

Fair Lawn High School

Senior College Application Night
2022

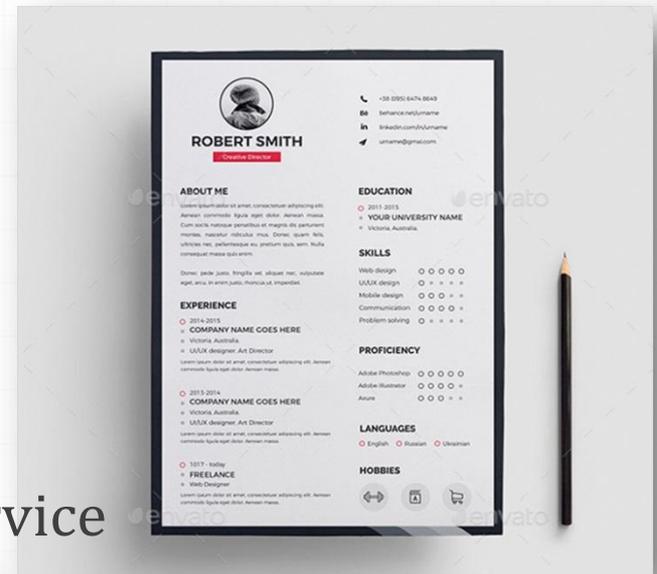
On your “To Do” list...

- 0 Complete your Counselor Data Packet
- 0 Ask 2 teachers for Letters of Recommendation
- 0 Continue to visit colleges
- 0 Finalize your list of potential schools
- 0 Link your Common App and Naviance accounts
- 0 Forward your Standardized Test scores to your schools



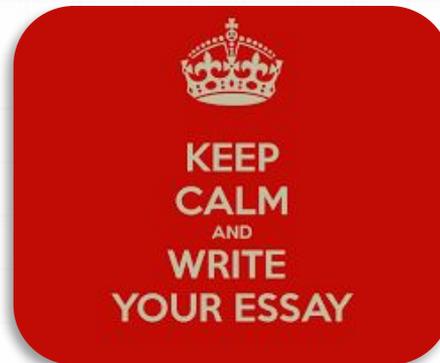
Constructing a Résumé

- 0 Clubs and Activities
 - 0 Extracurricular
 - 0 Community
 - 0 Responsibilities at home
- 0 Honors, Awards & Recognitions
- 0 Employment
- 0 Volunteer Work / Community Service



The College Essay

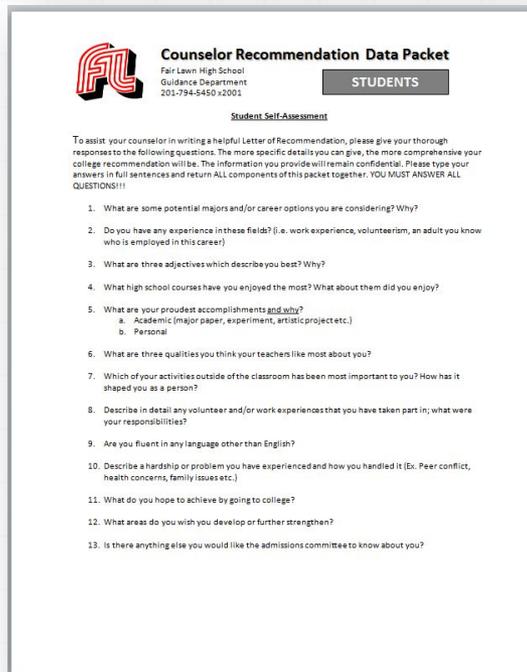
- 0 Most colleges require an essay
- 0 Answer the question that is asked
- 0 Don't "thesaurus-ize" your essay
- 0 Use personal details
- 0 Don't be too wordy – keep it under two pages
- 0 Common App schools use an essay prompt with a 650 word limit



Letters of Recommendation

| Whom to ask? | How many do you need? | When to ask? |

1 Counselor



FL **Counselor Recommendation Data Packet**
Fair Lawn High School
Guidance Department
201-794-5450 x2001

