

Whetstone High School Senior College Meeting

WELCOME!

Please take one chromebook, sign in and
pick up any required handouts.

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Stay Connected: Receive Announcements (start TODAY)

- ☐ **Braves Bulletin:** Send an email to bravesbulletin@gmail.com
- ☐ **Remind:** Send a message “@brave2019” to 81010, be sure to reply with your name and role (student or parent)
- ☐ **Naviance:** Add your email to Naviance account to receive email updates.

Tonight's Topics

1. College Search
2. Where To Start and What To Do Now
3. College Applications
 - a. Common Application vs Institutional Applications
4. Paying for College
 - a. FAFSA & Financial Aid (Scholarships, Grants & Loans)
5. Naviance & Tools
6. Questions and Time to Work on Naviance and Common App with the Experts!

The College Search....

Finding the Right “Fit”

- Know yourself (Do you want to leave Columbus, Go out of state)
- Know the College Specifics (Do they offer my major?)
- College Visits (You should be visiting schools on weekends or days we have off school.)
- Use College Search Websites such as Naviance, Niche, etc
- Choose a college to visit in the following categories:
 - ☐ Large Public University
 - ☐ Large Private University
 - ☐ Small Private University
 - ☐ Community College

Through the College Visit and/or Research.... Learn about College Specifics:

Location

Size

Majors

Cost

Programs

Selectivity

Culture/Climate

Retention/Graduation Rate



CALTECH



College Visits & College Rep Visits

- Talk to College Reps during **visits to WHS & College Fairs**
 - We have over 30 colleges reps coming to Whetstone. → You must sign up on **sign up using Naviance!**
- Read Announcements/Updates we send out
- **Go visit** schools. We have options to visit Capital, OSU Newark and Otterbein! Make your own visits on days off school or weekends.
- Talk with faculty and students

Creating Your College List

- Apply to 4 to 7 colleges/ universities.
- Make sure you include “reach, comfort and safety schools”
- Affordability?
- Seek advice from trusted adults
- Complete college match activities, and do your own research (don’t just rely on friends)



Creating Your College List



- **Reach Schools:** Student may fall within the academic profile of the college, but the admit rate is very low; OR student's academic profile may be below the college's averages for their admitted students
- **Good-Fit:** Student falls within the academic profile of the college's admitted students and the admit rate of the college is not highly selective
- **Safety Schools:** Student exceeds the academic profile of the college's admitted students and the college is not highly selective

The Application

What's Important to Colleges?

- ❑ Challenging courses (transcript)
- ❑ GPA
- ❑ Admissions Tests (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests)
- ❑ Meaningful extracurricular activities, community service, work experiences
- ❑ Essay(s) & Short Answers
- ❑ Recommendations – Teachers and School Counselor
- ❑ Development
- ❑ Music/Art

Applications!

APPLY
ONLINE!

Types of Applications

- **The Common Application:** 750+ Colleges nationwide
commonapp.org
- **Institutional Apps:** Apply directly, some colleges use their own college application
- **Common Black College App** - 58 HBCUs on 1 application
commonblackcollegeapp.com

College Application Fees? How to pay:

- You pay fee when submit applications OR
- Use Application fee *waivers if qualify*
- IKIC application *payments (3 applications)*
- Free application offers
- Common Black College App: \$35 one time



Applications!

Examples of...

Ohio Colleges on Common App

- The Ohio State University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Otterbein University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Kenyon College
- Denison University
- Ohio University
- Bowling Green State University
- Baldwin Wallace



Ohio Colleges that require (accept) Institutional Application

- Columbus State Community College
- OSU Regional Campuses: Newark, Marion, Lima, etc.
- Ohio University
- Wright State University
- Central Ohio Technical College

Chris Columbus
First Year applicant

Ohio State University

Supplement to the Common Application

Check Errors & Save
Print Preview
SUBMIT

Personal Information

Full Name

Last name

First Name

Middle Name

Date of Birth

MM/DD/YYYY

Enrollment Information

Are you applying as a:

Morrill Scholars Program

The Morrill Scholars Program is one of Ohio State's premier scholarship opportunities offered through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion that seeks to reward leadership and academic excellence through diversity. In addition to scholarship funding, this program provides cultural enrichment, service opportunities, and personal and professional development. Applicants must be admitted for autumn semester and be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States. Learn more about the Morrill Scholars Program: <http://odi.osu.edu/future-students/morrill-scholars-program/morrill-scholars-program/index.php>.

Do you want to be considered for the Morrill Scholars Program?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, then respond to the following question in 350 words or less:

How have you fostered a community of intercultural awareness, leadership, academic excellence, and inclusion in your school or community? Include one example that demonstrates how you have been an advocate for the principles of equality and democracy.

