Honors College, is there a separate application?



Requesting Transcripts - Parchment.com

- The simple way to Request, Send, and Store Transcripts.
- Includes tools to research colleges and find the right fit for you.
- Step 1 Log in and register at www.parchment.com your registration code has been sent to your JCPS student email account.
- Step 2 Add your high school to your profile.
- <u>Step 3 **Provide consent**</u> authorize the release of these materials and forms.
- Step 4 Add destinations colleges, common application, yourself, etc.
- Step 5 Payment There is no fee for JCPS students to send transcripts to colleges/universities.
- Step 6 Track your order the status of your request will be emailed and updated in your Parchment.com account.



- Change your email to one you will use for several years.
- After you graduate you will not be able to access your JCPS student email account.

The transcript.

Courses

- Lists all courses taken
- Demonstrates rigor, or lack thereof
- Shows diverse interests
- Colleges like to see 4 years of:
 - Math, Science, English, Soc. Studies and a foreign language

Grade Point Average

- Unweighted vs. Weighted
- Weighted is usually AP or IB
- Colleges look closely at the Junior year and the first semester of the Senior year to see grade improvement, academic maturity, and college level coursework.

Transcript Review.

- Check for correct name, address, birthdate, phone number, etc.
- Check to determine that all courses are reported accurately (name of course, grade, and credit).
- Make sure you have all required courses for graduation or you are taking those courses during your senior year.
- Look for Summer School, eSchool, Edgenuity, and Independent Study Courses for accuracy.
- Notice the GPA weighted and unweighted.
- All courses should be worth 0.5 credits.
- Write in any corrections and see your counselor immediately for possible edits to your transcript.

College Preparatory Curriculum JCPS Graduation Requirements

- 4 years of English (English 1,2,3,4).
- 4 years of Math (Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, or more advanced).
- 3 years of Science (earth/space, life, physical with laboratory).
- 3 years of Social Studies (World History, US History, plus one of Geography, Economics, or Government and Politics).
- 2-3 years of the same World Language (required by colleges/universities).
- 1 year of Humanities (or 4 year specialization in the arts).
- .5 year of Health and .5 year of Physical Education (a full year of Fundamentals of Dance can substitute for PE –
 Dance majors are exempt from having to take PE).
- Successful Backpack Defense and Reflection (multiple opportunities scheduled throughout the year).
- 4-5 credits of electives (all of your required YPAS/JC/VA classes count as electives).

Check Graduation Requirements for Out of State Colleges

Here are just a few states that have different high school graduation and college entry requirements from Kentucky

- Alabama (4 years of Social Studies)
- Georgia (4 years of Science)
- Indiana & North Carolina (Require Pre-calculus)
- Texas (.5 credits of Speech and .5 credits of Economics)

ACT Mid 50th Percentile Composite Scores for Popular Colleges

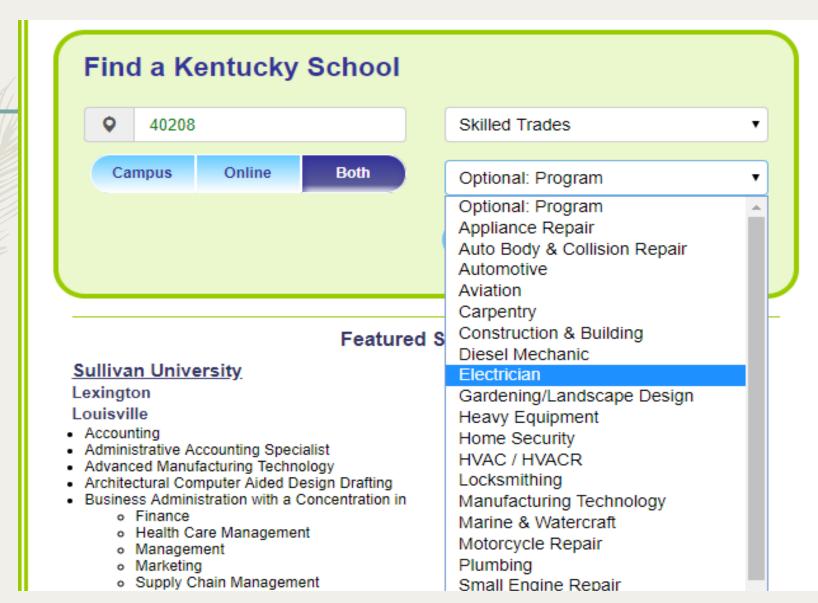
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	California Inst. Tech.	32-35	 Northwestern University 	30-34
-	Columbia University	28-33	 Princeton University 	30-34
	Cornell University	28-32	 University of Chicago 	28-33
<u>.</u>	Davidson College	23-32	 University of Illinois 	26-31
	Duke University	29-34	 University of Michigan 	27-31
	Emory University	29-33	 Univ. of North Carolina 	26-31
	Harvard	31-35	 University of Notre Dame 	31-34
	Indiana University	23-28	 Vanderbilt University 	29-34
	MIT	31-34	Yale University	30-34
_	University of Kentucky	23-28	 University of Louisville 	23-28

FairTest.org

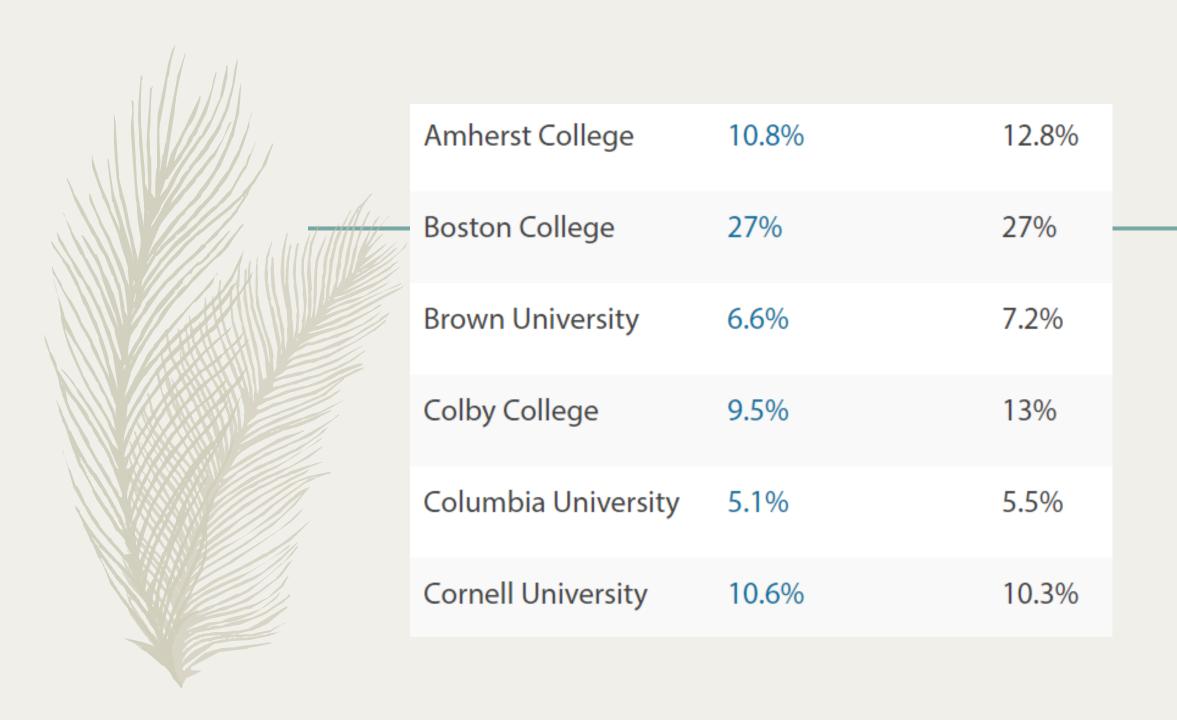
- FairTest The National Center for Fair and Open Testing.
- Colleges and Universities that do not use the SAT/ACT scores for admitting substantial numbers of students in bachelor degree programs.
- Includes institutions that are "test-optional", "test-flexible", or de-emphasize the use of standardized tests.
- As a substitute for standardized test scores, the institution may look at other criteria, such as GPA and Class Rank or other factors in the admissions process (such as work samples or portfolios).
- To see a list of Test Optional Schools, go to:

http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional

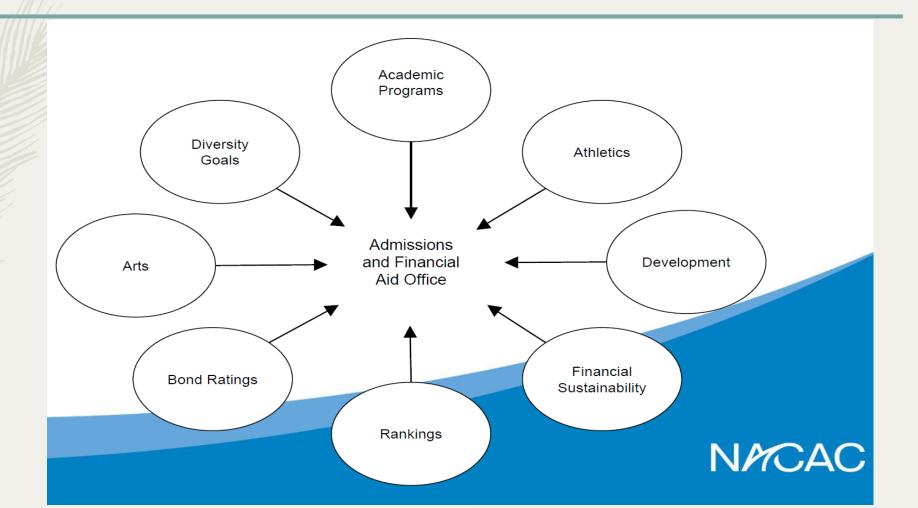
https://www.trade-schools.net/







What decisions shape an incoming class?



Profiles of admitted classes

- Male / Female
- *86 countries
- % minority for diversity
- % first generation college
- Schools of study
- Legacies
- Rockafellers

Key words and phrases

- Demonstrated Leadership
- Impact
- Mid-West
- First Generation College Student (parents with 2 years or less of college)
- First Generation American
- Honors Programs / Honors Colleges
- Guaranteed Admit / Dual Entry Programs
- Competitive Scholarship Programs (Brown Fellows, Morehead Cain, Jefferson Scholars, etc.)



30,400+ Applications
16% Admit Rate
47% Male / 53% Female
94% Top 10% of their class
Mid 50% SAT Score – 1500-1560
Mid 50% ACT Score – 33-35

Field of Study:

Architecture 2%

Art 4%

Arts & Sciences 67%

Business 8%

Engineering 19%

46 Countries Represented

50 States Represented + Washington D.C.

International 7%

Black or African American 14%

Hispanic 13%

Native American/Alaskan 1%

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1%

Asian 20%

White 43%

Unknown 1%



A professional dancer for the Dance Theatre of Harlem

A saxophonist selected for the Grammy Jazz Program

A world-record-holding juggler

The no. 1 ranked debater in the country

Two Project Runway Junior contestants

A student building a tiny house from a school bus

A freelance blogger for the award-winning blog MuslimGirl

A competitive jump roper

A student working on becoming an Adirondack 46er

A student proficient in four languages

The namesake of a minor planet

A nationally ranked birder

Several successful entrepreneurs

A children's book author

A student who can recite pi to 250 digits

One of a handful of people on Earth who can communicate in Volapuk

An athlete selected for the Philippines Women's National Soccer Team

Multiple patent-holding inventors



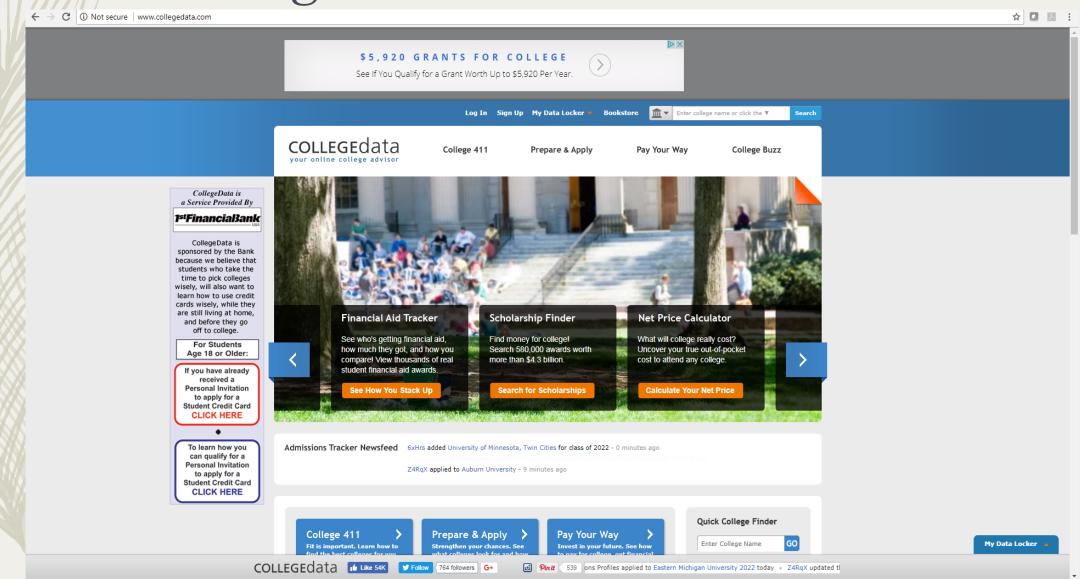
Find your restaurant and...