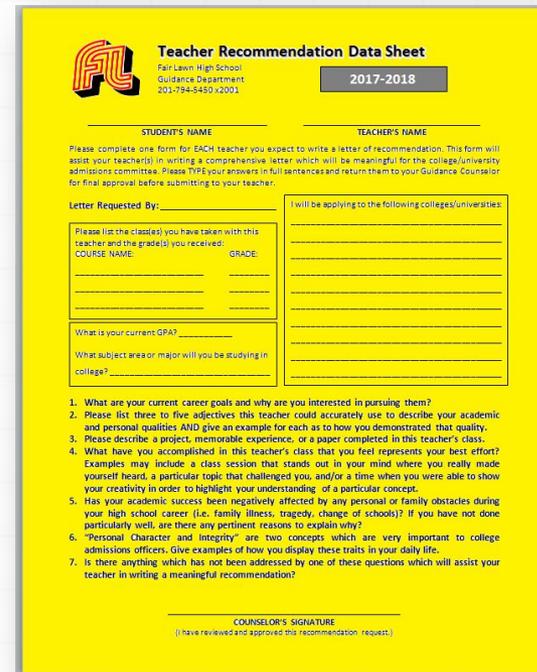
STUDENTS

Student Self-Assessment

To assist your counselor in writing a helpful Letter of Recommendation, please give your thorough responses to the following questions. The more specific details you can give, the more comprehensive your college recommendation will be. The information you provide will remain confidential. Please type your answers in full sentences and return ALL components of this packet together. YOU MUST ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS!!!

1. What are some potential majors and/or career options you are considering? Why?
2. Do you have any experience in these fields? (i.e. work experience, volunteerism, an adult you know who is employed in this career)
3. What are three adjectives which describe you best? Why?
4. What high school courses have you enjoyed the most? What about them did you enjoy?
5. What are your proudest accomplishments and why?
 - a. Academic (major paper, experiment, artistic project etc.)
 - b. Personal
6. What are three qualities you think your teachers like most about you?
7. Which of your activities outside of the classroom has been most important to you? How has it shaped you as a person?
8. Describe in detail any volunteer and/or work experiences that you have taken part in; what were your responsibilities?
9. Are you fluent in any language other than English?
10. Describe a hardship or problem you have experienced and how you handled it (Ex: Peer conflict, health concerns, family issues etc.)
11. What do you hope to achieve by going to college?
12. What areas do you wish you develop or further strengthen?
13. Is there anything else you would like the admissions committee to know about you?

2 Teachers



FL **Teacher Recommendation Data Sheet**
Fair Lawn High School
Guidance Department
201-794-5450 x2001

2017-2018

STUDENT'S NAME _____ **TEACHER'S NAME** _____

Please complete one form for EACH teacher you expect to write a letter of recommendation. This form will assist your teacher(s) in writing a comprehensive letter which will be meaningful for the college/university admissions committee. Please type your answers in full sentences and return them to your Guidance Counselor for final approval before submitting to your teacher.

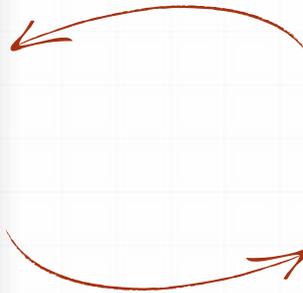
Letter Requested By: _____ will be applying to the following colleges/universities

Please list the class(es) you have taken with this teacher and the grade(s) you received:
COURSE NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

What is your current GPA? _____
What subject area or major will you be studying in college? _____

1. What are your current career goals and why are you interested in pursuing them?
2. Please list three to five adjectives this teacher could accurately use to describe your academic and personal qualities AND give an example for each as to how you demonstrated that quality.
3. Please describe a project, memorable experience, or a paper completed in this teacher's class.
4. What have you accomplished in this teacher's class that you feel represents your best effort? Examples may include a class session that stands out in your mind where you really made yourself heard, a particular topic that challenged you, and/or a time when you were able to show your creativity in order to highlight your understanding of a particular concept.
5. Has your academic success been negatively affected by any personal or family obstacles during your high school career (i.e. family illness, tragedy, change of schools)? If you have not done particularly well, are there any pertinent reasons to explain why?
6. "Personal Character and Integrity" are two concepts which are very important to college admissions officers. Give examples of how you display these traits in your daily life.
7. Is there anything which has not been addressed by one of these questions which will assist your teacher in writing a meaningful recommendation?

COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE
(Have reviewed and approved the recommendation request.)



Counselor Recommendation Procedure

0 Every student applying to a 4-year university must get a letter of recommendation from their counselor

0 Complete the Counselor Recommendation Data Packet, which includes:

0 Student Self Assessment

0 Parent Brag Sheet

0 Résumé

0 Transcript Release Form

0 Packets must be returned **AT LEAST 10 business days** prior to your *earliest* deadline!

Counselor Recommendation Data Packet
Fair Lawn High School
Guidance Department
201-794-8400 (2022)

PARENTS

Parent Brag Sheet

Parent input is essential for counselors to write effective letters of recommendation for their students. By answering the following questions, you will be providing a more multidimensional picture of your child for admissions to colleges and universities who're applying to you. Items not noted for grade and/or course receipt, rather things that are especially meaningful to you, through only a parent can provide. Take time to carefully consider each of the following questions; their BRAG (the information you provide will remain confidential. Please feel free to attach your own sheet of paper if your comments do not fit in the space provided.

1. What do you consider the most important achievements of your child during high school? Why do you select these as the most significant?
2. In what areas has your child shown the most development and growth during the last three or four years?
3. Describe one or two major turning points in your child's development and explain why you view them as such.
4. Your child's high school career was pleasurable and/or painful because...
5. Are there any unusual personal or family circumstances that have affected your child's educational or personal development?
6. Describe any family related factors that influence your child's choices for college these may include: finances, languages, college location or family expectations.

Transcript Release Form
Fair Lawn High School
Guidance Department
201-794-8400 (2022)

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Student: _____ Counselor: _____

I give permission to forward all necessary information to colleges and/or career schools during the 2017 / 2018 school year. I further release the Fair Lawn Board of Education and its employees from any and all legal liability of any kind and description whatsoever as a result of freeing this information.

Date: _____ Parent's signature: _____

NO transcript will be forwarded to colleges unless this form is on file in the Counseling Office.

Students are encouraged to complete their Counselor Data Packet and hand it in as early as possible. Packets must be personally handed to your Guidance Counselor at least **TWO FULL WEEKS** prior to your COLLEGE application deadline. Grades only to the following month. All four items (Student Self Assessment, Parent Brag Sheet, Résumé and Transcript Release Form) must be handed in together; incomplete packets will not be accepted.

If you have a Deadline of:	Your Counselor Data Packet is Due:
October 15	September 20
November 1	October 15
November 15	November 1
December 1	November 15
January 1	December 1
January 15	January 1
Any other date	TWO WEEKS prior to deadline

Guidance Counselors

- Mr. Nicholas Beck
- Ms. Dana DeSantis
- Ms. Anthony Gattullo
- Mr. Nicholas Hago
- Ms. Stacy Kordas
- Ms. Sara Prosseda
- Ms. Stephanie Romano

