

Surviving the College Application Process



WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM GLENELG STUDENT SERVICES

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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 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
- Coalition Application
- Paper versions rarely used



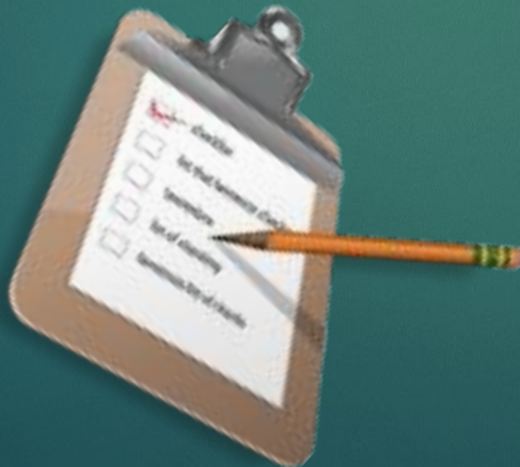
* See student specific presentation for important submission information regarding Common App and Coalition Applications

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



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, 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



Teachers Writing Your Letters of Recommendation

*Consult your application or Newsletter to confirm type and cutoff to deadline date
 All-Early Action (usually non-binding)
 ED-Early Decision (usually binding)

**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**



Teacher Recommendation Request Form

Date Received from Student: _____

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Name of College/University	Application Deadline Date	Do you need the letter mailed? (Write Y if your college has a stamp icon in Naviance)	Are you using the Common Application? (Y or N)	For Teacher Use: Date Letter Sent

Release of Student Records

The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts and other student records can be released to a third party. I have completed the Waiver of Right to Access Teacher Letters of Recommendation Form and have ☐ waived my rights ☐ not waived my rights to examine a copy of the letter. 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: ____/____/____

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.

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Inviting Teachers on Naviance

“Colleges” tab



Click “Home” on the Colleges tab



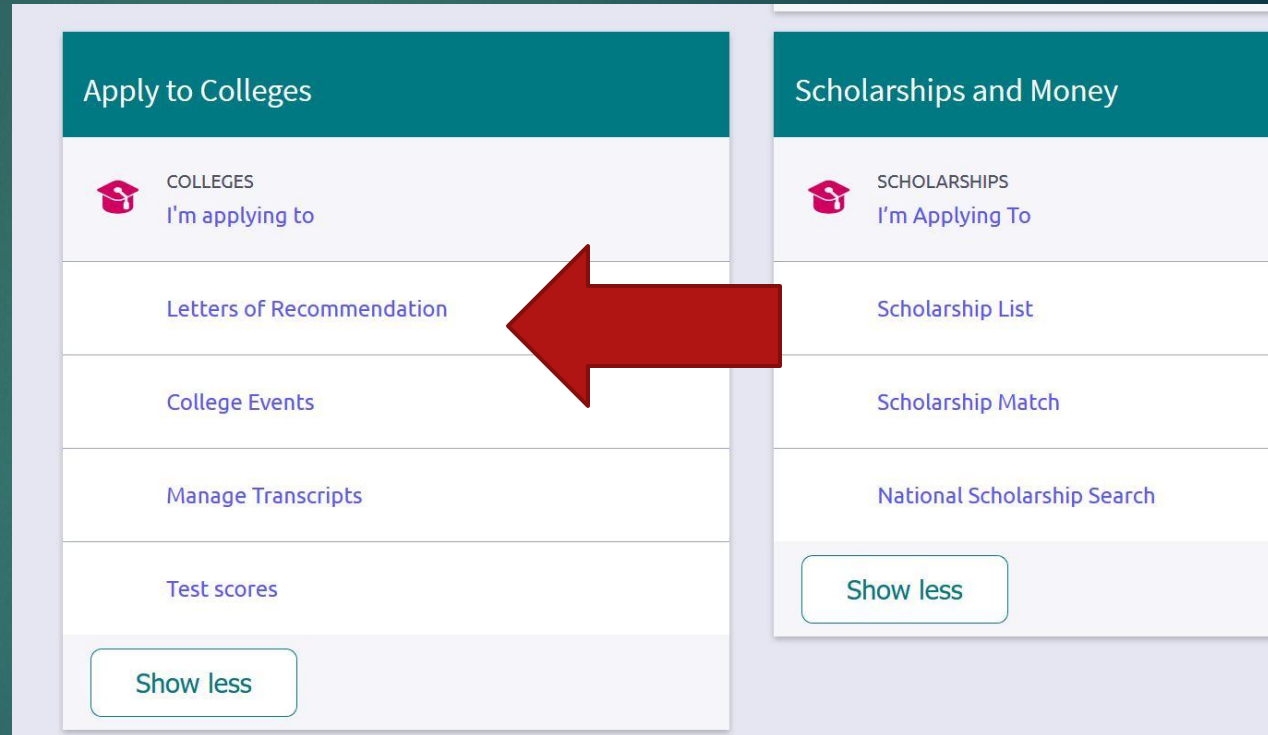
Scroll down to Apply to Colleges section and click “Letters of Recommendation”



