

# Welcome Students & Parents of the Class of 2021!

## New Vista High School College Planning Night for Seniors & Parents

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# Where are you headed?

So many options...

- Vocational or Technical College
- Military
- Job/Career
- Gap Year
- ???
- College/University



# Gap Year

- Taking a break from formal education to travel, volunteer, intern, or work
- Leading US colleges and universities, and notably Harvard University, openly support a gap year for admitted freshman.

## “Time Out or Burn Out for the Next Generation” Article

- Consider pros and cons FOR YOU
- Be productive
- Apply to college anyway!

Deferment: Different colleges have different rules but most allow this

Scholarship Deferment: not likely 😞



# Gap Year Resources

- [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org): a branch of AmeriCorps, a youth-oriented, national, civic-service "action tank"-that's like a think tank with feet.
- <http://greenvolunteers.com> : a self-proclaimed "world guide and information network to voluntary work in nature conservation."
- <http://www.dynamy.org/>: a not-for-profit experiential educational organization that offers an internship year mixing work, independent living, structure, and coaching.
- [www.transitionsabroad.com](http://www.transitionsabroad.com): a resource for teen travelers, seekers of short-term international work, budget travel, language study, and expatriates.
- <http://www.wheretherebedragons.com/>: Gap year programs. Office located in Boulder.
- <http://www.thinkingbeyondborders.org>: Focuses on addressing critical global issues
- <http://www.squidoo.com/gapyearlinks>: research from a student about gap year programs and tips
- [TeenLife.com](http://TeenLife.com): connects teens with summer programs, volunteer opportunities, gap year and study abroad
- A few affordable options: AmeriCorps([www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)), Habitat for Humanity ([www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)), WWOOF ([www.woof.org](http://www.woof.org)); <http://www.workaway.info>: a database of families, individuals or organizations in different countries who are looking for volunteer help in a huge range of fields.



# What we hope doesn't happen...



# Senior Year Time Line





# September

- ❏ Researching colleges to find your best fits
- ❏ Check on deadlines (including auditions and financial aid/scholarships)
- ❏ Decide on your decision plan (when will you apply)
- ❏ Gather all application materials
- ❏ Begin/continue working on essays
- ❏ Prepare for requesting your teachers' letters of recs (Must request at least 3 weeks before 1st deadline)
- ❏ Prepare for SAT/ACT if you plan to test



# September (cont.)

- ❏ Attend virtual campus tours and events
- ❏ Attend Colorado Virtual College Fair Sept 28, 29 & 30 (and other events)
- ❏ Make sure social media is a positive representation of you
- ❏ Outline your financial aid plan
- ❏ Prepare documents for FAFSA (and CSS Profile if applicable)
- ❏ Research and apply for scholarships

# Exciting Upcoming Event

**College Essay  
Writing Panel**

**Financial Aid  
& Scholarship  
Panel**

## Colorado's 2020 Virtual College Fair

(hosted by StriveScan)



in partnership with the Northern Colorado College Fair,  
Southern Colorado College Fair,  
and Colorado Western Slope College Fair present:

### Monday, Sept. 28th

Virtual College Panels on Financial Aid,  
Essay Writing, Scholarships and More!  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Tuesday, Sept. 29th

Virtual College Fair  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Wednesday, Sept. 30th

Virtual College Fair  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

- Sessions are free for ALL Colorado students, but registration is required!
- These virtual presentations give you the opportunity to hear directly from college admissions officers from over 250 colleges!
- Student registration begins September 1st at:



**CollegeFairsDenver.org**

**Virtual  
presentations &  
meetings with  
College Reps**

# October/November

- ❑ Continue steps from September
- ❑ Finalize college list
- ❑ Submit early /action decision application, if desired
- ❑ Take SAT or ACT if you choose to
- ❑ Ask for Letters of Rec if you haven't yet
- ❑ Write thank you notes to recommenders
- ❑ Request transcripts
- ❑ Polish your application essays
- ❑ Ensure official SAT and/or ACT score reports are sent to early application schools
- ❑ Complete the CSS Profile Form if your colleges require it for financial aid
- ❑ Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

# December/ January

- ❑ Submit regular decision applications
- ❑ Keep searching and applying for scholarships
- ❑ Receive response on early applications
- ❑ Start 3rd quarter strong and keep it up

# March/April

- ❑ Celebrate! (hopefully)
- ❑ Compare financial aid offers

# May

- ❑ Commit to your college by May 1
- ❑ GRADUATE!!

# Rescinding Offers

On average colleges rescind 10 offers a year.

They investigate MANY more than that.