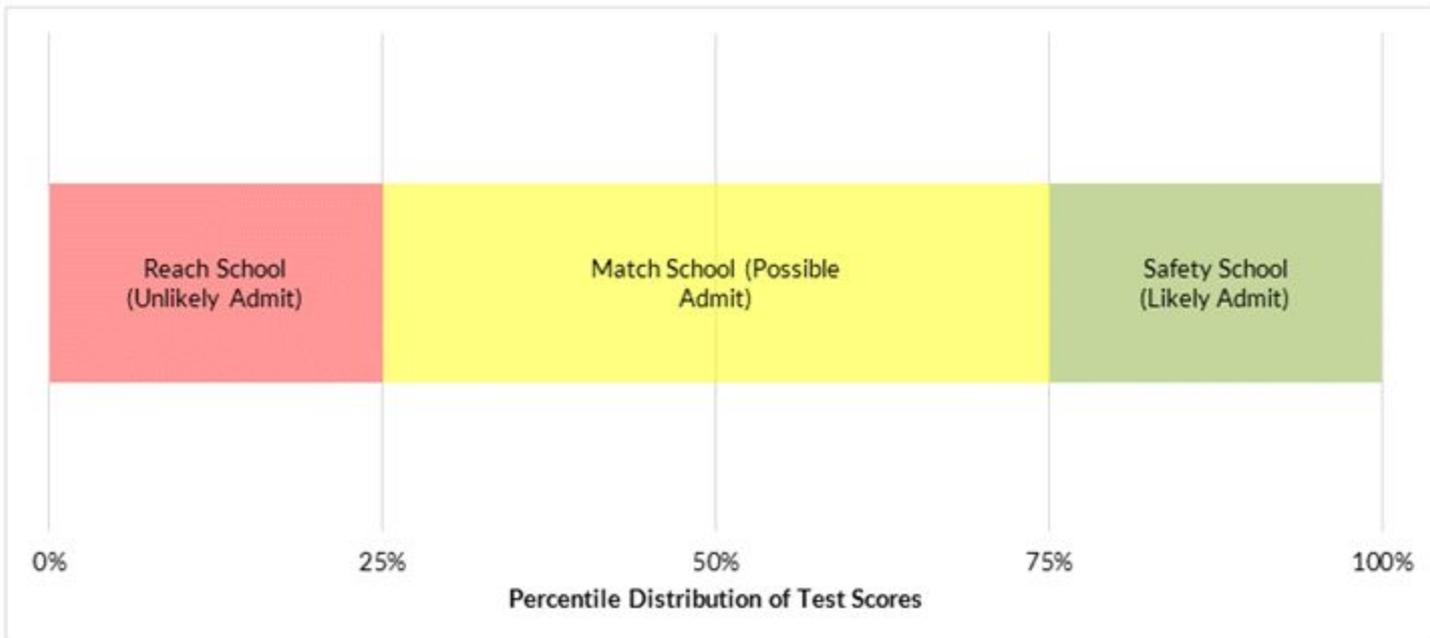
Teacher Recommendation Procedure

- 0 Students may ask up to 2 teachers
- 0 Ask the teacher first
- 0 Once a teacher agrees to write a letter:
 - 0 Students can download the Teacher Recommendation Data Sheet from Google Classroom or pick it up in Guidance and should complete it thoroughly
 - 0 Students should bring a printed copy to their counselor to sign off on, then hand them to each teacher.
 - 0 Bring the form to your teachers at least FOUR weeks prior to your first deadline
 - 0 Log onto your Naviance account and request that the teacher(s) submit the letter to your chosen colleges (instructions are in the College Information Packet on Google Classroom)

Selecting your Schools



Academic Categories



College reps at FLHS

- 0 There are admissions representatives from over 200 colleges that visit FLHS.
- 0 Students should log into their Naviance account to view which representatives will be hosting virtual meetings.
- 0 Once they register for a visit, they are responsible for emailing their teacher to let them know they will be attending. They are also responsible for making up any work missed during that period.

class of 2023

English  

Welcome Class of 2023!

[Read more](#)