- Have the talk.
- List amount of paycheck before taxes.
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- List <u>all</u> bills car payment, house payment/rent, electric, water, gas, groceries, internet/cell/phone, insurance (medical, homeowner and auto), clothing, <u>miscellaneous</u> expenses (new tires, oil change, etc.)
- (***Discuss specifically car payments and how 20K or 30K looks spread out over 5 years)
- List final leftover amount.
- How much \$ is your household able to contribute to the college tuition bill?
- This will help your student when researching schools.

What Will College Cost? *COST TO ATTEND

- <u>Tuition</u> payment for required courses, study abroad, exchange programs.
- Fees application, matriculation, registration, parking, activities, health, laboratory, many others they can add up to a \$1000 or twice that much.
- Books and Materials computer, software, required textbooks, and supplies plus performing arts necessities.
- Room cost of dorm or apartment plus utilities, cable and internet access, renters insurance, etc.
- Food meal plans, eating out, groceries, etc.
- <u>Transportation</u> two to three trips home, or, if you keep an auto on campus, your gas expenses, insurance, parking fees, etc.
- Personal cloths, laundry, recreation, medical and dental, health insurance.
- Miscellaneous catchall for anything that doesn't fit in another category think about adding 10% of the total amount above.

collegedata.com



The FAFSA.

- FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- The form requests your financial information for the previous calendar year.
- Colleges use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work study programs.
- The State and Federal government will use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for federal and state grants and loans.
- The FAFSA itself does not award financial aid it just serves as a calculation and reporting service that provides documentation to colleges and universities that they in turn use to determine eligibility for the awarding of financial aid.
- Window opens October 1 ***

FAFSA – Materials Needed

Info needed when completing the FAFSA

- Parents Federal Income Tax Return
- State (Local) Income Tax Return
- W-2 Forms
- Current Bank Statements
- Records of Untaxed Income
- Current Mortgage Information
- Business and Farm Records, if applicable
- Records of Stocks, Bonds, and Other Investments
- Student's Driver's License and Social Security Card

myStudentAid App

The Department of Education has launched a new mobile app called myStudentAid.

The app allows students or parents to securely fill out and submit the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** entirely from their mobile device. Previously, the FAFSA.gov website had limitation when being accessed from a mobile device and the full function of the site could only be utilized from a desktop computer. So the Department of Education Federal Student Aid office developed the app to provide mobile options to access financial aid.







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Home / Pay for College / Paying Your Share / Expected Family Contribution Calculator



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EFC Calculator



Welcome

Students and their families are expected to contribute to the cost of college to the extent that they're able. Use this 2014-15 academic year Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Calculator to:

- · Estimate how much the student's family will be expected to contribute for the year. After all, you can't make a realistic plan to cover the student's share if you don't have any idea what the student's share could be.
- · Gain insight into the student's financial aid eligibility. If you're unable to contribute the entire cost of college, financial aid is available to bridge the gap. That's how the financial aid system works. The difference between the total cost and the student's EFC is considered the student's financial need and the amount of aid you're eligible to receive.

If you have a specific college in mind, you can get a more accurate estimate of your real cost by using the net price calculator on its website. Net price is the full cost of attendance minus the grants and scholarships you receive from the college. A college's net price calculator uses the financial aid policies of that college to calculate its estimate. Learn more about net price.

This calculator is designed for use by students who live in, or are citizens of, the U.S. or Canada. Data must be entered in U.S. dollars. Most colleges and universities employ a formula to determine eligibility for students from outside the U.S. or Canada that is not available with this calculator.

Save your work Sign in to collegeboard.org to save or retrieve your information.

Sign In

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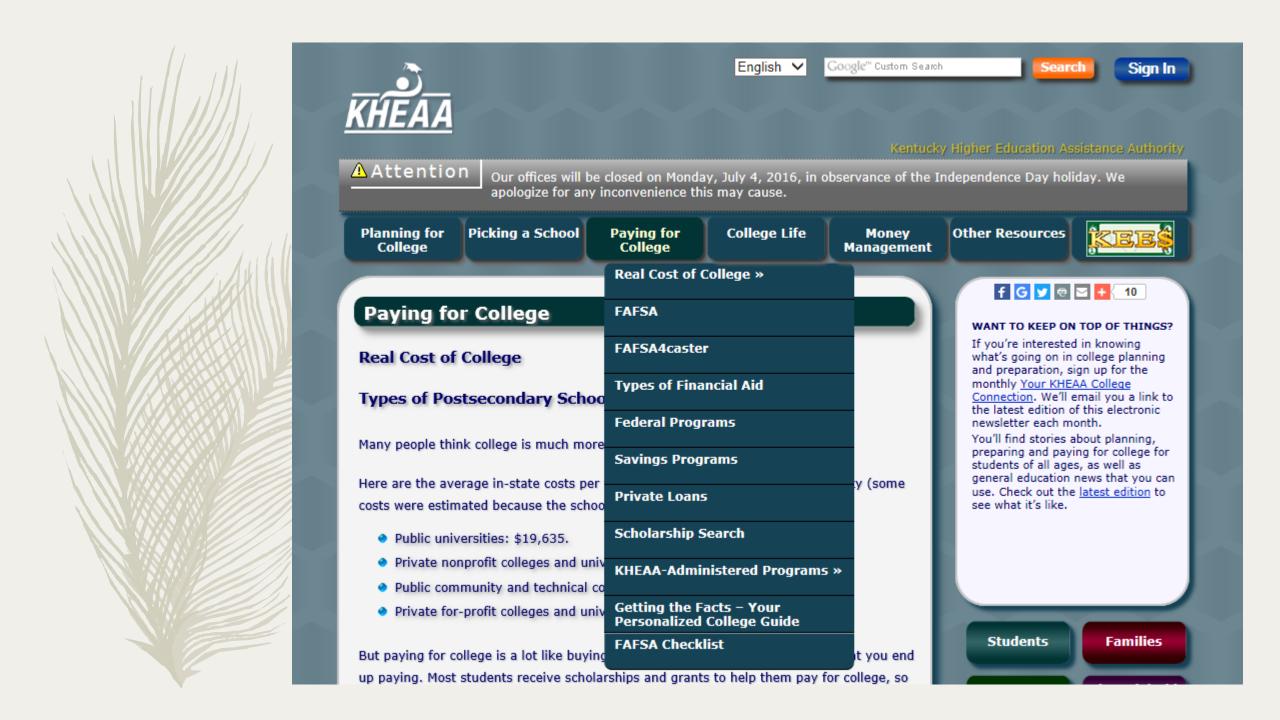
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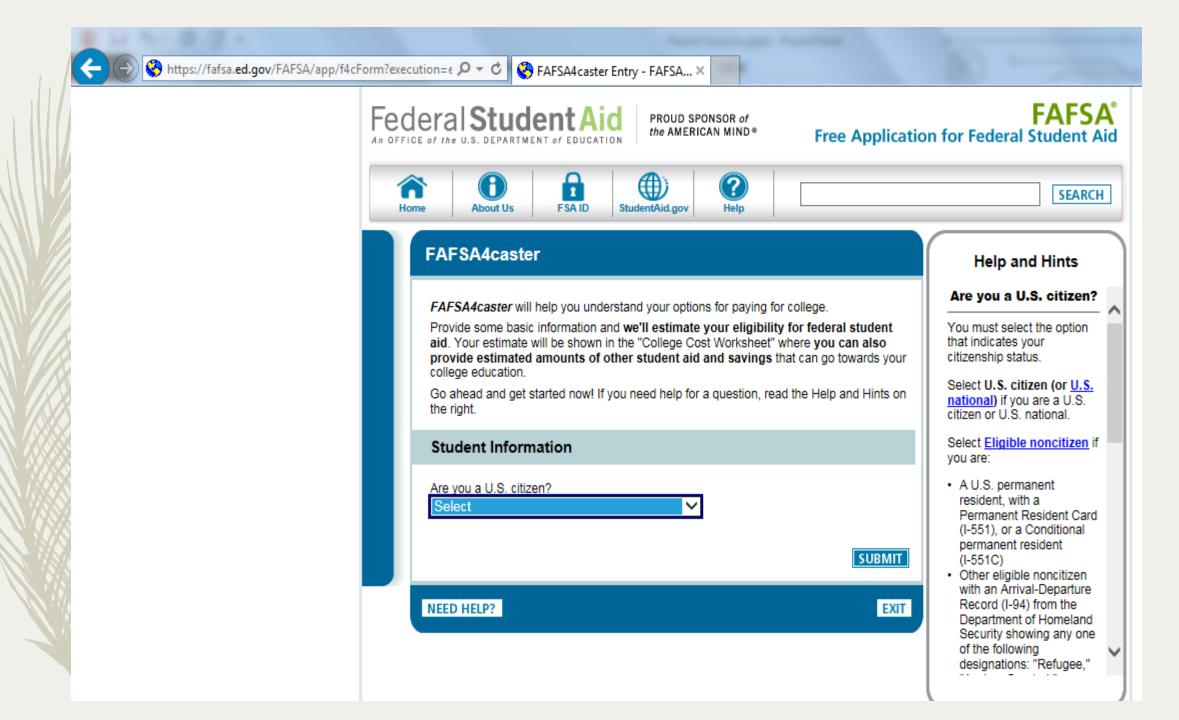
My Colleges

