Surviving the College Application Process

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM GLENELG STUDENT SERVICES
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Senior Conferences

- Schedule with counselor
- Parents invited
- Don’t delay
How many schools should a student apply to?

- Choose 6 – 8 schools that “fit”
- Think about:
  - Does the school have my academic major?
  - Can my family afford the tuition?
  - How far will I be from home?
  - Will I enjoy the campus setting and layout?
  - Does the school have the extracurricular activities I want?
- Still not sure???
  - Talk to the school counselor
HCC Programs to Consider

- Freshman Focus
- Silas Craft
- Rouse, Schoenbredt and STEM Scholars

Visit [www.howardcc.edu](http://www.howardcc.edu) for deadlines & applications
Dates & Deadlines

- Many schools have early action and priority deadlines as early as Oct. 15, Nov. 1 or Dec. 1
  - University of MD College Park
    - November 1\textsuperscript{st} – Priority Consideration Deadline
- Howard Community College (Application fees waived until January 15, 2018)
  - Freshman Focus – March 15, 2018
  - Rouse, Schoenbrodt and STEM Scholars – November 15, 2017
  - Silas Craft – March 15, 2018
- December 1\textsuperscript{st} – priority scholarship deadline at MANY universities
Where to find a college application

- Common Application
  www.commonapp.org
- College Website
- Coalition Application
- Paper versions rarely used
We need a few volunteers from the audience for a quick activity!
Factors in the admissions process

- Grades/GPA
- Curriculum Strength
- Recommendations
- Class Rank

- SAT & ACT Scores
- Essay/Personal Statement
- Extracurricular
- Interviews (if applicable)
- Portfolio
Application Requirements

- Completed Application - Student
- SAT and ACT Scores - Student
  - MUST be sent electronically by student.
- Transcript – GHS Student Services
- Letters of Recommendation
  - Counselor & Teacher(s)
- Essay
- Interview (optional for some colleges)

Details of Application Process on GHS Website
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Sending SAT & ACT Scores

- Must be sent electronically from
  - www.collegeboard.com
  - www.actstudent.org
- HCPSS does not send test scores
The College Essay

- Voice
- Most (but not all) Schools will require
- College Essay Workshops
  Where: Media Center
  When: Wednesday, October 4
  When: Wednesday, October 18
  Time: 2:10-3:30pm

*Sign up on Naviance Family Connection under “view all upcoming college visits”*
High School Transcript

- Unofficial transcripts - September
- Rank – Early October
- Weighted and Unweighted GPA
- Final grades from all courses 9 – 11
- Senior year schedule
- Mid and End of year reports
Transcript Request Form

- Submit to Mrs. Thorne in Student Services
- Parent Signature Required
- Include...
  - First three transcripts free
  - $2 per transcript after (cash or check made out to GHS)
- Allow 20 school days for requests
  - A deadline cheat sheet provided in senior folders
Return to Student Services with $2 per transcript after first three!
Electronic Submission: What Gets Sent?

- A certified copy of your high school transcript which includes your current schedule
- Glenelg High School Profile
- Letter of recommendation from counselor (if requested)

ALL TRANSCRIPTS, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS WILL BE SENT THROUGH NAVIANCE
Teacher Recommendations

1. Personally ask teachers
2. Complete teacher information form or provide information teacher requests
3. Submit yellow teacher request form (hard copy) to teacher
4. Request teacher on Naviance after transcripts requests are submitted
5. Write a thank you note!
Complete & return to each of your teachers 20 days in advance.
Inviting Teachers on Naviance

Colleges tab
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Colleges I’m Applying To
  ▼

Under “Teacher Recommendations” click in “add/cancel requests”
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Use the drop down menu to select teacher(s)
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Click “Update Requests” button to finalize requests
Common Application can be sent to over 500 schools. Students must create a Common App Account and “Match” it with their Naviance account.
Technology’s Impact on College Admissions
Naviance Family Connection

family connection

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search for colleges:

resources
- test scores

my colleges
- colleges I'm thinking about
- colleges I'm applying to

Upcoming college visits
- 09/13/13 Morehouse College [details]
- 09/16/13 University of Maryland, College Park [details]
- 09/20/13 Duke University [details]

view all upcoming college visits

college research
- SuperMatch™ college search
- college match
- college lookup
- college search

- college resources
- college maps
- scattergrams
- enrichment programs

scholarships & money
- scholarship match
- scholarship applications
Scholarships

- Merit scholarships awarded with initial application
  - www.meritaid.com
- Scholarship Bulletin in Student Services
- Check Naviance Family Connection

Other sites to check:
- bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- www.fastweb.com
- Parent employer
- Google special talents or interests and “scholarships”
Financial Aid & Naviance Support

- Naviance Support for parents available during parent teacher conferences in November.
- Be aware of impact of deadlines for college applications and FAFSA.
Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Apply now for FASFA pin number
  - Available for completion October 1
  - www.fafsa.ed.gov
  - HCC will support FAFSA completion regardless of school attending

Some websites to visit:
- www.MDgo4it.org
- www.finaid.org
- www.mhec.state.md.us

Also resources in Student Services
October 13, 2017 — Contact Ms. Miles at 410-313-5535 to schedule an appointment for HCC to help you complete the FAFSA.

Families (Parent and Student) should start by requesting a FSA ID here: https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm that will serve as an electronic signature throughout the process.

Then beginning on October 1, students should begin their FAFSA. https://fafsa.ed.gov/
College Visits to Glenelg

- Check schedule of college rep visits to GHS in Naviance and newsletter
- **Students Sign up on Naviance Family Connection account**
Baltimore National College Fair

October 30, 2017 9 am-12pm;
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
October 31, 2016
9:00 am-11:30 am

Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, MD