



Post High School Planning

Class of 2025

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Attendees will become familiar with:

- Post secondary options
- Steps necessary to request letters of recommendations and transcripts

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- [March2Future](#)
- [Post High School Google Calendar](#)
- [Senior College Folder](#)
- [Studentaid.gov](#)
- [College Essay Guy](#)
- [GHS website: Student Services Tab](#)
- [Canvas Post High School Planning Tab](#)
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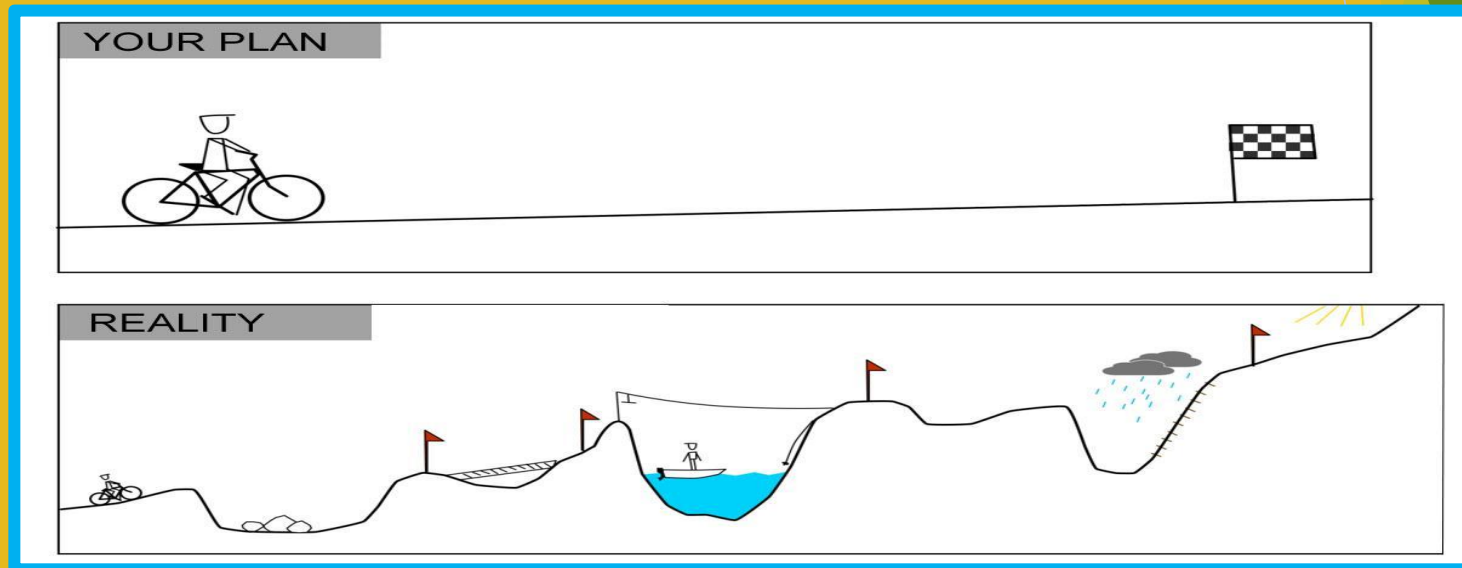
PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE



DID YOU KNOW?

- ❑ Over 40% of people do not pursue a career that matches their college major.
- ❑ Average person will change their career 5-7 times over course of life

What does this mean for you?



ARMED FORCES

- Education credits
- Travel
- Medical/dental care, 30 days paid vacation
- Leadership/discipline

TWO/FOUR YEAR COLLEGE

- Learning opportunities
- Further education
- Build independence
- Internships
- Certification

Find Your Purpose - Create Your Own Path

APPRENTICESHIP/TRADE

- On-the-job training w/pay
- Career mentor
- Hands-on careers
- Job search support

JOB WITH BENEFITS

- Instant pay
- Flexibility in schedule
- Experience
- Time to explore interests

MILITARY/ARMED FORCES

Benefits

- Education Credits
- Travel
- Medical/dental care
- 30 days paid vacation
- Leadership/discipline
- Career Training

Requirements

- Take ASVAB*
- High School Diploma/GED
- Work with recruiter



Apprenticeships

Benefits

- Job Opportunity and Growth Potential
- Earn while you learn
- Hands on training
- College Credits and Certifications

What's required?