My Plan

The COA.

- Cost of Attendance.
- The FAFSA4caster





Types of Financial Aid - MERIT

MERIT BASED AID

- Awarded solely on the basis of <u>academic record</u> or outstanding ability in many areas (such as the performing arts).
- Usually academic merit starts with GPA's around 3.8 and ACT scores around 28 or higher.
- The amount of aid increases with higher scores or advanced ability in an area needed by the college/university.
- Each college sets it's own criteria for granting merit based aid search the scholarship section of their website to see this information.
- Usually, there is a <u>separate application for financial aid</u> (including scholarships), but some colleges are now automatically granting this aid based on your transcript and test scores you list on your application for admission – <u>make sure you know which</u> <u>method the college you are applying to uses for merit aid.</u>

Types of Financial Aid - NEED

NEED BASED AID

- Need is the difference between what it costs to attend a school and what you and your family are expected to pay.
- You might think of this as a formula:

Total Cost of Attendance

Expected Family Contribution

Need

- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is calculated through the use of the FAFSA Form.
- In order to receive any financial aid, your family must fill and submit the FAFSA.

The CSS Profile

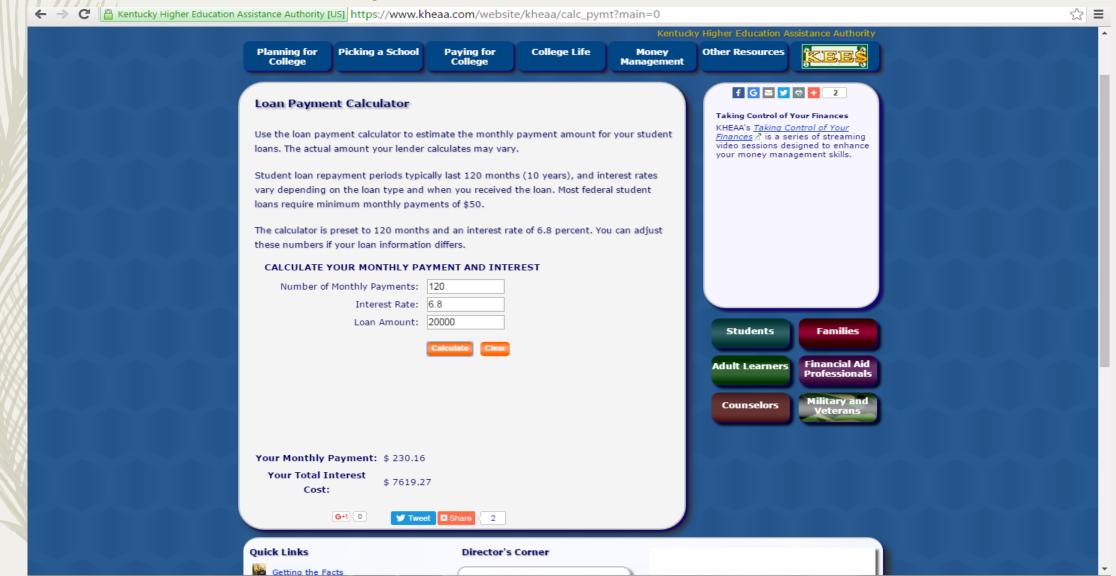
- CSS stands for College Scholarship Service.
- The CSS Profile is an application <u>distributed by the college board</u> based on Institutional Methodology. The FAFSA is based on Federal Methodology.
- It is primarily designed to give private member institutions of the College Board
 a <u>closer look into the finances</u> of a student and family.
- It is <u>much more detailed</u> and more time consuming than the FAFSA.
- Generally, colleges with early acceptance programs use the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA.
- For the past few years, the application <u>fee</u> was \$25.00 with an additional charge of \$16.00 for each additional college submitted.

Consequences of Defaulting on Student Loans

After **280 Days** of Non-Payment

- Credit record is <u>severely damaged</u> you cannot buy a home, a car, get a lease for an apartment, etc.
- Wages garnished
- Tax refunds garnished
- Not eligible for financial aid

Loan Payment Calculator KHEAA.com





Net price is the difference between the "sticker" price (full cost) to attend a specific college, minus any grants and scholarships for which you may be eligible. Sticker price includes direct charges (tuition and fees, room and board) and indirect costs (books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses).

http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/what-is-a-net-price-calculator

College websites - Net Price Calculator



How to Apply for Aid

Types of Aid

Receiving Your Aid

Cost to Attend U-M



We base the cost to attend U-M (called Cost of Attendance) on an estimated student budget of of tuition/fees, housing, books/supplies and person/miscellaneous expenses assuming full-time attendance for two semesters. We develop standard budgets that are used to award financial aid. Estimated budgets for Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer terms are published annually.

