

College Bound Seniors

A guide to your “TO-DO” list!
Fall 2020

So you want to go to college...

- What do you want to study?
- What kind of college are you looking for? 2 or 4 year school?
- What kind of atmosphere do you want out of a college?
- ULTIMATELY....WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

<https://www.niche.com/about/college-quiz/>

<https://nces.ed.gov/college navigator/>



Public, Private and Community Colleges

- Public schools in Ohio:

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/top-public-universities/s/ohio/>

- Private schools in Ohio:

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/top-private-universities/s/ohio/>

- Main campuses, regional campuses and community colleges:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_System_of_Ohio


- Can't travel? <http://www.ecampustours.com/>




How Do I Apply to College?

1. Either Apply Via the Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/>
 - a. 47 Ohio Colleges are a part of the Common App
2. Go directly to the college/university website and find: “Apply”
 - a. Example: Google- University of Cincinnati
3. Once you apply, EMAIL Mrs. Becker and request your transcript be sent to the school you have applied to.
 - a. Your college CCP classes are listed on your transcript, but if the school you are applying to requests college transcript, you will need to have Owens, etc send them directly. Typically colleges do not need them for admission, only once you’ve committed to their school.

COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA!

- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a free application process to apply for financial aid for college.
 - Even if you don't want to take the loan that they may offer you, COMPLETE IT in order to potentially earn any institutional need based grants.
 - Example: A school you apply to may offer you free money just based on your/your parents financial situation.
 - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
 - Complete this ASAP! It opened October 1st and the sooner you complete it the better chance you have for the maximum amount of aid.
 - FAFSA questions will need to be directed to FAFSA directly.
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Scholarships!

1. Apply to your college of choice BY THEIR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE!
 - a. Check out institutional scholarships-each school may have scholarships unique to them that you may apply for.
 2. SAVE and CHECK OFTEN the McComb Scholarship Google Doc:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hiDgHNylEBcZZovsbAKzVc7sd30iCtTRfiBJ0r2lAbg/edit>
 - a. Shared with you on 9/23/20 on your Senior Google Classroom
 - b. Can be accessed on the school website: McComb High School Resources
 3. The Community Foundation-Hancock County
 - a. <https://www.community-foundation.com/scholarships/application-types>
 - b. APPLICATION OPENS DECEMBER 2nd, 2020!
 - c. FEBRUARY 3rd DEADLINE
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Common Question: Is it cheaper to start at Owens and transfer?

MAYBE

- Once accepted to the 4 year college of your choice, you will need to compare your financial aid package and possible scholarship awards vs. the cost of transferring and completing 2 years without any additional aid. Mrs. Becker can help talk you through this once you've been accepted!



What if my ACT score isn't great?

- Try to take it again!
 - DECEMBER 12th is the next ACT- Registration Deadline is November 20th, 2020.
- If you have below an 18 ACT and want to go to a 4 year school, I would recommend you retake the ACT for a higher score. The higher your ACT the more opportunities for scholarships you will have!
- Registration at: ACT.org
- Great practice resource:

<https://www.amazon.com/Official-ACT-Prep-Guide-2020/dp/19685761>

THEN WHAT?

- Once you've been accepted and DECIDE/COMMIT to the school of your choice, let Mrs. Becker know which school you have 100% decided on! I will send your final transcripts in June 2021 after final grades have been determined.
- What if you don't get accepted to a 4 year college?
 - Consider applying to a regional campus (i.e OSU Lima), or a community college (Owens).
 - You can always get 1 year under your belt and transfer



QUESTIONS?

- Navigating the college/scholarship application process can be confusing, but I can help you! If you've gone through these steps and still have questions, let me know!
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