

College Application 10 Step List

Step 1: Start Applications: Common application vs. school application

- Deadlines: Early Decision vs Early Action, Regular Decision, Rolling Admissions
 - Naviance has this information under colleges I am thinking about
- Check outlook on my.cherrycreekschools.org regularly

Step 2: Letter of recommendation: If required (Check college website)

- Meet with post grad secretary – Mrs Horst
- Fill out Letter of Rec Form (link is on Naviance)

Step 3: Application Essay

- Stick to the topic of the essay
- Have someone proof read it for you, but let it still be your voice
- Read over the tip sheet

Step 4: Transcripts

- Each school is \$5
- Give 10 days for it to be sent
- College must receive before deadline

Step 5: ACT/SAT Score: Colleges require official score from testing center

- www.ACT.org for ACT scores or www.collegeboard.org for SAT
- There is a cost to send to each school

Step 6: FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid, Available Oct 1st, 2019

- Determine eligibility for federal student loans, student grants, and work-study
- Both you and your parents will fill this out
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
***private schools may ask for a CSS profile in addition to FAFSA

Step 7: Net Cost Estimator

- Each school has an estimator of out-of-pocket cost (Just an estimation!)

Step 8: College Opportunity Fund (COF)

- In-state tuition discount for Colorado residents
- Go to <https://cof.college-assist.org/>

Step 9: Scholarships

- Naviance
 - Colleges tab
 - Scholarship List, Scholarship Match, National Scholarship Search
 - Home tab
 - Links from my school (numerous search engines)
- Look over scholarship tip sheet

Step 10: Want to play a sport in college?

- Meet with counselor for NCAA credit check to start process
- <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

Important Dates

NACAC National College Fair

- Sunday, September 29th
- Denver Mart (I-25 & 58th)
- 11AM-2PM
- Students should Pre-Register for this fair
 - Pre-registration is free for students and they can register by visiting www.gotocollegefairs.com

College Fairs of Greater Denver

- Saturday, October 5th
- Mountain Vista High School
- 10AM-12PM

Colorado Day/Night College Fair

- Wednesday, October 9th
- Smoky Hill High School
- 6 PM-7:30PM

FREE application days

- **Colorado Free Application Day:** Tuesday, October 15th
 - Submit an application from 12:01AM-11:59PM for in-state public schools and the fee will be waived.
 - Details at: <https://higherred.colorado.gov/freeappdayco.html>
- **College Readiness Day:** Wednesday, October 30th
 - Come in to Smoky Hill and submit an application to UCCS, Metro, UCD, or UNC. Transcript fees waived as well

FAFSA Night

- Wednesday, October 23rd
- Smoky Hill High School
- RSVP required, call 720-886-5475
- 3:45-7:15

Historically Black Colleges & Universities/Hispanic Serving Institutes College Fair

- Tuesday, March 3rd
- Overland High School
- 6:30PM-8PM