(Fall/Winter estimates are updated in June after tuition and fees are approved by the U-M Board of Regents.)

Apply for aid as early as possible to benefit from all available funding. Non-resident students may need additional resources such as private scholarships or loans. Our aid officers are available to help by suggesting resources, explaining aid programs and processes and assisting with budgeting issues.

In addition to the estimated budgets below, families may also want to visit our **Sample Aid Packages page**, which offers a look at typical financial aid packages by income range.

On this page

- Estimated Costs/Budgets
 - Fall/Winter Budgets
 - Spring/Summer Budgets
- Notes about the Budgets (with video)
- How Moving Off Campus Affects Your Aid
- Additional Resources

ESTIMATED COSTS/BUDGETS

Estimated student budgets reflect typical "modest but adequate" expense patterns of University of Michigan students based on research conducted by the Office of Financial Aid. Enrollment level, number of completed credits, major field of study and room and board options all contribute to the determination of their costs. While actual expenses will depend on your lifestyle and level of enrollment, the estimated costs listed on this page should assist you in planning your own budget.

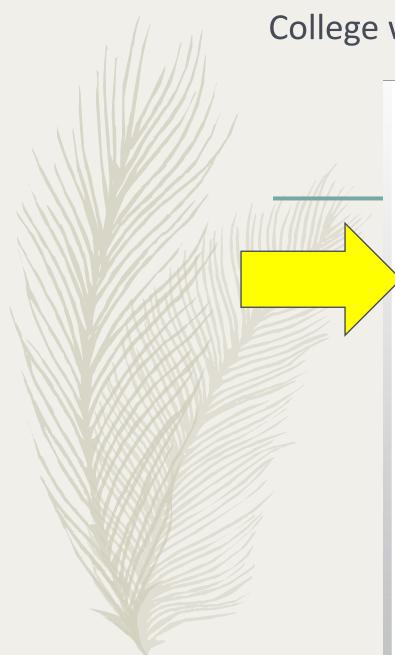


ABOUT U-M FINANCIAL AID

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The Office of Student Financial Aid and Undergraduate Scholarships

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Student Employment

Student Accounts

Vanderbilt will meet 100% of a family's demonstrated financial need for all admitted U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens.

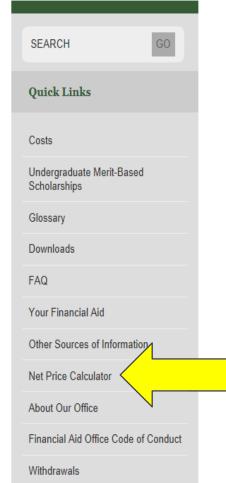


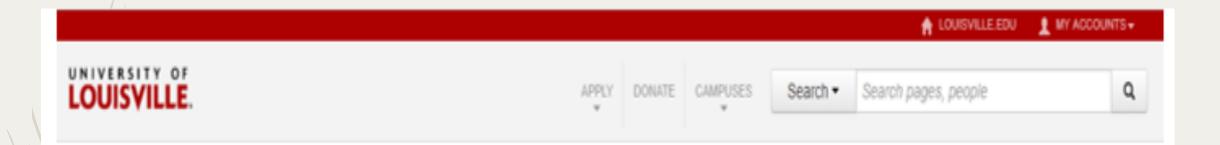


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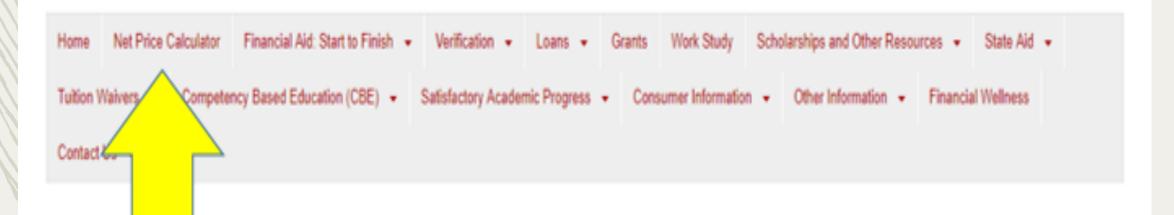
Download PDF of 2013-2014 Brochure Opening Doors for Future Commodores Through **Opportunity Vanderbilt**







Student Financial Aid Office



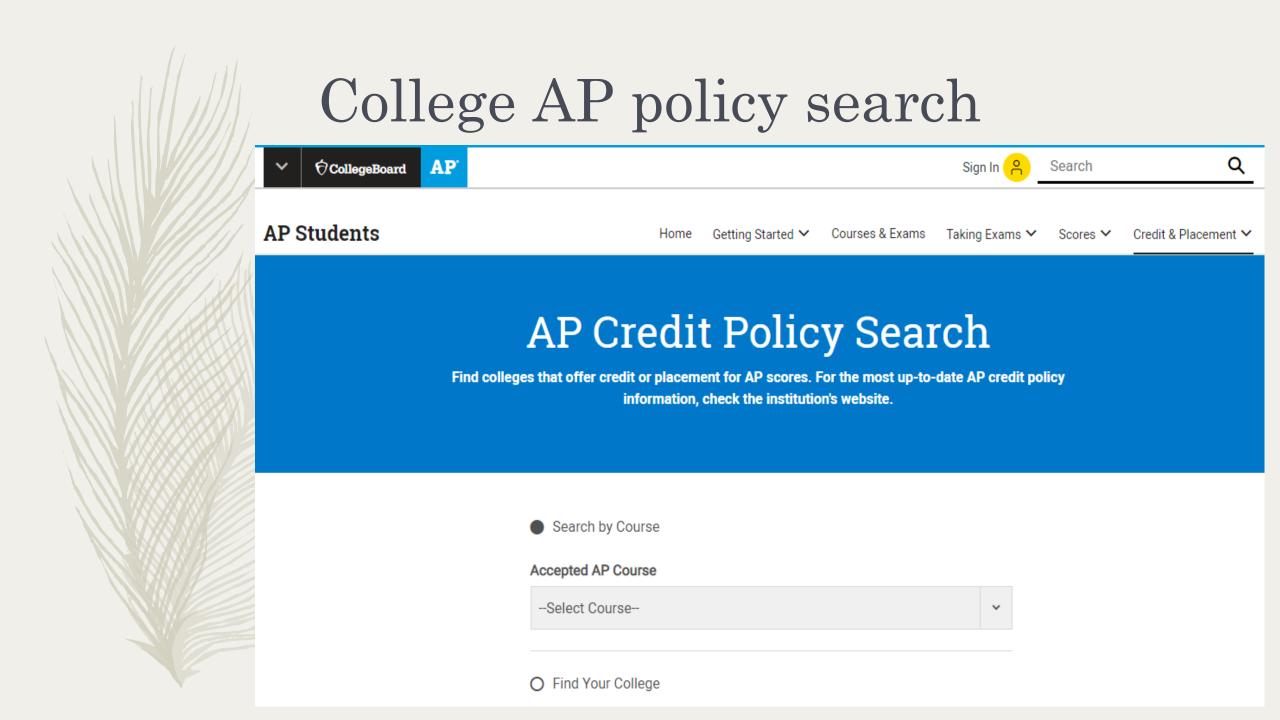
KEES Money.