## WHY?

- Drop in grades senior year
- Not doing what you said you would
- Disciplinary action
- Inappropriate social media posts





# THE SEARCH

(heart, soul... and college)



# What Do I Need to Know About Myself?

- ❑ G.P.A.
- ❑ SAT/ACT Scores
- ❑ Extra-curricular activities
- ❑ Chances of acceptance
- ❑ Financial Resources
- ❑ Special talents
- ❑ Learning style/personality type

And...

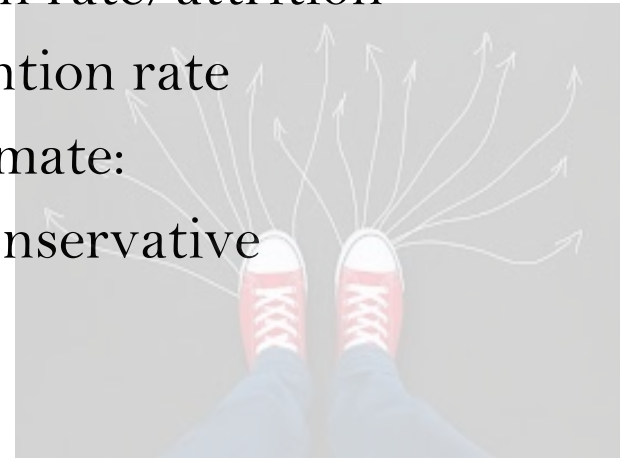
- ❑ Your criteria (what you can't live without, as well as what you can't live with)





# Criteria to Consider

- Public, private,
- 2 year, 4 year, certificate, specialized
- degrees offered
- location (rural or urban setting)/distance from home
- size of the student population (from small at 1,000 to large at 35,000+)
- majors/minors
- student body (diversity, gender, socioeconomics, etc.)
- Values around inclusivity/equity
- social life (Greek organizations, sports, clubs, etc., “suitcase school”)
- costs (tuition, room and board, financial aid)
- campus resources (labs, libraries, gym, etc.)
- disability services
- graduation rate/attrition rate/retention rate
- school climate: liberal/conservative



- safety (campus, community)
- religious affiliation
- housing options (dorms, apartments, living at home)
- realistic entry expectations (based on typical student admitted)
- clubs/athletics
- study abroad programs
- Aesthetics
- school calendar (semester, 4-1-4, year round)
- Support services: advising, career, counseling, health
- ability to transfer to a 4 year university
- weather
- teacher assistants versus full-time qualified faculty
- faculty contact (office hours)
- degree of pressure to excel
- Internship programs
- Class size
- Success of graduates pursuing graduate studies and employment

## ACADEMIC CALENDARS

- Semester
- Quarter (year-round)- usually take fewer classes per quarter to allow time for internships/work
- Block- Immersive learning. Focus on 1 course for about 4 weeks, then have about a week off.
- 4-1-4/4-4-1/January Term: 2 long terms and 1 short intensive term usually focused on 1 course (sometimes includes travel)

## UNIQUE PROGRAMS

- Accelerated programs
- Coop Education (work and school)
- Double major
- Internships
- Semester at sea
- Study abroad
- United Nations semester
- Urban semester
- College Consortiums
- Student designed major

**What is a self-designed major?** These majors are organized around a theme, not a single subject area. Instead of majoring in Spanish, history or literature, for example, you can major in Latin American studies and take classes in all three areas as well as political science, economics, anthropology and more.

### A FEW EXAMPLES

Agroforestry, Cultural Ecology, Draft Animal Power Systems, Ecological Building, Equine Studies in Childhood Education, Farm & Nature Education, Human Ecology, Land-based Entrepreneurship, Sustainable Building & Design, Wilderness Therapy and Addictions



# What if I have no clue to what to major in?

- **Talk to people.**
- Talk to working professionals in careers that interest you
- Talk to other students in degree programs that interest you
- Talk with a career advisor or guidance counselor
- Try out classes in different subject areas when possible
- Follow your interests
- Ask yourself what would you do if you could do anything
- **Know that you're not alone**

Around 50% of  
students are  
undecided when  
entering college



# Liberal Arts Colleges

- Gives the student an opportunity to explore a variety of academic disciplines rather than following a specific rubric of courses that train them for a specific career.
- Similar to NV- focuses on critical thinking, interdisciplinary studies, inter/intra-personal skills, communication, and a well rounded education.



## **STEM/LIBERAL ARTS SCHOOLS**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rN9SwX9pRpeR2KHnJw6agK-HicAR-8PI9jo-hs-81JM/edit?usp=sharing>



# Public Liberal Arts Colleges

The Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges or COPLAC is a consortium of 26 public colleges and universities in 24 states and one Canadian province.