To upload a document in response to this question, please click the 'upload' button below. If your upload is successful, you will see a 'view document' button and a 'delete' button appear next to the question.

Upload Document

OSU
Supplement
to the
Common
Application

THE COMMON
APPLICATION

Where To Start and What To Do Now

- *Sign Up for ACT/SAT if you need to take it again*
- *Send official test scores to colleges (if needed)*
- *Update “Colleges I am Applying to” on Naviance*
- *Create a resume, listing your experiences*
- *Request Letter of Recommendations*

2018-2019 Test Dates

SAT

*October 6, 2018
November 3, 2018
December 1, 2018
March 9, 2019

ACT

October 27, 2018
December 8, 2018
February 9, 2019

Register
by Sept 28!



**These are the last test dates that meet November 1 deadlines (OSU)!*

- **Why retest?** A few schools use superscoring (combine best sub-scores).
- Registration deadlines are 5 weeks before tests- **register early!**
- **Test fee waivers** for students who qualify as economically disadvantaged*
- ****NEW**** Test Prep Packs available online (see Mr. Rohrer)
- Test optional colleges <http://www.fairtest.org/>

Sending Your Scores

- Send all scores- Most colleges will use your best scores from one test administration date; a few will use super-scoring; some require a complete test history
- Many colleges require that you send scores directly from ACT/SAT, not on a school transcript
- Score Choice – gives option to send ACT and SAT scores by test date, and SAT Subject Test scores by individual test.
- **You are Responsible for Sending Test Scores:** If you wait to send scores to colleges until applying senior year, make sure to **send score reports at least 2 weeks before deadlines!**

SAT Subject Tests

- One hour/multiple choice test on one of 20 different subjects.
- Required/Recommended by *some selective* colleges and programs for admission.
- Some colleges accept the ACT instead of the SAT Reasoning + Subject Tests
- Opportunity to provide additional standardized testing results
- **PRACTICE TESTS AVAILABLE**
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests/subjects>

Resume: Meaningful Extracurricular Activities & Experiences

- Passionate involvement in a few activities, demonstrating leadership and initiative
- Community service
- Work or out-of-school experiences (including summer) that illustrate responsibility, dedication, and development of areas of interest
- That Extra “Something”

Letters of Recommendation

Teacher Recommendations:

- Do not send more than what the college is asking for! Check Naviance for the number of recs required or allowed per school.
- Recommendations can come from Columbus City Schools Staff or Coach - *Who knows me best?*
- Make sure you give staff information about you. Give them a resume or use a Teacher Rec form we provide.

School Counselor Evaluations/Recommendations:

- Your School Counselor will likely need to write an evaluation/recommendation to support many colleges' applications. Use the Counselor rec form to provide additional information.

Tools & Resources



- Naviance / Family Connection!
Connection.Naviance.com/Whetstone
- College Board (SAT, AP & My College QuickStart)
www.collegeboard.org
- College Search sites:
Ex: Niche.com, PrincetonReview.com, Scion.com
- ACT website (View/Send Scores, Prep, Register)
www.actstudent.org
- Your School Counselor & IKIC Advisor

Paying for College



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Need-Based Merit-Based

☐ Awarded based on the financial need of the family and/or student

☐ Student's Income

☐ Parent's Income

☐ Parent's & Student's assets and savings

☐ Number of people in the household

☐ Number from household enrolled in College

☐ Awarded based on a student's ability, talent or other criteria

☐ GPA (Grade Point Average)

☐ Standardized Test (ACT, SAT)

☐ Rigor of Coursework (Honors, AP, College Course)

☐ Extracurricular activities

FAFSA

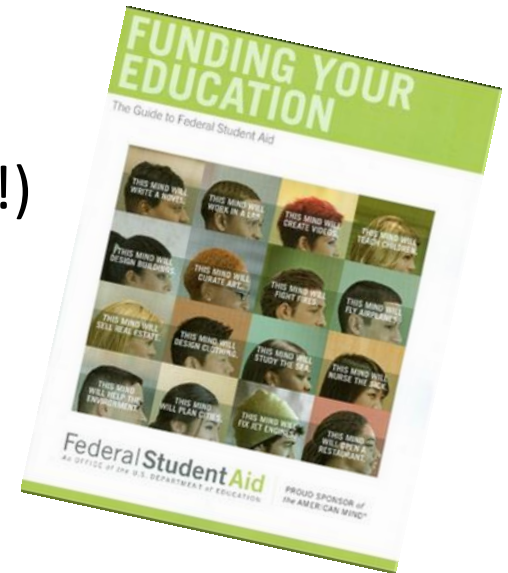
FREE Application for Federal Student Aid

Class of 2019

- file AFTER **October 1, 2018**
- use 2017 tax information
- [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) (2019-2020 School Year!)