- Take entrance exam
 - Math through Algebra 2
- Register for program of choice
- Attend class 2-3 nights/week
- Work /earn \$ during the day



The access more information about Apprenticeship MD click [HERE](#)

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Benefits

- Career specific training
- Shorter program
- Less money, more time

What's Required?

- Apply directly to the school
- Complete the FAFSA
- Visit and interview



<https://www.cortiva.edu/>



<https://www.lincolntech.edu/campus/columbia-md>

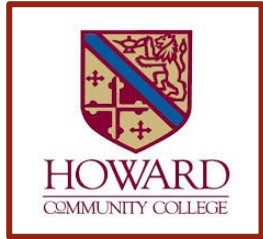


<https://paulmitchell.edu/>

TWO YEAR COLLEGE

Options

- Associates Degree
- Certificate programs



What's Required?

- Register online
 - Honors programs available
- Take accuplacer
- Free for those who qualify!

FOUR YEAR COLLEGE

Benefits:

- Degree Program
- Educational Attainment
- Build Independence
- Networking
- Upward Mobility

What's Required?

- Application
- Essay
- Letter of Recommendations
- Application fee
- SAT/ACT (at times)





- Opens DECEMBER
- [StudentAid.Gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- Check individual college FAFSA deadlines

IMPORTANT:
Review MAJOR changes for the
24-25 FAFSA

Students not eligible for federal aid, but would qualify should complete the
Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA)

CREATING A LIST OF SCHOOLS TO APPLY TO

Apply to 5-7 schools
that represent a
STRONG match:



Academically
Socially
Financially
Geographically

Be Open Minded AND Realistic

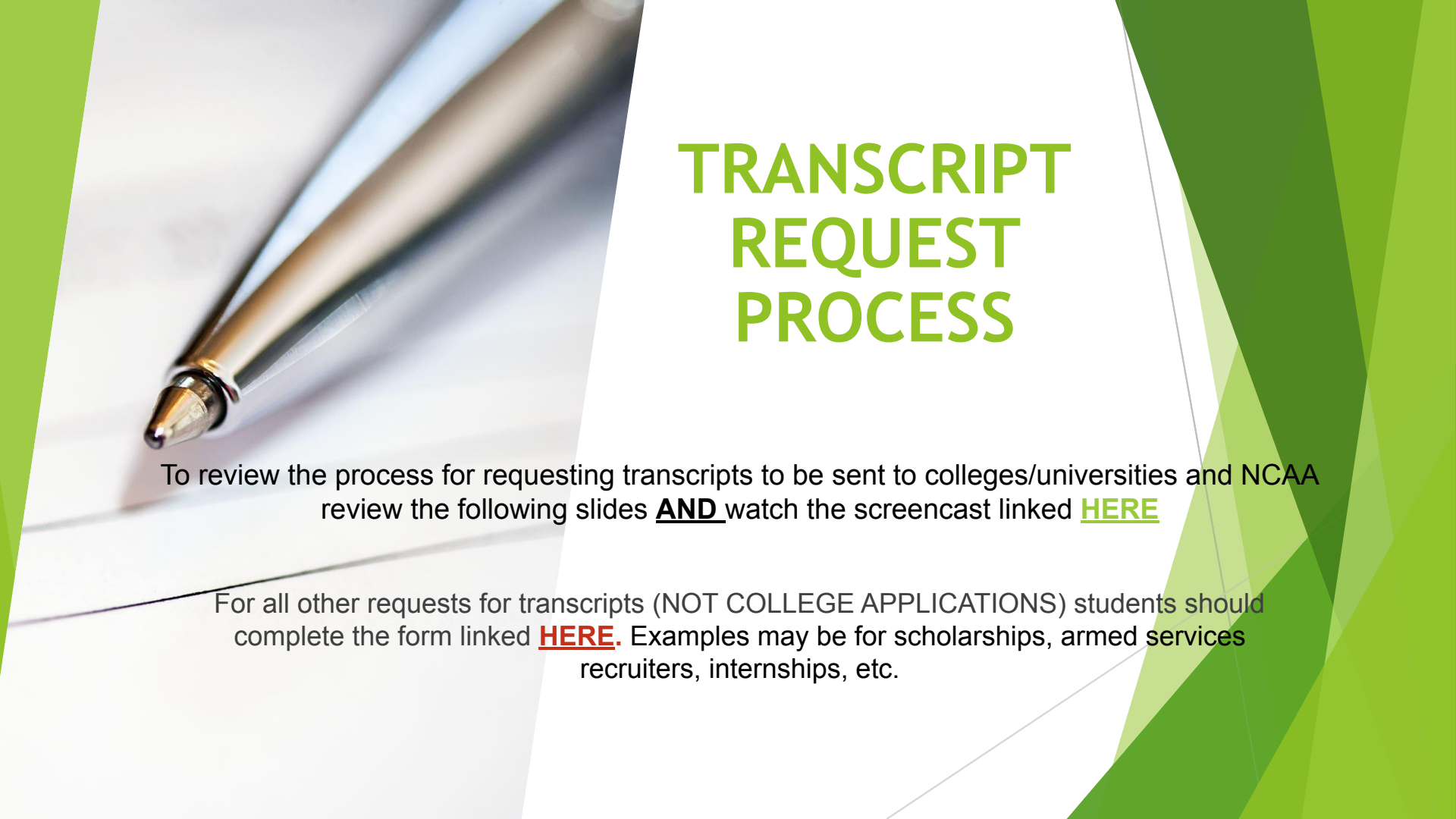
APPLICATION TYPES

- ▶ Common App: Over 1,000 participating schools, time saver
- ▶ Coalition/Scoir App: 131 participating schools including College Park, time saver
- ▶ Common Black College App: For \$20 a student can apply to 66 HBCU's. Notify your school counselor as they will submit documents differently for CBCA
- ▶ Quest Bridge App: College/Scholarship application for high achieving students from low-income families. Read more to see if your student qualifies.
- ▶ School Specific Applications

DEADLINES TYPES

- ▶ **Early Decision:** Earlier deadline, early admissions decision, BINDING
- ▶ **Early Action:** Earlier deadline, early admissions decision, NON-BINDING
- ▶ **Rolling Admission:** Accepted/denied as applications are received
- ▶ **Regular Admission:** Apply by regular deadline (i.e. Jan 15) and receive admissions decision by April 1
- ▶ **Single Choice Early Action:** Limited to applying to only one school early action, NON-BINDING

For additional clarification regarding the various application types click [HERE](#)



TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCESS

To review the process for requesting transcripts to be sent to colleges/universities and NCAA review the following slides **AND** watch the screencast linked **HERE**

For all other requests for transcripts (NOT COLLEGE APPLICATIONS) students should complete the form linked **HERE**. Examples may be for scholarships, armed services recruiters, internships, etc.

Go to Naviance → Colleges Tab → Colleges I'm Applying To

The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Self-Discovery', 'Courses', 'Careers', 'Colleges', and 'Planner'. The 'Colleges' tab is selected. A red arrow points to the 'Colleges I'm Applying To' link in the 'Apply to College' section. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Find Your fit' (with links like SuperMatch College Search, College Match, etc.), 'Research Colleges' (with links like Colleges I'm Thinking About, College Visits, etc.), 'Apply to College' (with links like Colleges I'm Applying To, Manage Transcripts, etc.), and 'Scholarships & Money' (with links like College-Specific Scholarships, National Scholarship Search, etc.). Below these sections, there is a 'NO PATH SELECTED' message and a 'Select Path' button. The 'Career Essentials' section includes 'Important Skills' and 'Top Knowledge Sets'. The 'Tasks from My School' section shows a task: 'URGENT - Complete Senior Survey: ...' with a priority of 'None' and a date of '05/10/21'. The 'What's New' section at the bottom indicates 'Nothing new to review this visit. Check back later.'