## Northeast

- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Keene State College - New Hampshire
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Ramapo College of New Jersey - New Jersey
- State University of New York at Geneseo
- University of Maine at Farmington- Maine

## South

- Shepherd University- West Virginia
- Georgia College & State University - Georgia
- Henderson State University - Arkansas
- New College of Florida- Florida
- University of Mary Washington - Virginia
- University of Montevallo - Alabama
- University of North Carolina at Asheville
- University of Virginia's College at Wise
- College of Charleston - South Carolina

## Midwest

- University of Minnesota Morris - Minnesota
- Truman State University - Missouri
- University of Wisconsin-Superior - Wisconsin
- University of Illinois at Springfield - Illinois

## Southwest

- Fort Lewis College - Colorado
- Midwestern State University - Texas
- University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

## Northwest

- The Evergreen State College - Washington
- Sonoma State University- California
- Southern Oregon University - Oregon

## Canada

- University of Alberta, Augustana Campus





# Out of the Box Colleges

**Hampshire, Sierra Nevada, College of the Atlantic, The New School, Brown University, Bennington, Harvey Mudd, Evergreen, Amherst, Bard, Sarah Lawrence College, Antioch College, Quest University: Canada, Global College, Kenyon, Kalamazoo, Knox, New College in Florida, Naropa, Colorado College, Burlington College, Goddard College, Green Mountain College, Grinnell College, Kalamazoo College, Manhattanville College, Marlboro, Oberlin, Prescott, Soka, Sterling College, Unity College, University of Redlands, University of Rochester, Warren Wilson, Western Washington University: Fairhaven, Wheaton College, Eugene Lang, Watson, and many more!**

- <http://www.educationrevolution.org/>
- <https://www.bestcolleges.com/features/best-colleges-for-non-traditional-students/>
- <https://www.collegexpress.com/lists/list/the-most-innovative-college-academic-programs/238/>

# Arts Focused Colleges

- Focus specifically on art/music/theater, etc.  
Many do not offer traditional coursework
- Faculty of an art focused school will consist of professionals who have real-world experience and who may be recognized names in the field.
- Small size and small classes
- Networking opportunities
- Surrounded by like-minded people who share your passion for the arts.
- Access to state of the art equipment and studio space
- Sometimes credits do not transfer
- Can be very expensive

\*\*If you are considering an art focused college, attend [National Portfolio Day](#).



# Community College

## Pros

- Everyone gets in!
- Only use ACT/SAT for class placement or Accuplacer
- Save money on tuition
- Complete your basic requirements
- Time to define your major
- Boost your GPA
- Great for nontraditional students
- Career focused majors
- “Test the waters”
- Small class sizes
- Flexible schedule
- Age diversity



## Cons

- Often lack of campus life
- Limited curriculum
- Less interaction among students
- Less campus resources
- Many part time students
- Mostly in-state students
- Limited activities/sports
- No on-campus housing  
(Though most Junior Colleges have housing and sports: La Junta and Otero)

# In-State Colleges/Universities

More than 40 2 and 4 year colleges in Colorado

College In Colorado: [www.collegeincolorado.org](http://www.collegeincolorado.org)

College Opportunity Fund (COF):

- \$85 per credit hour now \$40 next year :(

Test Optional: HB 20-1407 is a temporary “test optional” bill in effect for the fall 2021 admissions cycle for the state of Colorado.





## GPA and Test Score Ranges of Admitted Freshmen - Fall 2017 Data

### Colorado Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities

The data below reflect the middle 50% ranges of students admitted at each institution - 25% had above and 25% had below these ranges. These are NOT requirements, but a guide to each institution's standards.

Both ACT & SAT are accepted by Colorado public institutions. Please refer to the online College Admission Guidelines tool for more information on admission criteria: [coadmissionstool.org](http://coadmissionstool.org)

