Surviving the College Application Process

College Bound... through a Mother's eyes

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM GLENELG STUDENT SERVICES
Student Services

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- Ms. Sandy Miles, Secretary
Senior Conferences

- We are available to help guide students and parents through the process
How many schools should a student apply to?

- Choose 6 – 8 schools that are a “good 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, Schoenbrodt 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 1st – Priority Consideration Deadline
  - Howard Community College (Application fees waived until January 15, 2018)
    - Rouse, Schoenbrodt and STEM Scholars – December 1st, 2019 = Priority Deadline
  - Freshman Focus – March 15, 2019
    - Silas Craft – March 15, 2019
  - December 1st – priority scholarship deadline at MANY universities
Where to find a college application

- College Website
- Common Application [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Coalition Application
- Paper versions rarely used

* See student specific presentation for important submission information regarding Common App and Coalition Applications
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

* Last year class rank will be calculated by the county
Requirements Parts to an Application

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

Details of Application Process on GHS Website
Last Minute Admissions Testing

ACT
October 26
December 14
February 8

SAT
October 5
November 2
December 7
March 14

act.org
collegeboard.com
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, Oct. 2nd
  When: Wednesday, October 23rd
  Time: 2:10-3:30pm

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

- Unofficial transcripts - Available now
- Class 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 *directly* to Mrs. Hooks in Student Services
- Parent Signature Required
- Associated Costs…
  - 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
Transcript/Student Records Request

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<th>College/University</th>
<th>College is located</th>
<th>Application Deadline Date</th>
<th>Application Deadline Type (EA, RD, Regular, Rolling, etc.)</th>
<th>Are you using the Common App (Y/N)</th>
<th>Do you need a Counselor Letter of Recommendation (Y/N)</th>
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Release of Student Records

The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts, including mid-year reports and other student records can be released to a third party.

I give approval to have transcripts and other student records sent by U.S. Mail or transmitted electronically to those listed above when a request to do so is made by my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: [ ] Date: _____/_____/_____

Signature of Student: [ ] Date: _____/_____/_____

Transcript Fee: 1-3: $0; 4+: $2.00 per transcript to be paid at the time of request.

Please allow 20 school days to process transcript requests.

*Consult your application oradmission to confirm type and match to deadline dates:

- Early Action (usually non-binding)
- Early Decision (usually binding)

Office of School Counseling and Related Services/SH

Return to Student Services with $2 per transcript after first three!
Electronic Submission: What Gets Sent by GHS?

ALL TRANSCRIPTS & LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS WILL BE SENT THROUGH NAVIANCE

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

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

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### Teacher Recommendation Request Form

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<th>Do you need the letter mailed? (Write Y if your college has a stamp icon in Naviance)</th>
<th>Are you using the Common Application? (Y or N)</th>
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Signature of Parent/Guardian: ____________________________ Date: __/__/____

Student Signature: ____________________________ Date: __/__/____

Note for teachers: If a student requests additional recommendations from colleges not on this list, they must provide you with another Teacher Recommendation Request Form with appropriate signatures.
Inviting Teachers on Naviance

“Colleges” tab

Click “Home” on the Colleges tab

Scroll down to Apply to Colleges section and click “Letters of Recommendation”

Use the drop down menu to select teacher(s)

Click “Update Requests” button to finalize requests
The 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
Student Services Website

Glenelg High School

Student Services

- College Planning
- College Process Timeline
- College Planning: FAQ
- College Admissions Standardized Tests
- Transcript and Letter Request Guidelines
- Self-Help/Wellness Resources

IMPORTANT NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Student Newspaper 17-18.**
  Coming soon with the start of the new school year! Ongoing.

- **Glenelg's Daily Announcements**
  View a daily announcements slideshow from our school.

- **Science Opportunities. Ongoing.**
  Learn more about the latest and ongoing opportunities in Science for students.
Naviance Family Connection: Scattergrams

(Towson University Example)
Scholarships

- Merit scholarships awarded with initial application
- Scholarship Bulletin in Student Services
- College specific scholarship binder
- Check Naviance Family Connection

Other sites to check:

- www.meritaid.com
- bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Your college applications website
- 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
  - Application available online 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
Additional Financial Aid Info

FAFSA Overview, Centenniel High School, 9/26/19 - 7pm, auditorium

FAFSA workshops being held at GHS Wednesday, October 2nd

Call Sandy Miles to schedule 410-313-5535

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/
Check schedule of college rep visits to GHS in Naviance and newsletter

Students Sign up on Naviance Family Connection account
Meeting College Admissions Officers: Students Sign up on Naviance in College’s Tab

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Baltimore National College Fair

October 21, 2019
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

October 21, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

October 22, 2019
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, MD
Questions???