Naviance

Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner

Demo's Future Plan

College Home

Find Your fit

- SuperMatch College Search
- College Match
- College Events
- Scattergrams
- Advanced College Search
- College Lookup

Research Colleges

- Colleges I'm Thinking About
- College Visits
- College Compare
- College Resources
- Acceptance History
- Enrichment Programs
- College Maps

Apply to College

- Colleges I'm Applying To
- Manage Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Test Scores

Scholarships & Money

- College-Specific Scholarships
- National Scholarship Search
- Scholarship Search
- Favorite Scholarships

NO PATH SELECTED

Plan for life after high school and select the path that will lead to future success.

Select Path

Career Essentials

Important Skills

Top Knowledge Sets

Tasks from My School

Task Or To-Do	Priority	Date
URGENT - Complete Senior Survey: ... Task	None	05/10/21

Go to My Planner

What's New

Nothing new to review this visit. Check back later.

Show Me How

Click the Add Button

The screenshot shows the Naviance user interface. At the top, the Naviance logo is on the left, and navigation links for Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers, **Colleges**, and Planner are in the center. On the right, there is a heart icon, a 'Demo' dropdown menu, a 'DB' icon, 'EN' with a globe icon, and a 'Close Demo' button. Below the navigation is the page title 'Colleges I'm Applying To' and a search bar labeled 'Search for Colleges'. The main content area includes a '+ Request Transcripts' button, a '+ Manage Transcripts' button, an 'Application Milestones' button, and a 'Compare Me' button. A red arrow points to a blue '+' button in the top right corner of the main content area. Below this, there is a section for 'College that I'm Attending:' with a dropdown menu showing 'N/A' and an 'Update' button. A 'Letters of Recommendation' section follows, with a note that some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with the application.

Naviance Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner

Colleges I'm Applying To Search for Colleges

+ Request Transcripts + Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare Me

+ = extended profile available

College that I'm Attending:

N/A Update

Letters of Recommendation

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the [letters of recommendation section](#), accessible from the main colleges page, for more information

How to Add Colleges

Naviance Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner

Cancel

STEP 1 Add Application STEP 2 Request Transcript

Which college are you applying to?

Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App Type
Regular Decision

I'll submit my application

Are you planning to submit your SAT or ACT scores to be considered during the admission review process?

Choose an option

I've submitted my application

Add Application ADD AND REQUEST TRANSCRIPT

1. Start typing the name of the college
 - Select the correct campus
2. Select the correct App Type
 - Select the correct application deadline
 - Select the correct application platform
3. For all requests, click “Add Application”



TEACHER RECOMMENDATION REQUEST PROCESS

Final steps for requesting teacher letters of recommendation: Review the following slides **AND** watch the screencast linked **HERE**

Teacher Letters of Recommendation

Three-Step Process:

Step 1: Personally ask teachers if they are willing to write on your behalf

- ❑ This should have been done by June 1, 2024

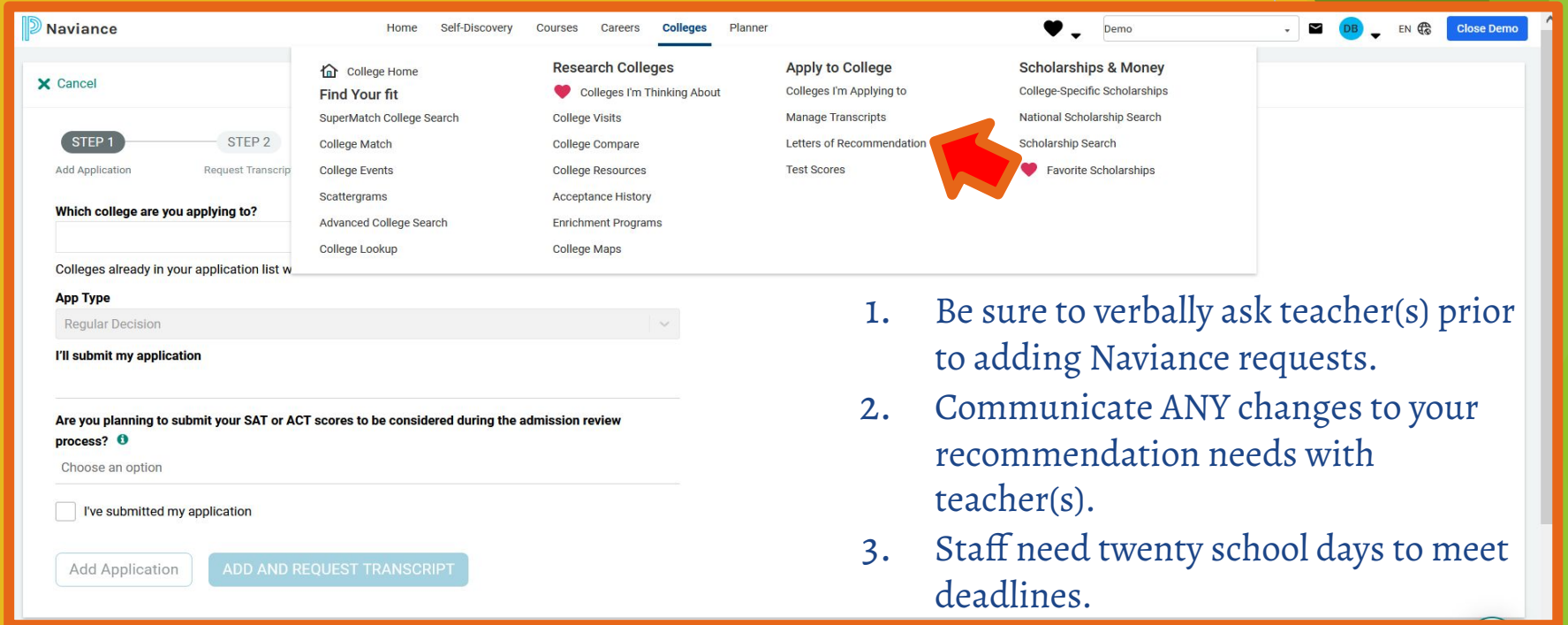
Step 2: Provide teachers with the Yellow Teacher Letter of Recommendation form

- ❑ Due 20 school days prior to earliest application deadline
- ❑ [Teacher Letter of Recommendation Form](#)
- ❑ This indicates that the student has upcoming deadlines

Step 3: Electronically Invite teachers through student Naviance account

- ❑ This triggers an email to teachers indicating they have access to upload and submit electronically to colleges/universities
- ❑ See next 3 slides for a review of this process

Request Teacher Letters of Recommendation In Naviance



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1. Be sure to verbally ask teacher(s) prior to adding Naviance requests.

2. Communicate ANY changes to your recommendation needs with teacher(s).

3. Staff need twenty school days to meet deadlines.

Click “Add Request”

Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Add Request

Recommendation For ^

Deadline ^

Recommender(s)