Institution	High School GPA	ACT	SAT*
	Mid-50% GPA range of admitted students (4.0 scale - includes weighted GPAs)	Mid-50% ACT range of admitted students (composite scores)	Taken March 2016 & After Mid-50% SAT range of admitted students (Evidenced Based Reading & Writing + Math)
Adams State University	2.70 - 3.60	17 - 22	950 - 1120
Colorado Mesa University	3.15 - 3.83	20 - 25	1020 - 1200
Colorado School of Mines	3.71 - 3.98**	29 - 33	1330 - 1460
Colorado State University Fort Collins	3.33 - 4.00	23 - 29	1120 - 1300
Colorado State University Global	2.80 - 3.60	18 - 23	980 - 1160
Colorado State University Pueblo	2.91 - 3.76	18 - 23	950 - 1120
Fort Lewis College	3.08 - 3.81	20 - 25	1040 - 1190
Metropolitan State University of Denver	2.59 - 3.42	17 - 22	920 - 1110
University of Colorado Boulder	3.44 - 4.00	25 - 31	1180 - 1350
University of Colorado Colorado Springs	3.10 - 3.87	20 - 26	1070 - 1250
University of Colorado Denver	3.23 - 3.93	21 - 27	1070 - 1260
University of Northern Colorado	3.07 - 3.83	19 - 25	1030 - 1230
Western State Colorado University	2.95 - 3.75	20 - 25	1025 - 1200

\* SAT totals = Evidenced Based Reading & Writing + Math subscores. It does NOT include the Essay or Written Component score.

# Colorado Free Application Day is October 13, 2020!



[Application Instructions](#)

# So many places to search...

Click [HERE](#) for way too many websites

Some of my favorite books:

- [The College Finder by Steven R. Antonoff](#) (this one is awesome, but hard to get the newest version and weirdly expensive. Can find some of the same info [HERE](#))
- [Fiske's Guide to College 2020](#)
- [The Best Value Colleges](#)
- [K & W Guide to Colleges for Students With Learning Disabilities](#)
- [College Majors Handbook](#)
- [Best 385 Colleges](#)
- [Rugg's Recommendations on Colleges](#)



# Finalizing your List of Colleges

How many? There's no perfect number, but some experts recommend the following:

2-3 ... you're in

2-3... you're qualified, but the competition's fierce

2-3... you're reaching, but who knows?



## **TIPS**

Create a spreadsheet to compare colleges side by side. ([example](#))

Keep costs in mind – make sure you have affordable options w/o scholarships

YOU CHOOSE THEM... JUST AS MUCH  
AS THEY CHOOSE YOU!



# Application Time



# What Are Colleges Looking For

- Grades
- Rigor of coursework
- Test Scores (SAT, ACT, Subject Tests)
- Application information
- Strong essays
- Leadership
- Strong letters of Recommendation
- Passion, and commitment to that passion
- Interviews
- Activities
- Authenticity
- Demonstrated Interest
- Growth
- Strong Junior Year/ 1st Semester Senior Year



# New Vista Profile

New Vista School Profile



# **Most Amazing Tool Ever!** (Thanks College Essay Guy)

1. Google: “Common Data Set” + college name
2. Scroll Down to “C7”
3. Mind Blown



# Lewis and Clark

**C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.**

C7		Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
C7	<b>Academic</b>				
C7	Rigor of secondary school record	X			
C7	Class rank			X	
C7	Academic GPA	X			
C7	Standardized test scores		X		
C7	Application Essay		X		
C7	Recommendation(s)		X		
C7	<b>Nonacademic</b>				
C7	Interview			X	
C7	Extracurricular activities		X		
C7	Talent/ability		X		
C7	Character/personal qualities		X		
C7	First generation			X	
C7	Alumni/ae relation			X	
C7	Geographical residence			X	
C7	State residency				X
C7	Religious affiliation/commitment				X
C7	Racial/ethnic status			X	
C7	Volunteer work		X		
C7	Work experience		X		
C7	Level of applicant's interest			X	



# CU Boulder

**C7. Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.**

	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
<b>Academic</b>				
Rigor of secondary school record	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class rank	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic GPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standardized test scores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Nonacademic</b>				
Interview	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Extracurricular activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Talent/ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Character/personal qualities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
First generation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alumni/ae relation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geographical residence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State residency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious affiliation/commitment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Racial/ethnic status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of applicant's interest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# College Application Types

- Common Application
- Universal College Application
- Coalition Application
- College Specific Application
- Paper



T H E   C O A L I T I O N

# Different Types of Application Deadlines

<u>Non-Restrictive Application Plans</u>			<u>Restrictive Application Plans</u>	
Regular Decision	Rolling Admission	Early Action (EA)	Early Decision (ED)	Restrictive Early Action (REA)
<b><u>DEFINITION:</u></b>  Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.	<b><u>DEFINITION:</u></b>  Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.	<b><u>DEFINITION:</u></b>  Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.	<b><u>DEFINITION:</u></b>  Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.	<b><u>DEFINITION:</u></b>  Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.
<b><u>COMMITMENT:</u></b>  NON-BINDING	<b><u>COMMITMENT:</u></b>  NON-BINDING	<b><u>COMMITMENT:</u></b>  NON-BINDING	<b><u>COMMITMENT:</u></b>  BINDING	<b><u>COMMITMENT:</u></b>  NON-BINDING