Use the drop down menu to select teacher(s)



Click “Update Requests” button to finalize requests



The Common Application

The screenshot displays the Common Application website. At the top, the logo "THE COMMON APPLICATION" is on the left, and navigation links "About Us", "Member Colleges", "Media Inquiries", and "Application Resources" are on the right. Below the navigation bar, the "MISSION" section on the left describes the organization's purpose. The central area features a login form with tabs for "Applicants", "Members", and "Recommenders". The "Applicants" tab is active, showing fields for "Email Address" and "Password", a "Sign In" button, and a link for "Forgot your Password?". To the right of the login fields are two buttons: "HELP CENTER" and "CREATE AN ACCOUNT", each with a "Go" button. At the bottom left, there is a "SEARCH FOR COLLEGES" section with a search bar and a "Search" button.

THE COMMON APPLICATION

About Us Member Colleges Media Inquiries Application Resources

MISSION

The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that, since its founding over 35 years ago, has been committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. We serve students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing applications that students and school officials may submit to any of our over 500 members. Membership is open to colleges and universities that promote access by evaluating students using a holistic selection process.

SEARCH FOR COLLEGES

Type college name here Search

Applicants Members Recommenders

Email Address

Password

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Sign In

HELP CENTER **Go**

CREATE AN ACCOUNT **Go**

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

[Contact Us](#) [Search](#)



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[Transcript and Letter Request Guidelines](#)

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IMPORTANT NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Newspaper 17-18.

Coming soon with the start of the new school year! Ongoing.

