

Basic College Application Steps

This presentation will help guide you through the basic application process.

Click [here](#) for a quick reference vocabulary

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Naviance

- You should have a list of Colleges saved in your Naviance account under **“Colleges I’m Thinking About”**
If you have not, you need to do so first!
- Then you will need to add the Colleges you are applying to by selecting and clicking **“Move to Application List”**

From Colleges I’m Thinking About

1. From Naviance Student, navigate to **Colleges > Colleges I’m Thinking About.**
2. Place checkmarks in the checkboxes next to the schools to which you are applying.
3. Click **Move to Application List.**
The Move to College Applications, Step 1: Add Application/s displays.
4. Use the drop-down menus to select the accurate responses.
5. If you have already sent in your application, select the checkbox labeled **I’ve already sent my application.** If not, leave it unchecked.

Colleges I'm thinking about

+ Add Colleges to List

1 selected UPDATE INTEREST MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST

College	Delivery Type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The University of Akron		Student	N/A



Apply online!

- Once you have your list of schools under “Colleges I’m Applying To” in Naviance, you will apply to those institutions online by either:
 - Submitting an application through the college website
 - Using [The Common Application](#) (if used by that college)
 - Using [The Coalition for College](#) (if used by that college)
- Make sure to read all directions carefully on every application
- Apply as a “Freshman”, “Undergraduate”, “New Student”, or “Prospective Student”
- Double check to see if there are any portions of the application that must be completed by a teacher or counselor (for example, if you need a letter of recommendation).



Transcripts

- Every time you apply to a College/University you must fill out a **BLUE** transcript request form.
These are located in the Post Grad office located in the IST on the 2nd floor, across from Mr. Sewell's desk.
- The first two transcripts are free! *After that, students are charged \$5 per transcript!*
- Transcripts are sent to the colleges you are applying to and will include your:
 - Grades (starting with 9th grade)
 - Class Rank
 - GPA
- Transcripts will *not* include test scores- you must send these on your own by logging into your [ACT](#) and/or [College Board](#) account.
- Know your deadlines! *You must allow TWO weeks for processing.*



Additional Application Parts

- **Letters of Recommendation**

- Some colleges require students provide 1 or 2 letters of recommendations, usually from teachers
- Make sure you ask a teacher from at least 11th grade who knows you well
- Providing the teacher a [resume](#) or [brag sheet](#) is helpful
- *Ask for a letter no less than 2 weeks from the deadline- more if possible!*
- Say thank you to the teacher/recommender *verbally and written*

- **College Essay/Personal Statement**

- Follow instructions carefully
- Double check your spelling/grammar
- Ask an adult to look over it before submitting



Know Your Application Deadlines

Early Action (EA) An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines.

When you apply early action, you get admission decisions from colleges earlier than usual. Early action plans are not binding, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action.

Early Decision (ED) An option to submit an application to your first-choice college before the regular deadline.

When you apply early decision, you get an admission decision earlier than usual. Early decision plans are **BINDING**. You agree to enroll in the college immediately if admitted and offered a financial aid package that meets your needs. Some colleges have an early decision option called ED II, which has a later application deadline than their regular ED plan.

Priority Date or Deadline

The date by which your application — whether it's for college admission, student housing or financial aid — must be received to be given the strongest consideration.

Rolling Admission*

An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly.

*All community colleges have rolling admissions



4 year Public In-State Application Deadlines

[Adams State University](#)

Rolling admissions

[Colorado Mesa University](#)

Rolling admissions, Priority May 1

[Colorado School of Mines](#)

Rolling admissions, Priority Nov. 15

[Colorado State University, Fort Collins](#)

EA Dec. 1, Regular Decision Feb. 1

[Colorado State University, Pueblo](#)

Aug. 1, Recommended Dec. 15

[Fort Lewis College](#)

Rolling admissions

[Metropolitan State University of Denver](#)

July 1

[University of Colorado, Boulder](#)

EA Dec. 1, Regular Decision Jan. 15

[University of Colorado, Colorado Springs](#)

Rolling admissions, Recommended Nov. 26

[University of Colorado, Denver](#)

July 1

[University of Northern Colorado](#)

March 1

[Western Colorado University](#)

Rolling admissions, Priority June 1

*Click on the College for more information



4 Year Private In-State Application Deadlines

[Colorado Christian University](#)

Rolling admissions, Priority March 1

[Regis University](#)

Rolling admissions, Priority April 15

[Colorado College](#)

EA Nov. 10, ED Nov. 10, Regular Decision Jan. 15

[University of Denver](#)

EA Nov. 1, ED(1) Nov. 1, Regular Decision Jan. 15, ED (2) Jan. 15

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Paying for College

- Attend Financial Aid Night with your parent(s)/guardian(s) in the Fall (Information coming soon)
- Create an account and FSA ID with [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - Preview questions with the [“FAFSA on the Web worksheet”](#)
 - *Do not lose your FSA ID!*
 - Complete the FAFSA as soon as October 1st- This is when the application opens for the % 2021
- For one-on-one help, attend a FAFSA Workshop with your parent(s)/guardian(s) in the Fall (Information coming soon)
- Apply for [COF](#) (College Opportunity Fund)
 - Provides a stipend for new and continuing in-state students going to college in Colorado.
- Scholarships
 - Use Naviance to find and apply for Scholarships! Click [here](#) for instructions.
 - Reach out to the college where you applied to see what scholarships are available



OHS Upcoming Senior Post Grad Events*

Senior College & Financial Aid Night

Thursday September 17th

(Live + Recorded)

6:00 pm

College & Career Readiness Day

Wednesday October 28th

(OHS- Subject to Change)

School Hours

FAFSA Completion Workshop

Tuesday November 3rd

Thursday November 5th

(OHS- Subject to Change)

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Appointment Only)

* Subject to change. Check OHS Website



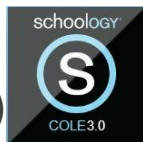
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Stay up to date and make sure you are logging in to my.cherrycreek and often checking your...

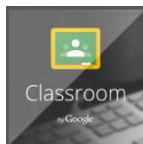
- Creek Mail



- Schoolology Group
(Access code SHD3X-SWC7W)



- Google Classroom
(Access code tuzi62z)



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