\*\*\*[early decision vs regular admissions stats](#)

# What You'll Need to Apply



**Your basic  
information**



**Extracurricular  
activities  
information**



**A completed  
FAFSA**



**Money for an  
application fee,  
typically  
anywhere from  
\$35 to \$70**



**Your high  
school  
transcript**



**Recommendation  
letters  
(if required)**



**Admission test  
scores—ACT,  
SAT**



**Advanced  
Placement (AP)  
test scores**



**Your entrance  
essay (see  
school website  
for specific  
questions/  
prompts/  
requirements)**



**Auditions/  
portfolios  
for art or  
performing art  
school  
entrance**

- **Honors/awards**
- **Leadership positions**
- **Disciplinary Infractions**
- **Preparation for an interview**



# Examples of College Entrance Requirements

## Colorado Public Colleges

- 4 years of Language Arts
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 4 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Science
- 2 years of World Language

## Harvard

- 4 years of English, with extensive practice in writing;
- 4 years of math
- 4 years of science: biology, chemistry, physics, and an advanced course in one of these subjects
- 3 years of history, including American and European history
- 4 years of one foreign language

## Pratt Institute

- 4 years of English
- 3-4 years of Math
- 1 year of Social Studies
- 2 years of Science
- No World Language

## Evergreen State University

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of history and social sciences
- 2 years of a foreign language
- 2 years of lab sciences
- 1 year of creative arts or academic elective

**NOTE: 2 New Vista credits = 1 year or 1 unit**





# ALWAYS START WITH NAVIANCE

Now accessible from the New Vista Website!!



The screenshot shows the Boulder Valley School District website. The header features the district logo and navigation links: Student Logins, Payments, Sign In, and a language selector. The main content area includes the New Vista High School logo and a large background image of a school building. A white login overlay is centered on the page, featuring tabs for IC, Naviance, and Schoology. The Naviance tab is active, showing a login form with fields for Username and Password, a log in button, and links for Staff and Student sign in.

**Boulder Valley School District**  
*Excellence and Equity*

[Student Logins](#) [Payments](#) [Sign In](#) [Select Language](#)

**New Vista High School**  
A Community of Excellence

**Naviance**

Username

Password

[Staff sign in](#) [Student sign in](#) [log in](#)

**New Vista High**  
Community of Excellence

[Learn More](#)

## 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	Type	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	RD	Regular Decision November 30	N/A	no request	Pending		Unknown <a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">MORE</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fort Lewis College	RD	Regular Decision August 15	N/A	no request	Pending		Unknown <a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">MORE</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Washington	RD	Regular Decision November 15	N/A	no request	Pending		Unknown <a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">MORE</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Wisconsin, Madison	EA	Early Action November 1	N/A	no request	Pending		Unknown <a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">MORE</a>

## 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



# Adding Colleges

1. Search for a college
2. Once it comes up, click on the  to add to “Colleges I’m Thinking About”
3. Go to “Colleges I’m Thinking About.”  
Check boxes and click “Move to Application List”

**DEADLINE**

Make sure you  
choose your  
application  
deadline and  
what type of  
application you  
will use.

Click “Add  
Applications”

STEP 1 — STEP 2  
Add Applications Request Transcripts

Smith College

Which application deadline do you prefer?

Early Decision November 15

How will you submit your application?

I'm not sure yet

☐ I've already sent my application

Add Applications

~~ADD AND REQUEST~~





  
**APPLY**  
**NOW**

Take a minute to think or chat  
with the person next to you:

What do you think are the  
biggest mistakes we see  
students make?



- Missing deadlines for financial aid, scholarships, auditions, or portfolios
- Families do not discuss finances honestly
- Safety schools are not options where students would be happy
- Students have difficulty limiting outside voices. Lose themselves in the process. (College choice, essay, etc.)
- Using nickname or not their legal name for applications. They will usually give you a spot for preferred name



# The Application Process

## Students are responsible for:

- ❑ Online application and application fee
- ❑ Essay
- ❑ Recommendation Letters from teachers & advisors (counselors)
- ❑ Sending your test scores from ACT and SAT
- ❑ \$2 for each Official Transcript Requested from NV

## New Vista is responsible for sending:

- Transcript
- Secondary School Reports/Counselor reports
- Letters of recommendation electronically





**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
WRITE  
THE ESSAY**

# Some Tips for Essays

- Start early.
- Be yourself.
- Be honest.
- Watch out for humor/slang.
- Don't thesaurasize.
- Answer the question.
- Write and rewrite.
- Get a second opinion.
- Proofread.
- Be accurate.
- Find an angle or hook.
- Stick to the word count.
- Write an ESSAY.