My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to



CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

I'm thinking about



SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY

Favorite Scholarships

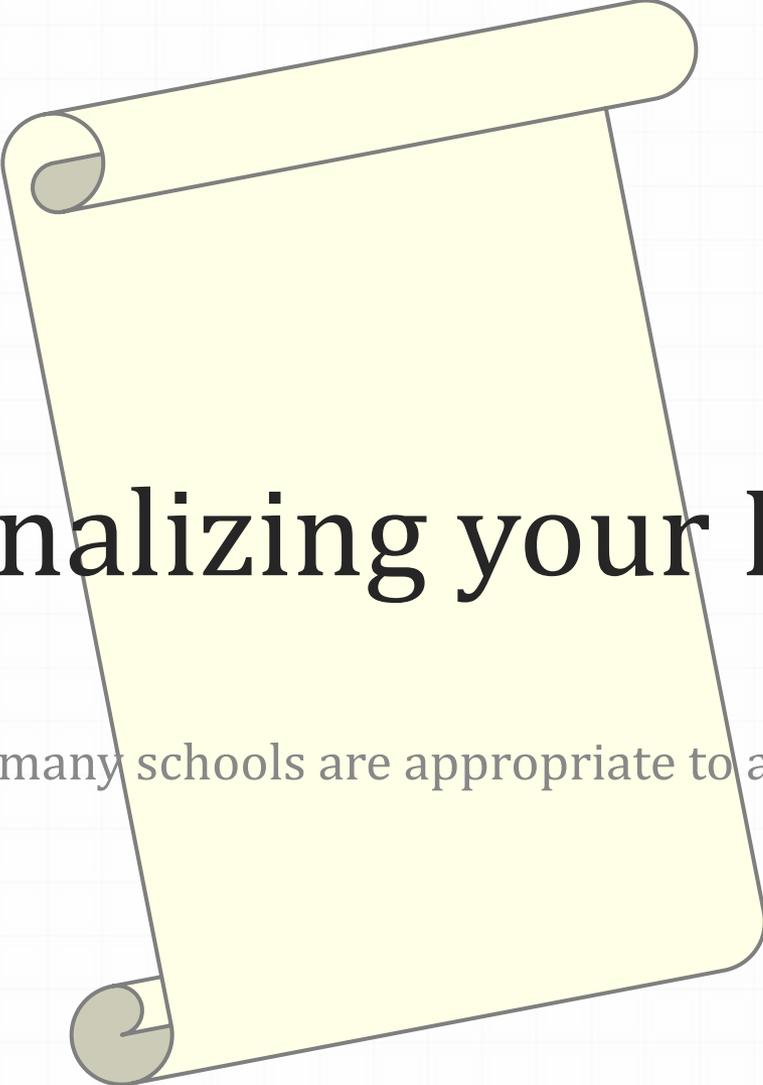


Show Me How

Virtual Campus Visits

- Many colleges are hosting Virtual “visits.” Look at individual college websites for information and dates.
- Try to arrange an in person visit when they are available





Finalizing your List

How many schools are appropriate to apply to?

Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

SuperMatch®

Advance college search

College lookup

MY COLLEGES

Upcoming college events

Colleges match

Colleges Visits

Colleges I'm thinking about

Colleges I'm applying to

Letters of recommendation

✓ Confirmation

1 colleges successfully added

✕ Close

Colleges I'm thinking about

🔍 Search for colleges

+ Add Colleges to List

📊 Compare Me

🔄 UPDATE INTE...

🗑 REMOVE

⚙ = extended profile available

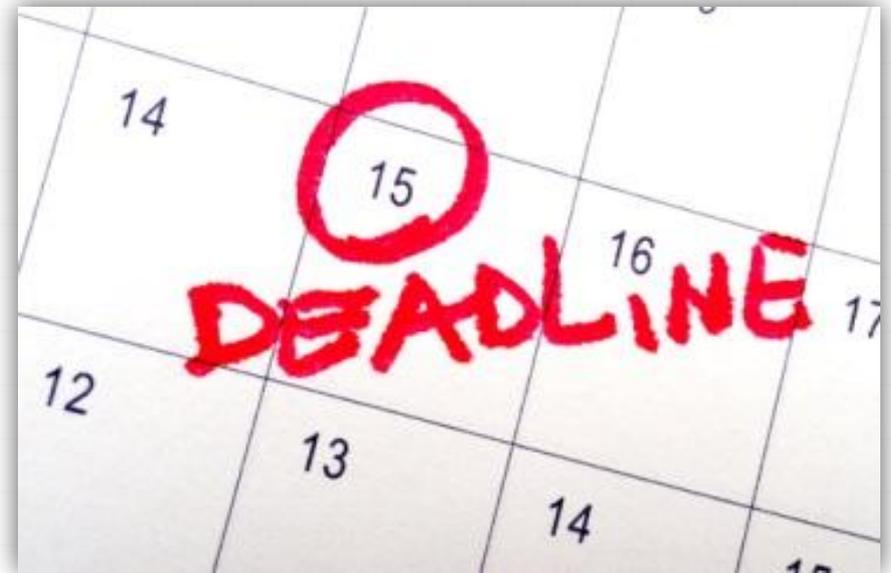
	College	Delivery type ⓘ	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	American University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines ▾	N/A ▾ MORE ⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amherst College	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines ▾	N/A ▾ MORE ⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Connecticut State University	CA	Student	N/A	Priority December 1 N/A	▾ MORE ⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hofstra University	CA	Parent	N/A	Early Action November 15 N/A	▾ MORE ⋮

Early Decision

Early Action

Regular Decision

Rolling Admissions



Applications



THE COMMON APPLICATION

- 0 Allows students to complete one application and submit it to over 700 colleges
- 0 No need to repeat applicant details for every college
- 0 Alerts you when important dates are approaching. Manage deadlines and view application progress in one dashboard
- 0 Download the Common App “onTrack” app to your smartphone
- 0 Connect Common App to Naviance to send all required materials electronically
 - 0 Must make sure DOB is correct and use the same email address as Naviance to link accounts