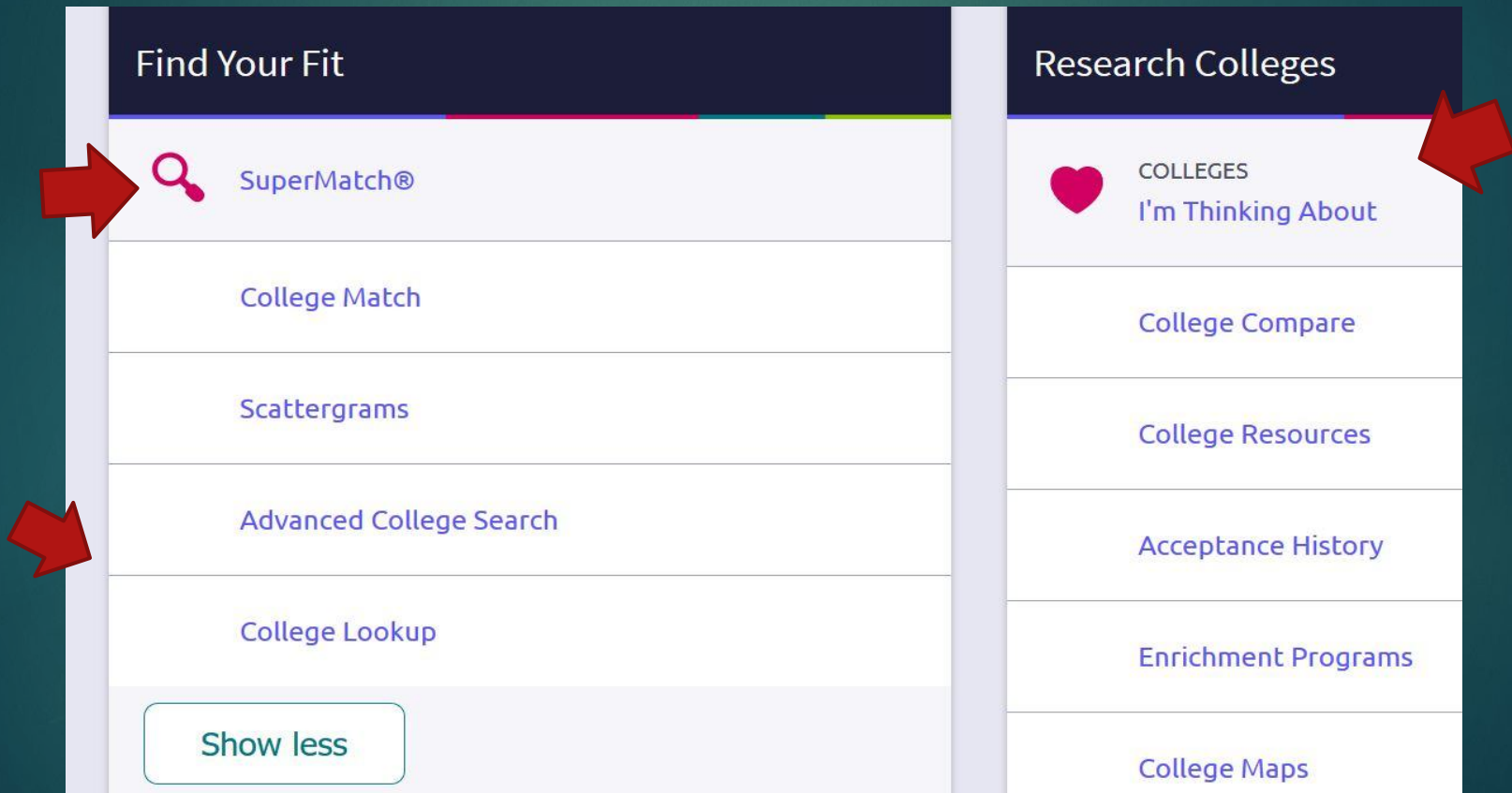
Glenelg's Daily Announcements

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 Connections





The screenshot displays the Naviance Family Connections interface, divided into two main sections: "Find Your Fit" and "Research Colleges".

Find Your Fit

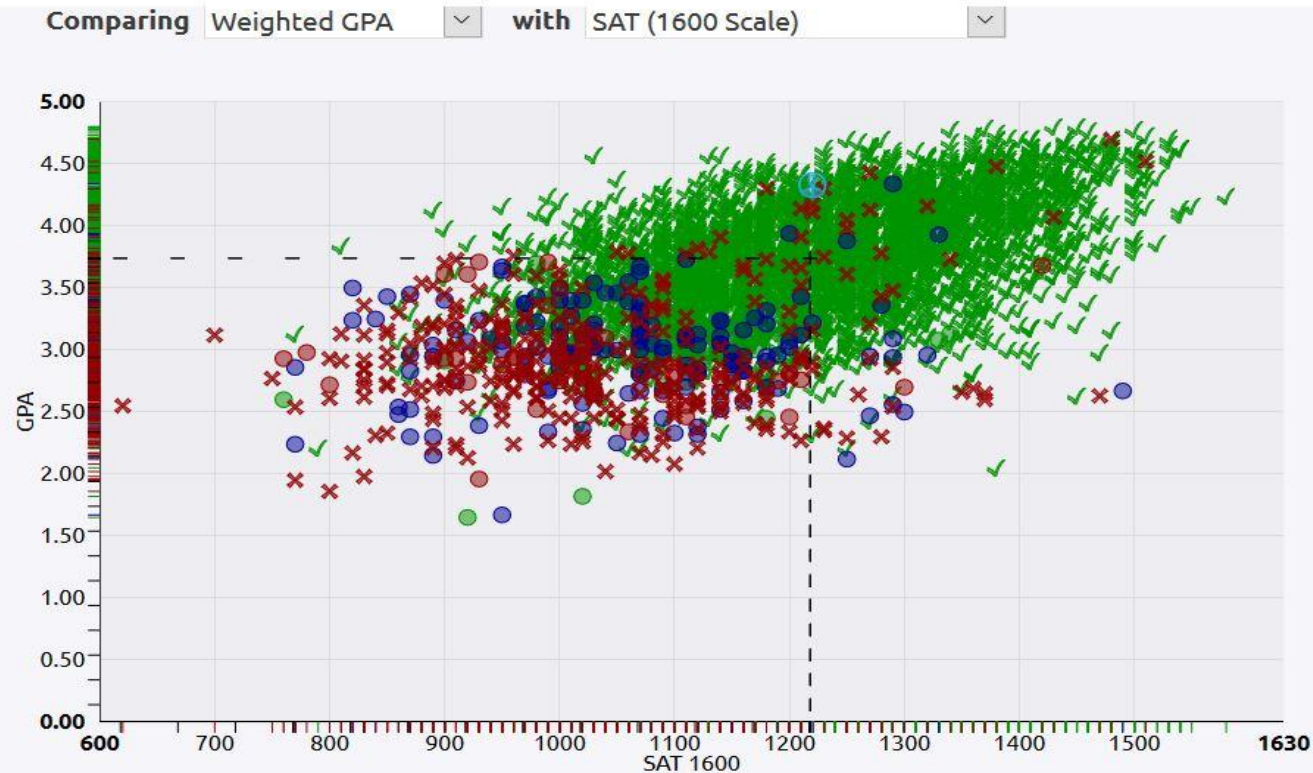
-   [SuperMatch®](#)
- [College Match](#)
- [Scattergrams](#)
-  [Advanced College Search](#)
- [College Lookup](#)
- [Show less](#)