- Money earned based on GPA, ACT score(s) and/or free/reduced lunch status.
- Sliding scale.
- Drawn from KY lottery.
- May be used at any KY college/university.
- May not be used at out-of-state schools unless school is listed on Academic Common Market website.
- Contact KHEAA if you have a question about a major not offered in Kentucky.
 Sarah Wooden is contact.



AP Credit at the University Level

- College level courses taught in a high school setting.
- Each college/university has an AP policy regarding credit awarded.
- Credit is based on test scores.
- Type 'AP Policy' in the school website search engine.
- Demonstrates the most rigor on a transcript.
- Schools use AP scores for to determine placement in freshman (or higher) level courses.
- AP scores do not appear on transcript. They must be self-reported.





School AP Policy

AP Chemistry	3	8	CHEM 1110/1111 & CHEM 1120/1121	
AP Comparative Government and Politics	3	3	PS 1010	
AP Computer Science A	3	4	CSCI 1170	
AP English Language and Composition	3	3	ENGL 1010	
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AP Environmental Science	3	3	EST 2810	
AP European History	3	3	HIST 1020	
AP French Language and Culture	3	6	FREN 1010 & 1020	
AP German Language and Culture	3	6	GERM 1010 & 1020	
AP Human Geography	3	3	GS 2010	
AP Latin	3	6	LATN 1010 & 1020	



Then check...program of study at the university/college:

Curriculum: Business Administration

Curricular listings include <u>General Education</u> requirements in Communication, History, Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social/Behavioral Sciences categories.

Freshman Fall

- ENGL 1010 Expository Writing 3 credit hours (Comm)
- MATH 1630 College Mathematics for Managerial, Social, and Life Sciences 3 credit hours (Math) OR
- MATH 1810 Applied Calculus I 3 credit hours (Math)
- ECON 2410 Principles of Economics, Macroeconomics 3 credit hours (Soc/Beh Sci) *
- Elective 1 credit hour
- Natural Sciences 4 credit hours

Subtotal: 14 Hours

Freshman Spring

■ ENGL 1020 - Research and Argumentative Writing 3 credit hours (Comm)

Community/Technical College Options

Benefits of ULtra

JCTC (Future UofL) Students

Programs & Events

Contact & Office Hours

FAQs

DOWNLOAD ADOBE READER

Download Adobe Reader

Benefits of ULtra

We encourage students to start participation as soon as you start at JCTC to ensure that you are taking advantage of all of the benefits that we offer.

- Guaranteed admission to UofL
 - · After earning 24 transferable credits
 - Minimum GPA of 2.0 (higher GPA for some majors)
- Course advising at every JCTC campus by a UofL advisor
- Automatic consideration for KCTCS Transfer Scholarship after 40 transferable hours and 3.25 cumulative GPA
- An opportunity for free tuition by participating in the Metropolitan College Program.
 Work at UPS and get tuition benefits, bonuses, books, a weekly paycheck and more
- A report every semester on your progress toward a UofL degree
- Exclusive additional benefits with a UofL Cardinal Card student ID (\$40 per semester)
 - Ride the entire TARC bus system
 - Unlimited access to UofL's Student Recreation Center
 - · Participation in fitness classes, intramural and club sports at no additional cost
 - Ability to purchase UofL student football and basketball tickets, plus free entry to all other athletic events
 - Access to UofL's library

Cost Comparison – State University

2019 - 2020 Tuition & Fees

On-campus students:

Tuition (KY and So. Indiana Residents*)	\$11,732
Room Rates**	\$5,270
Meal Plan (Average Cost)***	\$4,064
Student Recreation Fee	\$196
Total:	\$21,262
Books (Average Cost)****	\$1,200

Community Technical College 15 hours = \$2,610/semester or \$5,220 per year (minus pgm fees)

TUITION and CHARGES for KCTCS COLLEGES				
(See the 'Notes' sheet for a more detailed description of each item)				
	All Students			
In-State per Student Credit Hour (SCH)	\$174			
Out-of-State Reciprocity Agreement Rate equal to In-State (SCH) Rate	\$174			
Out-of-State Contiguous Counties (SCH) Rate	\$348			
Out-of-State Students Enrolled in KCTCS On-Line Courses	\$174			
Out-of-State Non-Reciprocity/Non-Contiguous Counties Rate (SCH)	\$609			
Mandatory Student Fee	\$8 per Credit Hour			
	All Students			



The NCAA

- Online at <u>www.NCAA.org</u>
- Eligibility center.
- Students must register with NCAA before an official visit.
- Specific courses required for eligibility.
- Online courses will not count toward eligibility.
- Michelle Leslie, Manual NCAA Contact
 - michelle.leslie@Jefferson.kyschools.us



- Carefully select a major because the courses you take may not count toward another major should you change your mind.
- Declaring a major might open up department specific scholarships.
- Declaring a major might place you in courses that will not count toward a degree if you change your mind, so if you're unsure, proceed with caution.

College Admissions Criteria By Importance

- Academic Rigor, Talent, and/or Mastery of Special Skills
- Cumulative GPA
- Grades in AP Courses
- Grades in College Prep Courses
- Grades in all other Courses
- ACT and SAT Test Scores
- Class Rank (JCPS stopped ranking students in the year 2000)
- Quality of Senior Year Program of Study

- Essay and Writing Samples
- Special Talents, Honors, Awards, etc.
- Counselor Recommendations
- Teacher Recommendations
- Interviews (if required)
- Leadership impact of student's involvement on school/community
- Community Service
- Work and Extra Curricular Activities,
 Internships, Participation in Summer
 Enrichment and Outreach Programs

Other College Admissions Criteria Considered

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Alumni Connection
- Cultural Awareness/Experiences
- First Generation to go to college from the family*
- Low-economic family background
- Underrepresented Minority
- Personal Disadvantage
- Personal Diversity
- Faculty/Staff Connection
- Military Veteran/Peace Corps, America Corps, etc.

- Overcoming Personal Adversity/Hardships
- Language Spoken at Home/ESL
- Frequent Moves/Many Different Schools
- Demonstrated Interest in the College Good
 Match
- Strong Personal Statement

GEOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATIONS

- In-State vs. Out of State/Country Resident
- From state with few or no previous applicants
- Economically Disadvantaged Region
- From a school with few or no previous applicants

One Ivy ranks each applicant in four categories; academic, extracurricular, athletic and personality

How do you communicate personality?