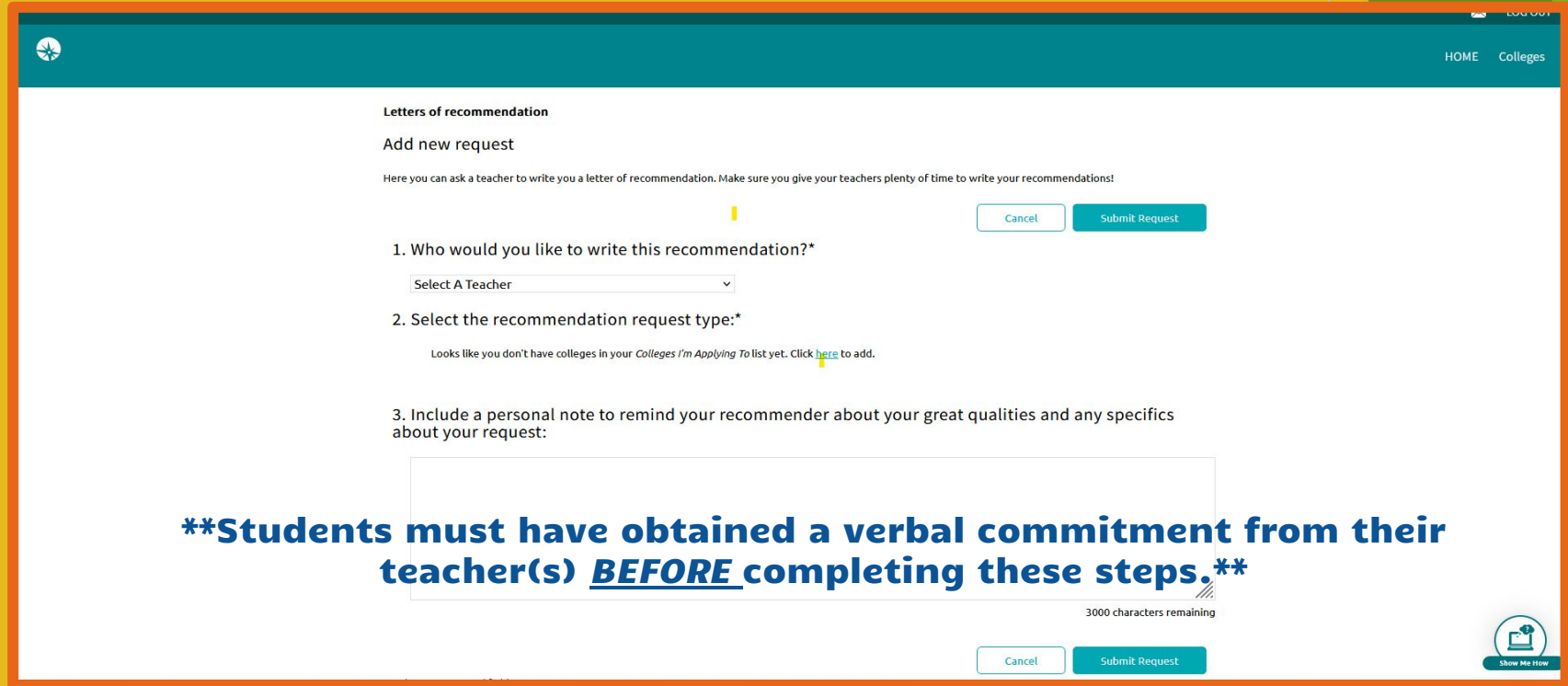
Status ⓘ

Cancel Request



Your recommendation requests will show up here.

Select teacher AND which colleges will receive their letter



The screenshot shows a web interface for requesting letters of recommendation. At the top, there is a teal header with a logo on the left and 'HOME' and 'Colleges' on the right. The main content area is white and contains the following elements:

- Letters of recommendation** (Section Header)
- Add new request** (Section Header)
- Instructional text: "Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!"
- Two buttons: "Cancel" and "Submit Request".
- Step 1: "1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*" with a dropdown menu labeled "Select A Teacher".
- Step 2: "2. Select the recommendation request type:*" with a note: "Looks like you don't have colleges in your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list yet. Click [here](#) to add."
- Step 3: "3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:"
- A large text input field for the personal note.
- Character count: "3000 characters remaining".
- Two buttons: "Cancel" and "Submit Request".
- Bottom right corner: A circular icon with a laptop and a plus sign, and the text "Show Me How".