Linking your Common App to your Naviance account

Dashboard My Colleges **Common App** College Search Financial Aid Resources

Dashboard Application Requirements

Sort by: College Name ▾

Adelphi University
[Add your term or admission plan](#)

Application - *In progress*

Show more details ▾

Instructions and Help

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?
You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the Common Read more

How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?
The Common Application member colleges have ~~also listed~~ that applicants Read more

How can I view a college's Writing Supplement, if they have one?
There are two ways you can access a college's Writing Supplement Read more

Linking your Common App to your Naviance account

The screenshot shows the Naviance interface with a top navigation bar containing 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The left sidebar is titled 'My Colleges' and lists 'Adelphi University' with a dropdown arrow. Below this, the sidebar has sections for 'College Information', 'Application', 'Questions', 'Recommendations and FERPA' (which is highlighted), and 'Review and Submit - Common App'. The main content area is titled 'Recommendations & FERPA' and features a yellow warning icon next to the heading 'FERPA Release Authorization'. The text below explains that users must complete the FERPA release authorization process before inviting counselors, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors. A blue button labeled 'Complete Release Authorization' is positioned below the text. A link for 'Learn more about FERPA' is also present. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Instructions and Help' section with a list of questions: 'Who can I list if I do not have a counselor?', 'I'm out of high school. Who do I list if I no longer have a counselor?', 'What do I do if I'm an international student and don't have a counselor?', 'Which counselor should I invite?', and 'What do I do if I...'. Each question is followed by a brief explanation and a 'Read more' link.

Dashboard **My Colleges** **Common App** **College Search** **Financial Aid Resources**

My Colleges

Adelphi University

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommendations and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

Recommendations & FERPA

! **FERPA Release Authorization**

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

Complete Release Authorization

Instructions and Help

Who can I list if I do not have a counselor?
If there is no Counselor at your school, you may list your principal or other
[Read more](#)

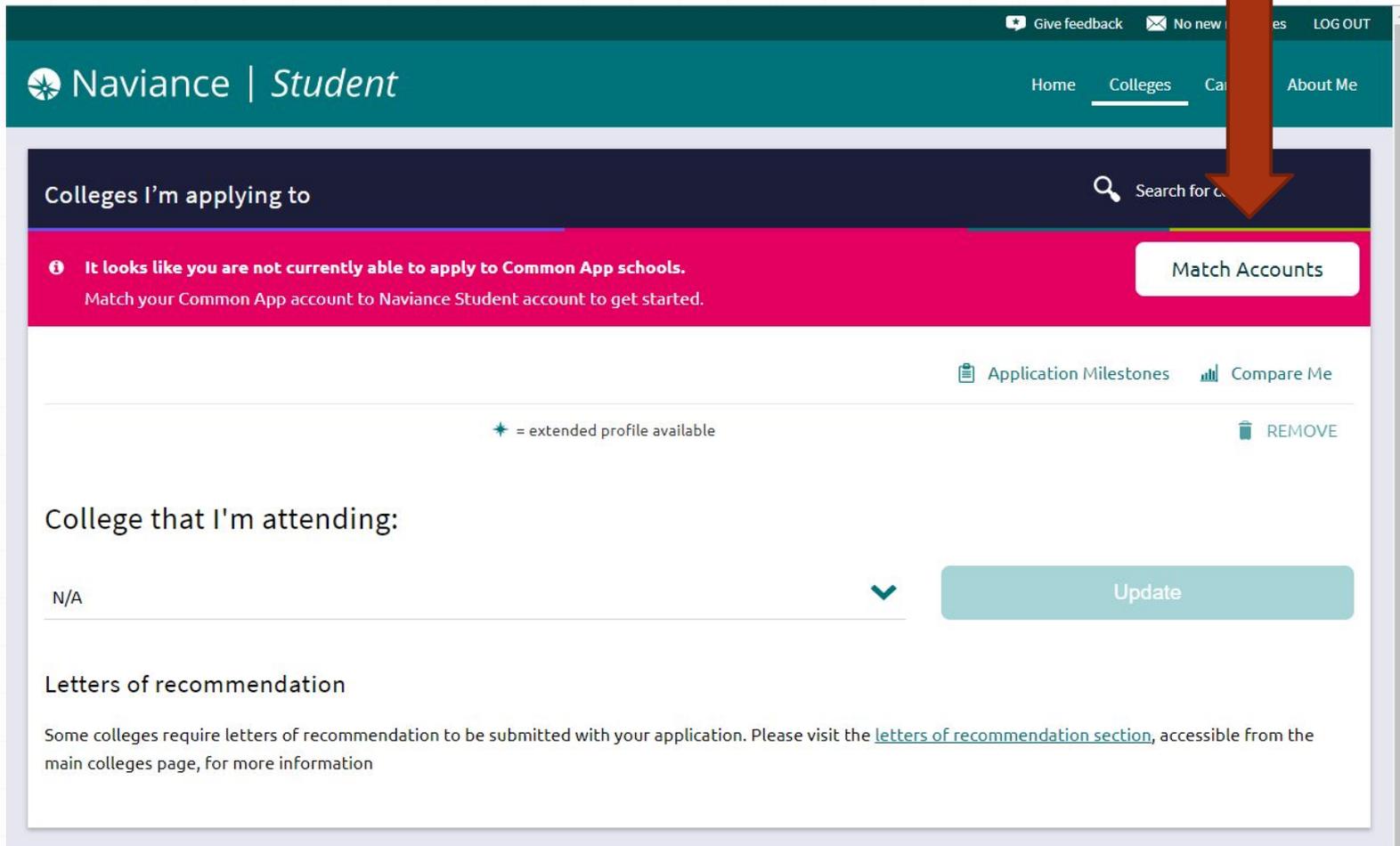
I'm out of high school. Who do I list if I no longer have a counselor?
Please contact your high school or the local authority that will provide your
[Read more](#)