- * Student Essays
- * Teacher Letters
- * Counselor Letters
- * Extracurricular Activities
- * Visits (in person, skype, Google hangout, college f+airs)

When do colleges feel compelled to admit?

- * Student Essays (hardship, grit, failure, will to succeed)
- * Parent Level of Education
- * Teacher Letters
- * Counselor Letters
- * Public vs. Private High School
- * Parent Level of Education

Social Media – Email Address & College Applications

- Consider that the information posted on these sites is basically public domain.
- Your personal sites can be viewed by college admissions counselors, college professors, employers, as well as campus and local police.
- Make sure your email address is a professional or generic name and not something that causes one to pause and doubt your integrity or character.

How many schools?

1 dream (no regrets)

2 reach – in and out of

state

2 safety – at least one in state (KEES \$)

Improving a chance for admission:

- College Kickstart ED admit info for top 30 schools
- Common Data Set i.e. 'Vanderbilt Common Data Set –
 Gives ED #'s in order to calculate ED admit rates
- College Raptor Can pull a school's admitted students profile – i.e. 'Notre Dame Admitted Student Profile' – calculates odds of admission.
- IPEDS Find data from all colleges *geographical
 opportunities how many students from KY are on campus

Wish List Items to Consider:

- Honors Colleges
 - Honors Housing, Honors Seminars, Honors Advantages networking, etc.
- Travel/Study Abroad
- Renewable Scholarships
- Research at the Freshman Level
- Study Communities Housed by Majors/Areas of Interest
- Rock Star Effect One of the top students on a public school campus vs. one of the top students on an ivy/competitive campus with other top students.
- Freshman level courses taught by full professors, not graduate assistants (GA's)

The Academic Common Market

- You may be able to pay in-state tuition at an out-of-state school through the Academic Common Market.
- Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia participate at the undergraduate levels.

http://cpe.ky.gov/acm/apply-acm.html

Ky.gov An Official Website of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Apply for Academic Common Market

NEW PROGRAM GUIDELINE: Requests for program reviews will only be accepted from Sept.1 to Feb 1.

Before you download the application, read below.

Steps

 Apply to the school and the program that you are interested in. Before applying, <u>make sure the program is approved</u> for ACM. Once accepted into the program, you will need to submit a copy of your acceptance letter from the institution with your Kentucky Residency Determination application.

Academic Common Market

SREB Southern Regional **Education Board**



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Academic Common Market?

- The Academic Common Market is a tuition-savings program for college students in 15 SREB states, who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by their in-state institutions. Students can enroll in out-of-state institutions that offer their degree program and pay the institution's instate tuition rates. More than 1,900 undergraduate and graduate programs are available. Search programs available for your home state by clicking Search for Programs.
- The ACM program is not competitive or merit-based, but applicants must meet state residency and college program requirements.
- · The ACM reduces the unnecessary duplication of academic programs among participating states, recognizing that it is impractical for any institution or single state to develop or maintain degree programs in every field of knowledge.
- · It supports existing degree programs that have the capacity to serve additional students.
- · It provides access across state lines for programs not available in a student's home state.
- First-professional degree programs, such as law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and optometry, are not offered in the ACM and cannot be requested.
- · Some institutions and states may impose additional acceptance requirements, such as full-time enrollment status or GPA scores.

Contact ACM STAFF Student Access **Programs and Services** (404) 875-9211 x217 acm-rcp@sreb.org

- * 15 States
- * Degree not offered in state / some online classes
- * In-state tuition
- * Search for KY by clicking "Search for Programs"

The Common Application

- Available online at <u>www.commonapp.org</u>
- Approximately 600 schools, including many of the most selective liberal arts and national universities, accept the common application.
- The Common Application offers you the opportunity to fill out one application that can then be submitted to several member colleges all at the same time without having to fill out separate applications for each college.
- The Common Application if required by the University you are applying to is a very extensive application that requires several essays, counselor and teacher recommendations, and detailed information about a variety of subjects.
- Take your time and make this your best work possible.



The Coalition Application

- 90+ schools
- Participating must have 6 yr. federal graduation rate of 70%
- Also must meet the full demonstrated financial need of every domestic student they admit.
- Portfolio system that will most benefit students who begin the process during the freshman year.
- GOAL: To assist students who may have barriers to college by providing feedback beginning in grade 9. (Especially in schools with no counselors.) Offers online warehouse to begin storing and reviewing materials.
- http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/faq.html

Other online application software:

- SENDEDU
- APPLYWEB
- School specific applications i.e. MIT
- Supplements to the online application
- Be sure to note on the front of the red folder, or include, which online program/application was used so counselors know where to look.
- EX. SendEDU will ask that you print off a sheet and take it to your counselor. It has login information where counselors upload letters of recommendation, etc.

Take Precautions!!!

- Online applications can have a timed out feature save your work often so as not to loose all your hard work.
- Resist the temptation to impulsively hit the "send" or "submit" button until
 you have thoroughly proofread your application have at least one other
 person also check for typos, grammar, accuracy, etc.
- It is advised that you compose essays and personal statements offline and transfer them to your application after you have refined those responses.
- Review a printed copy of your work before submitting the final product and keep it for your own records.



Many schools will ask you to choose how you are applying:

Choices:

*Early Decision

*Early Action - applies on or before the first of November (sometimes Nov. 15) and receives an admission decision by the middle of December. Non-Binding

*Regular Decision

<u>Restrictive Early Action</u> – REA is a non-binding early action admission option in which a student may not apply to any other private schools' early program, a few exceptions (i.e. outside of U.S.).

<u>Early Decision II</u> - If a student does not get admitted to an ED college, the applicant can then apply ED II to another college with a later deadline.



- Both require students to apply by an early deadline usually between October 1st and December 1st.
- Decisions are usually rendered between December 15th and February 1st.
- Borderline students are usually deferred and considered with the regular applicant pool at a later date.

Early Decision - BEWARE!!!

- Early decision involves a BINDING DECISION to enroll of accepted you will have to attend
 that school regardless of other offers and without knowing any financial aid package that
 may or may not be offered.
- You may only apply to one school through Early Decision, and if accepted, you must withdraw your applications to all other schools.
- Early Decision offers a slight advantage of acceptance colleges usually accept a higher percentage of applicants than those that apply for regular decision colleges desire students that really want to attend their school and meet their criteria for admissions.
- Early Decision is a good option for admissible students with <u>LOW FINANCIAL NEED</u> who have a clear first choice school all others should be very CAUTIOUS!!!

Early Action

- Entails no commitment to enroll and therefore offers little advantage for admission.
- Early Action students, however, are often <u>first in line for merit scholarships</u> and housing.
- <u>Competition</u> in Early Action pools at highly selective schools is generally tougher than in the regular decision pool.
- Some Early Action colleges now ask that students apply early only to their institution, however, you may still apply regular decision to any other institution.