****Students must have obtained a verbal commitment from their teacher(s) BEFORE completing these steps.****

DEADLINES

ALL tasks listed below must be completed before requests for transcripts & letters can be triggered:

- The **Waiver of Rights and Records Release form** has been submitted to the registrar
- You have personally asked two teachers for recommendation letters (#1)
 - You have completed your Naviance Teacher and Counselor Info. Forms (#2)
 - You have submitted the Yellow form and invited those teachers through Naviance (#3)
- **Matching Naviance to Common App**
- You have added colleges to the Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying to” tab

For steps on how to check the accuracy of your data entry for college deadlines and application type click **HERE**

DO's AND DON'Ts

DO's

1. **DO** make sure you select the correct school! Some colleges have multiple campuses and similar names
2. **DO** check deadlines and verify with the colleges' websites
3. **DO** submit all requests at least 20 school days before your earliest college deadline
4. **DO** monitor Naviance to verify submission of transcripts and letters of recommendations

DON'Ts

1. **DON'T** wait to submit your college applications until your transcripts/letters have been sent. You can submit your application(s) anytime and colleges will put all your materials together as they arrive.
2. **DON'T** panic if staff materials are not sent until the indicated deadline. Teachers and counselors have many duelling priorities but will meet your deadlines. **DON'T WORRY!**

IMPORTANT!

Transcripts will **NOT** be sent until:

1. Students add colleges to their “Colleges I’m Applying To” tab in Naviance
2. Common App is matched with Naviance
3. Common App schools are added to one’s Common App account

Letters of Recommendation will **NOT** be sent until:

1. The Naviance steps are completed
2. Students personally ask their teacher to write their letter of recommendation
3. Students complete the Teacher Information Form
4. Student request teachers through Naviance
5. Students complete the Counselor Information Form in Naviance

**Student,
teachers, *and*
counselor are
working
simultaneously
toward the
same goal...TO
MEET THE SAME
DEADLINES!**



CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Be open-minded and explore all options
- Ask lots of questions
 - Learn about career journeys uniquely suited for you
- Understand debt
- Have open and honest conversations with family
- Spend time self-reflecting
 - What do **you** want?
 - What will suit **your** needs best?

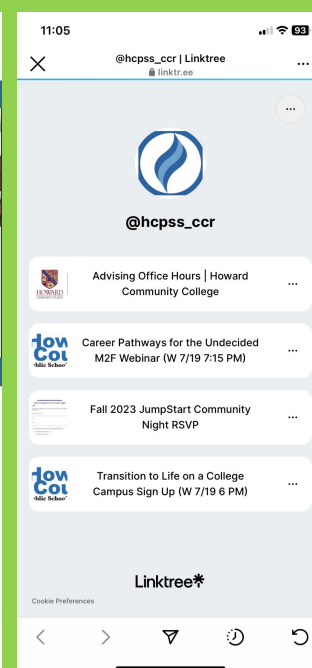
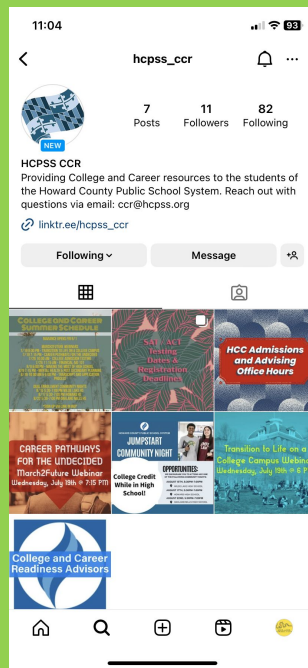


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Content:

- Important Date Reminders
- Links to Events
- College Process Help & Resources
- Career and College Fair information
- March to the Future programming
- Dual Enrollment announcements and events
- And more



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Name Pronunciation at Graduation

How to Record your Name in Synergy

1. Download the StudentVue App on your phone.
2. Enter Zip Code 21737
3. Chose Howard County Public Schools.
4. Login with your HCPSS password
5. A prompt will ask you to record. Record and hit save.