What do I do if I'm an international student and don't have a counselor?
If there is no counselor at your school, the recommendations may be
[Read more](#)

Which counselor should I invite?
You should invite your current counselor as they can provide your current
[Read more](#)

What do I do if I

Linking your Common App to your Naviance account



Give feedback No new messages LOG OUT

Naviance | Student Home Colleges Careers About Me

Colleges I'm applying to Search for colleges

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started. **Match Accounts**

Application Milestones Compare Me

* = extended profile available REMOVE

College that I'm attending:

N/A Update

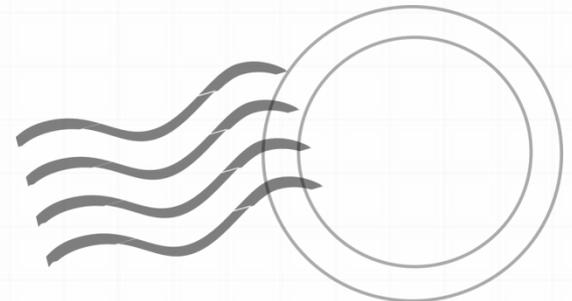
Letters of recommendation

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



Non-Common App Schools

- 0 Most schools that do not accept the Common App will have their own electronic application
- 0 Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation will still be sent via Naviance
- 0 A very small number of schools still do not accept documents via Naviance
- 0 For these schools, paper materials will need to be sent through the U.S. Postal Service



Instant Decision Week

Participating Colleges:

Monday, 11/14 NJIT

Tuesday, 11/15 Ramapo

Wednesday, 11/16 Kean

Thursday, 11/17 FDU

Friday, 11/18 Montclair

Students should contact Ms. DeSantis or Ms. Hernandez for more information.

Meet with a college representative and receive an **on-the-spot** (*non binding*) admissions decision!

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted prior to the student's appointment with the college rep.

The logo consists of a blue speech bubble with the text "achieve more" inside. The word "achieve" is on the top line and "more" is on the bottom line, both in white lowercase letters. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the right of the word "more".

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SAT®

ACT®

Submitting your Test Scores

Sending your “Official” Scores

SAT

www.collegeboard.org

- 0 First four are free **only** up to 9 days after the test date
- 0 \$12.00 for each additional school
- 0 \$31.00 Rush Order

ACT

www.act.org

- 0 First four are free **only** until Thursday noon, central time, immediately following the regularly scheduled test date
- 0 \$13.00 for each additional school

Colleges must receive all scores DIRECTLY from the testing agency (College Board or ACT), they cannot be sent by your counselor!