What will you need:

- 2017 Tax Return
- Social Security Number (Student & Parents)
- Parent FSA ID (if already created)



Attend FAFSA Night Workshop at Whetstone on
November 5th, 2018

Goal: Complete FAFSA by Nov 20, 2018

Paying for College



Scholarships

Merit Scholarships

Departmental Scholarships

External Scholarships
(i.e. Founders Scholarship)

Grants

Pell Grant (Federal)
Max about \$6000 a year

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (Federal)
Varies at Institution

Ohio College Opportunity Grant (State)
Max about \$1200 a year

I Know I Can Grant (External)
Max about \$1200 a year

Loans

Federal Subsidized Loans
(interest free while enrolled)

Federal Unsubsidized Loan
(interest accrues while student enrolled)

Federal Parent Plus Loan
(Loan in parent name to help with student education)

Private/Alternative Loan
(Loan provided from external source i.e. Bank)

Employment

Federal Work Study
(employed by the school, paid with gov't funds)

On/Off Campus Jobs
(employed by the school or a local job)

Paying for Different Types of Colleges

- ★ Ohio Public Universities
- ★ Out-of-State Universities
- ★ Private Colleges and Universities
- ★ Community Colleges & Transfer Programs
- ★ Midwest Student Exchange Program
- ★ Other Out-of-State Colleges that provide In-State Tuition



Use a **Net Price Calculator** to estimate how much colleges will cost. Go to:

<https://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx>

Paying for College: Scholarships

- ★ Academics
- ★ Athletics
- ★ Arts & Talents
- ★ Career Plans/Interests
- ★ Community Service
- ★ Leadership
- ★ Underrepresented Students



Applying for Scholarships

- ★ Universities/College website
- ★ WHS Senior Update Newsletter
- ★ Naviance
- ★ Columbus Foundation ScholarLink
- ★ Fastweb.com/ Cappex
- ★ Personal/family connections
- ★ Special Programs: Columbus Denison Alliance Scholarship, IKIC Founders' Scholarships
- ★ Military



Paying for College

Assistance Available.....



I Know I Can (for CCS families)!

- IKIC Grant
- Founders' Scholarship
- Pay for up to 3 College Application fees

Other Post-High School Options...

- Career/Tech Programs
- Apprenticeships: “the other four-year degree!”
- Military- Be sure to speak to your School Counselor and **Sign Up for the ASVAB.**
- Gap Year
- Work (some employers such as FedEx offer tuition assistance for college)
- Service: ex: Americorps



Naviance

Naviance is used for the following purposes during your Senior Year:

- Researching Colleges
- Listing “Colleges I Am Applying To”
- Matching Your Common App
- Requesting Transcripts
- Requesting Teacher Letter of Recommendations
- Signing up for College Rep Visits
- Researching Scholarships

<https://student.naviance.com/whetstone>

→ Task Timeline: Class of 2019

October- December 2018

- ☐ Family meeting to discuss finances and paying for college
- ☐ Draft of Common App Essay (Should already be done) & have 3 adults proofread
- ☐ Take another ACT or SAT (if needed) & Send Scores
- ☐ Meet w/ School Counselor for Graduation and College (sign Grad Agreement)
- ☐ Sign up for at least 2 College Rep visits at WHS in the Fall
- ☐ Create a list of 4-7 colleges you are considering
- ☐ Complete all applications for colleges
- ☐ Attend FAFSA Night IKIC Workshops in Fall
- ☐ FAFSA completion goal is November 20, 2018

→ Task Timeline: Class of 2019

January- April 2019

- ☐ Complete Scholarship Applications
- ☐ Compare all financial aid packages
- ☐ Decide on the college you will attend
- ☐ Forward Mid-Year Report Requests to your Counselor
- ☐ Give your School Counselor a copy of all Acceptance Letters, Award offers (even if you're not taking them!)
- ☐ Meet with College Financial Aid Office(s) to go over any questions

→ Task Timeline: Class of 2019

May - August 2019

- ☐ Complete Scholarship Applications
- ☐ Send Official College Transcripts (we can't do this for you)
- ☐ Request Final High School Transcript for your college of attendance when you complete the Senior Exit Survey on Naviance
- ☐ Notify Colleges by their deadline if you are planning to attend
- ☐ Pay Enrollment Deposits, Complete Housing steps
- ☐ Give all scholarship offers and college admission decisions to your school counselor (they don't tell us!)



Questions?