## **2 suggestions by a college admissions counselor:**

- Remove the introductory and concluding paragraphs, and then see if your essay seems stronger. These paragraphs are often the most likely to have unnecessary detail.
- Go through the essay and cut out every "very" and every "many." Words like these are vague, and your writing is often stronger without them.

# Essay Question Examples

- Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. (Common App)
- Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side. (UCs)
- Please complete the following, and have a little fun doing so (no more than 300 characters each):

I am empowered by people who...

I value my community because ...

I want to better my world by... (Carleton)

- The Hawaiian word mo'olelo is often translated as “story” but it can also refer to history, legend, genealogy, and tradition. Use one of these translations to introduce yourself. (Dartmouth College)
- You are required to spend the next year in either the past or the future. To what year would you travel and why? (University of Richmond)

# Use the College Essay Guy

## Meet Ethan Sawyer



Try these exercises before starting your essay

- 1) Essence Objects Exercise:
- 2) Values Exercise:
- 3) Feelings and Needs Exercise:

Additional Resource to help with Brainstorming:

100 Brave and Interesting Questions

12 Sample College Essays that have Worked:



# New Common App COVID Question

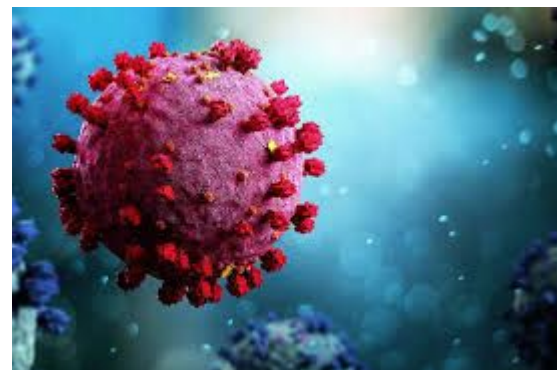
Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces.

Do you wish to share anything on this topic? Y/N

Please use this space to describe how these events have impacted you.

The question will be optional and will appear in the Additional Information section of the application. The response length will be limited to 250 words.

[Tips from the College Essay Guy](#)



# Letters of Recommendation





## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Follow directions about who and how many
- Choose recommenders that can speak to different strengths.
  - For example, an LA or SS teacher and a Math or Science teacher.
- Your counselor rec is written by your advisor
- You can also use a CE mentor, coach, or employer only if the college allows.
- Start early. Though 3 weeks is the standard turnaround time, giving your recommenders longer is preferred
- Teachers cap how many letters they will write
- Show gratitude

# How to Request a Letter of Recommendation

## **FIRST STEP:**

Ask your recommender through a virtual meeting, if possible.

## **SECOND STEP:**

Fill out the Letter of Rec Request Form found [HERE](#) with as much detail as possible, and email it to your recommender



# REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM TEACHERS OR STAFF

(all letters will be submitted electronically)

**Please do not leave this form in a teacher's box without first making the request in person.**

**You must also request your letters on <http://connection.naviance.com/newvista>**

**For detailed instructions, please see the counseling office.**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please allow 15 working days for your letters to be written and uploaded.**

Letters are needed by: \_\_\_\_\_

**It is the student's responsibility to check back to verify the letters and forms have been uploaded.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Your Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

The same letter of recommendation will be submitted to all the schools you list below.  
If you need one addressed to a specific school, please notify your teacher with detailed instructions.

Please list all the schools you are applying to here:

**Name of School**

**Common Ap School?** (check, if yes)

☐☐☐


## NEW WORDING

The same letter of recommendation will be submitted to all the schools you list below, unless you specify otherwise. **If you need one addressed to a specific school, please notify your teacher with detailed instructions.** Many colleges have different guidelines about the minimum and maximum number of letters they will accept. Please research this detail before you request your Letters of Rec. in Naviance and specify which letters to send to which schools when you request your official transcripts.

Which classes have you taken with this teacher?

What would you like this teacher to highlight about you?  
(*Study habits, participation, leadership skills, community experiences, etc.*)


# Log on to Naviance: Access through single sign-on portal

 Naviance | Student

HomeCollegesCareersAbout MeMy Plan

Welcome, Natalie!

Search for Colleges

 Type a college name

SEARCH

Welcome Seniors!