What is Test Optional?

- 0 If a school or program has a test-optional admissions process, each applicant gets to choose whether or not to submit their ACT or SAT scores. In other words, submitting your test scores is not a requirement for admissions.
- 0 ACT/SAT Optional Colleges

What are colleges looking for with our new “normal?”



COVID-19

- 0 How test scores have been impacted and how to choose when to send them/Sticking with your decision to be test optional or not
- 0 Strength of schedule and 1st semester grades
- 0 Importance of letters of recommendation
- 0 Essay

Remember...

- 0 Double check all applications
- 0 All applications need FLHS CEEB Code: **310370**
- 0 Keep track of all deadlines!!
 - 0 It is your responsibility to know your deadlines
- 0 Plan Ahead! Give your counselor at least **TWO FULL WEEKS** before the deadline
- 0 And most importantly...



Stay in touch with your Counselor



When your child has completed the Counselor Data Packet, added colleges into Naviance and completed the majority of their applications, they **MUST** make an appointment with their counselor in order for the counselor to submit required materials.

WITHOUT THIS APPOINTMENT, MATERIALS WILL NEVER GET SUBMITTED!!!

Financing a College Education

0 Remember, FAFSA is live October 1st!

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top left, it says "Federal Student Aid" with the tagline "An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION". To the right, it says "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®". Further right, it says "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" with the FAFSA logo. Below this is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, FSA ID, StudentAid.gov, and Help. There is also a search bar and language options for English and Español. The main heading is "Get help paying for college" with the subtext "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". Below this is a banner image showing four diverse college students. At the bottom, there are two columns: "New to the FAFSA?" with a "Start A New FAFSA" button, and "Returning User?" with a list of options (Make a correction, Add a school, View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...) and a "Login" button.

Federal Student Aid
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FAFSA®

Home About Us FSA ID StudentAid.gov Help

SEARCH
English Español

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Returning User?

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Don't forget...

**The FAFSA
is FREE!!**

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Estimated Family Contribution



Montclair State University ❤️
Montclair, NJ, US | montclair.edu

- Communicate ▾
- Apply online
- Learn More ▾

Overview

Studies

Student Life

Admissions

Costs

AVERAGE NET PRICE ⓘ

\$21,682

Income:

- \$0 - \$30K
- \$75 - \$110K**
- \$30 - \$48K
- \$48 - \$75K
- > \$110K

% RECEIVING GRANT AID

49%

Type of Aid:

From 2016

So what's it going to cost?

The **average annual net price** for federal financial aid recipients after aid from the school, state, or federal government. For public schools, this is only the average cost for in-state students.

By Family Income

Depending on the federal, state, or institutional grant aid available, students in your income bracket may pay more or less than the overall average costs.

Family Income	Average Net Cost
\$0 - \$30,000	\$16,097
\$30,001 - \$48,000	\$17,553
\$48,001 - \$75,000	\$20,539
\$75,001 - \$110,000	\$21,682
\$110,001+	\$21,734



A free scholarship search and application platform

- Students can find and apply to scholarships directly from the website.
- Counselors can track and support their students' applications.
- Scholarships and grants are helpful ways to fund your child's college education. They provide you with free money that can go towards tuition or other educational expenses.
- To find and apply for scholarships, ask your child to sign up for **Going Merry** (<https://www.goingmerry.com>) -- it's free! Going Merry has thousands of national, regional, and local scholarships. There are also opportunities for every grade level, from freshmen to seniors.
- To sign up, your child can go to:
<https://app.goingmerry.com/sign-up#students>
- They can also download the Going Merry mobile app (and sign up that way) on [iOS](#) or [Android](#).

Join us for a
Financial Aid Presentation
on October 10, 2022 at 7pm
with an expert HESSA representative!



Helpful Websites

0 College Board

0 www.collegeboard.org

0 ACT

0 www.act.org

0 Fair Lawn High School

0 www.flhs.org



0 Going Merry

0 <https://www.goingmerry.com/>

0 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (Financial Aid)

0 www.hesaa.org

0 Fast Web!

0 www.fastweb.com

0 Estimated Family Contribution Estimators

0 www.finaid.org

0 www.collegeboard.org



Next Stop... College!