Rolling Admissions

- Colleges that use rolling admissions accept students who meet their entry requirements as they receive applications.
- These colleges usually accept students from September until July.
- Students receive a notice of acceptance anywhere from 2-3 weeks after they submit their application and all supporting documents.
- As the college fills up their slots for the freshman class, they can become more selective on who
 they accept the longer you wait to apply.
- Rolling Admissions colleges may award some of their available financial aid at the same time they are admitting students – so the amount of available financial aid may dwindle at the end of the admissions process.

Interviews

- Not automatic. You may need to request an interview.
- Try to relax.
- Dress professionally.
- Be on time.
- Be prepared to discuss two or three topics at length (your school, favorite subject, extra-curriculars, current events, favorite book).
- Do not misrepresent yourself don't tell them you like current events and then go blank when they ask you about the Supreme Court's latest decision or what your thoughts are about the civil war in a foreign country.
- Keep your cool and be yourself.
- Schools appreciate a demonstration of selflessness. How are you giving back?

Expect Probing Questions

- What books have you read lately? (make sure it's more than just Harry Potter).
- Why do you want to enroll here? (talk about a specific major program you want to be part of and what sets it apart from other colleges).
- What are your most important activities and why are they valuable to you?
- What would you add to the life at this college?
- What other colleges are you considering?



-Applications (do <u>not</u> write about a sports injury)

-Scholarships

May be able to use some essays for both. Be sure to check.

Essays that worked – Johns Hopkins



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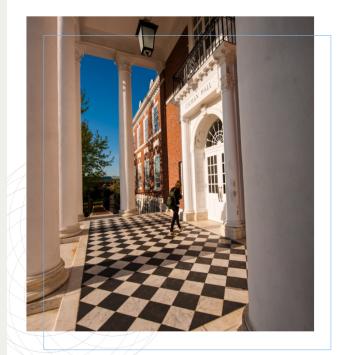
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ESSAYS THAT WORKED



THE ESSAYS

Inspiration for your most creative self

Insights from captivating minds

They can be the most important components of your application—the essays. It's a chance to add depth to something that is important to you and tell the admissions committee more about your background or goals. Test scores only tell part of your story, and we want to know more than just how well you work. We want to see how you actually think.

Below you'll find selected examples of essays that "worked," as nominated by our admissions committee. These entries are distinct and unique to the individual writer; however, each of them assisted the admissions reader in learning more about the student beyond the transcripts and lists of activities provided in their applications.

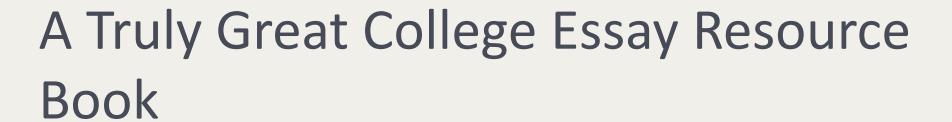
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Communicating Interest

A Few Ways to Communicate Interest Include:

- VISIT the college if you do not have a personal interview, stop by the admissions office and let them know you came. It is best to set up a formal "tour" and admissions session with an admissions counselor.
- If the college sends a rep to Manual, go to their session and communicate your interest.
- Attend a <u>college fair</u> in your local area and speak to the representative.
- Get a business card from any college rep you meet and write or email that person to <u>thank</u>
 <u>them</u> and emphasize your interest.
- Note in your application that a particular college is your <u>first choice school and note the</u> <u>specific program</u> that attracts you to the school.
- Make sure your email address stays the same throughout the college application process if it changes tell the colleges.



Visit protocol

Inform teacher 2 classes prior to mtg

Note from parent

Follow-up

Email thank you with memorable piece of discussion during meeting

Listing Activities

- Always list activities from most important to least important.
- The ones that are significant, as evidenced by <u>leadership and time commitment</u>, will be obvious.
- Marginal activities should be de-emphasized.
- Don't make a big production out of honors from companies that put your picture in a book and then ask you to buy it.
- Follow the college's preferred format for listing activities.
- If the space is too small, attach extra sheets where necessary as supplemental material, especially when activities of in-depth involvement need further explanation.

What Are Admissions Counselors Looking For In The Letter of Recommendation???

<u>Illustrative examples or anecdotes that support evidence of the following:</u>

- Character
- <u>Civic and Cultural Awareness</u> Diverse Perspectives Tolerance
- Commitment
- Intellectual Independence Enthusiasm for Learning Risk Taking
- Creativity Artistic Talent, Innovation
- Concern for Others Concern for the Community
- Motivation Determination Grit Effort Initiative Persistence Tenacity
- Leadership Potential Maturity Responsibility

Questions The Admissions Committee May Ask Themselves When Reading Your Recommendations

- What two or three things have you learned about the applicant through the recommendation?
- How positive or enthusiastic is the recommendation?
- Is there information that will help the admission committee determine how capable the student is of meeting the academic demands of the college?
- Is this a student that can bring something unique and fresh to our campus?
- Is this student going to be a good college roommate for his/her peers?

Teacher Recommendations

- Most applications only request one teacher recommendation.
- Ask teachers early the deadline to get on a teacher's recommendation list is
 September 1.
- Many teachers will limit the number of letters they write.
- Make a folder for each teacher exactly like the red counselor folder (more information to follow later in this PowerPoint).
- Remember to give teachers <u>at least 10 school days</u> notice from the date the recommendation must be mailed/submitted. Provide them with your teacher Red Folder at least 10 days before they must submit or mail. Even more prior notice would be especially appreciated.
- If the recommendation is to be mailed provide the teacher with an addressed, stamped envelope,
 along with any specific form that must be filled out.

Mid-Year Reports and Final Transcripts

- Some colleges (and all that use the Common Application) require a mid-year report and all colleges require a final transcript.
- Colleges want to make sure you continue to excel in your classes and that your schedule remains
 the same as you report at the time of your application.
- Mid-Year Reports are available in mid-January and reflect all the courses and grades you took senior year first semester.
- Final Transcripts are available in mid-June and reflect all the courses and grades you took senior year second semester.
- These reports are not sent automatically you must remind your counselor during the second week of January and the end of the year to send them if your college requires it.
- We will send final transcripts no later than two weeks after school is out in June to the one school you tell us you will be attending.



- ACT scores are listed on the Parchment transcript.
- However, colleges and universities require official scores.
- Official scores must be sent directly from The College Board (for SAT) and ACT for ACT scores.
- You may have requested for schools to receive scores when you took the ACT.
- If not, log on to the College Board website or the ACT website and send them.
- There is a fee.

Parent Questionnaire

- www.dupontmanual.com
- Click Counseling Corner
- Located in left corner of the screen.



Counselors Recommendation Letters:

At least 10 school days to process a red folder.

https://www.fairopportunityproject.org/

From A-Z, The Entire Application Process.

All in one place.



The following guide is the product of 20+ college students, 250 high school counselors, and numerous advisors in the education space. The first iteration was sent to every publicly listed school in the U.S.A. and, since then, has been continuously improved using feedback from students, parents, and counselors.

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