Yay!! You are a senior! Please fill out the below survey:


Senior Counseling Survey


10/20


Read more

My Favorites

 COLLEGES  
I'm thinking about

 COLLEGES  
I'm applying to

 CAREERS AND CLUSTERS  
I'm thinking about

 Show More

# Click on “Colleges” and then “Colleges Home”

## Welcome, Natalie!

Search for Colleges



SEARCH

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## Senior Counseling Survey

10/20

[Read more](#)

### My Favorites



COLLEGES

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COLLEGES

[I'm applying to](#)



CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

[I'm thinking about](#)



Show More

Scroll down and then click on  
“Letters of recommendation”  
under “Apply to Colleges”



## Apply to Colleges



COLLEGES

I'm applying to

Letters of Recommendation

College Events

Manage Transcripts

Test scores



# Click on “Add Request”

Letters of recommendation

## Your Requests

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



Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
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Your recommendation requests will show up here.



## Letters of recommendation

### Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. If you don't have any colleges in your list yet, you may still make a request. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel

Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?\*

Select A Teacher ▼

2. Select which colleges this request is for:\*

☐ Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

Looks like you don't have colleges in your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list yet. Click [here](#) to add.

☐ All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list ⓘ

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

3000 characters remaining

Cancel

Submit Request

\* Indicates a required field

1. Choose your teacher from the drop down box.
2. Select which colleges you want this letter to go to.
3. Write a nice note to your recommender. You should have filled out what you want them to include on the form, so no need to include that here.

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## REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

- Request transcripts by filling out this Transcript Request Form. NOT ON NAVIANCE
- SAT scores **will NOT be** on your transcript
- Transcripts cost \$2 each. Pay on Revtrack
- You must give her 15 working days
- Julie will send transcripts electronically through Naviance.
- Letters of rec must be uploaded to Naviance before Julie submits transcripts
- Request Mid year and Final transcripts

# Common Transcript Questions

**Q:** Should I request my transcripts through Naviance?

**A:** No, only use our transcript request form.

**Q:** Should I wait until after I apply to request my transcripts?

**A:** No, put in your requests right away. Your application and accompanying documents will be connected by the school you are applying to.

**Q:** Can I list all of my colleges on one request form?

**A:** No, please fill out a separate request form for each college.

**Q:** Will my SAT or ACT scores be on my transcript?

**A:** No. You will need to request your scores be sent directly from the testing agency.

**Q:** Will I be notified when my transcripts and accompanying docs have been sent?

**A:** No, however you are welcome to email the Registrar anytime with questions!

Registrar: Julie Ikler, [julie.ikler@bvsd.org](mailto:julie.ikler@bvsd.org)



# Standardized Testing

**SAT will be at New Vista on October 14th (Optional)**

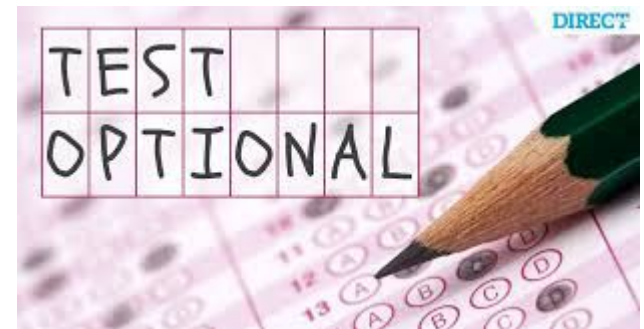
Scores **WILL NOT** be printed on transcripts. You must order from Collegeboard to be sent to college.

Take or Retake SAT: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

Take or Retake ACT: <https://www.act.org/>

Test Optional/Test Blind Colleges

- <https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>
- <https://www.insight-education.net/list-test-optional-colleges-2021/>





# Additional Admissions Requirements

- Auditions/CDs for performers-

Watch for deadlines and plan ahead!

- Portfolios for artists/architects/photographers
- Interviews: Campus, phone/skype, alumni
- Resume