Research Colleges

-   [COLLEGES I'm Thinking About](#)
- [College Compare](#)
- [College Resources](#)
- [Acceptance History](#)
- [Enrichment Programs](#)
- [College Maps](#)

Naviance Family Connection: Scattergrams

(Towson University Example)

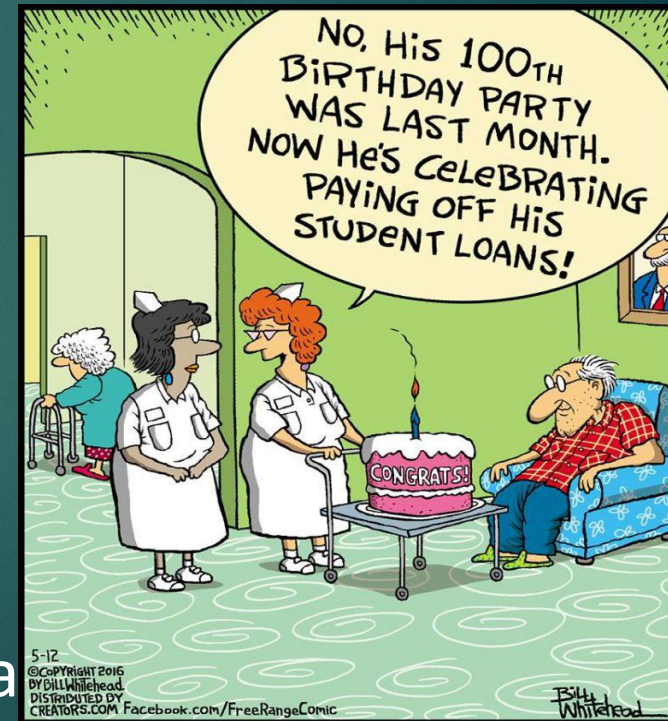


Scholarships

- ▶ 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 a



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, Centennial 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/>

College Visits to Glenelg

- ▶ 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

<p>Tue, Sep 10 7:00 PM MDT</p>	<p>Boston University Boston University Paradise Valley Reception 📍 Paradise Valley</p>
<p>Wed, Sep 11 7:00 PM EDT</p>	<p>Southern Methodist University SMU Comes to You Charlotte! 📍 Charlotte, NC</p>
<p>Wed, Sep 11 6:30 PM CDT</p>	<p>Southern Methodist University St. Louis SMU Comes to You! 📍 Saint Louis , MO</p>
<p>Thu, Sep 12 8:43 AM EDT</p>	<p>Gannon University Bishop Watterson High School Visit 📍 Columbus, OH</p>

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???