# A few words of wisdom...

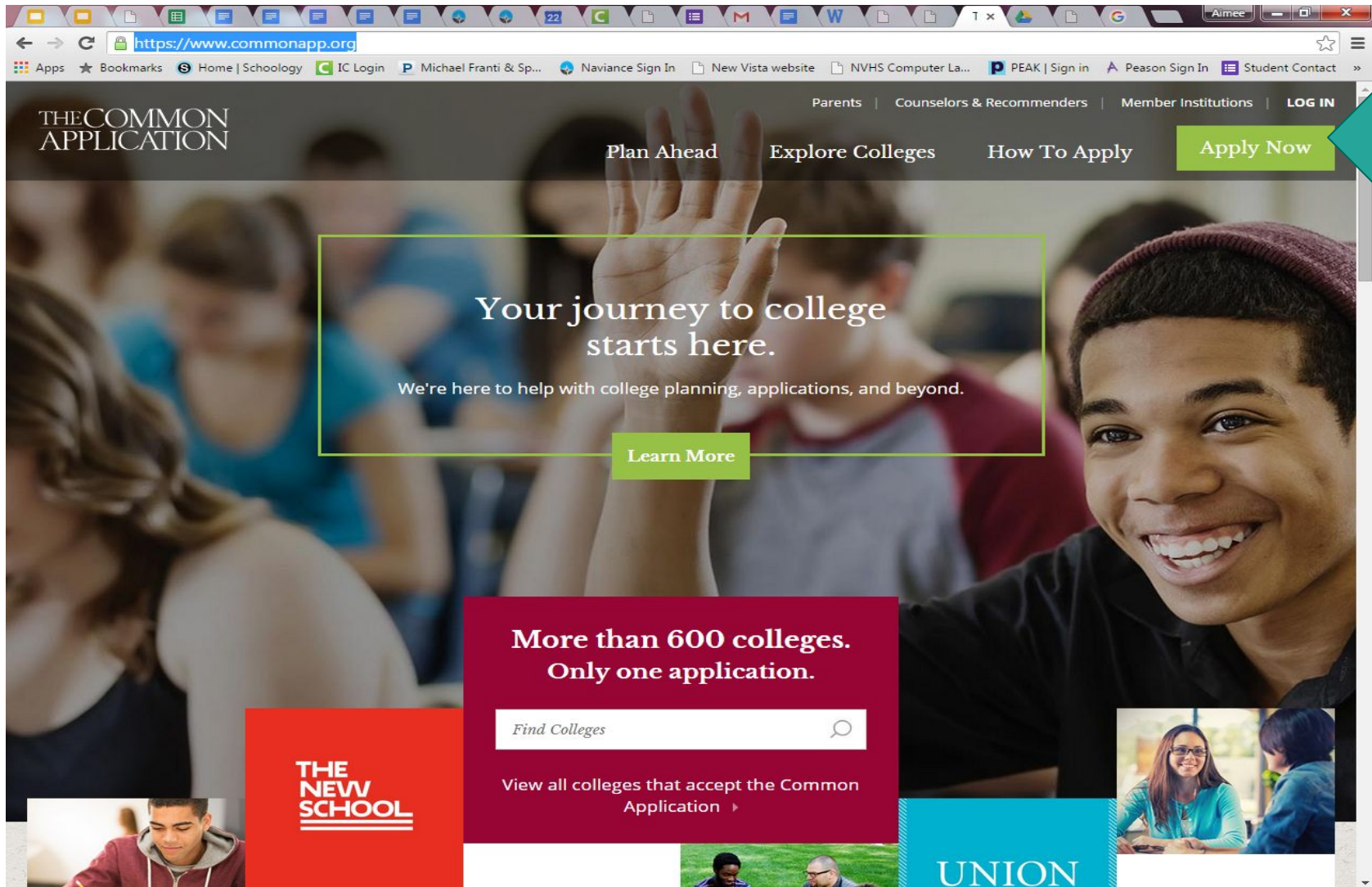
“Whenever there are irregularities relating to a student’s academic program and/or performance, admission officers will look for explanations. Without an explanation, they will draw their own conclusions. Keep in mind that admission officers are, by their very nature, cynical. An unexplained change in schools for the senior year will be viewed as highly irregular, perhaps even as a “red flag.” Left to draw their own conclusions, admission officers could conclude that the change was the result of a discipline issue, an infraction of school rules/policies or a calculated decision by the student to pursue a course of less resistance academically. While I seriously doubt that any of these explanations would apply to your son, I hope you see my point. He cannot risk those assumptions.”

Peter of [www.bestcollegefit.com](http://www.bestcollegefit.com)

# Let's Talk...



# Create an account on the Common Application



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Common Application website. The browser's address bar displays <https://www.commonapp.org>. The navigation bar includes links for "Parents", "Counselors & Recommenders", "Member Institutions", and a "LOG IN" button. The main content area features a large background image of a smiling young man with his hand raised in a classroom. Overlaid on this image is a green-bordered box containing the text "Your journey to college starts here." and "We're here to help with college planning, applications, and beyond." Below this text is a green "Learn More" button. To the right of the main image, a green arrow points to a green "Apply Now" button in the navigation bar. At the bottom of the page, there is a red banner for "THE NEW SCHOOL" and a blue banner for "UNION". A search bar with the text "Find Colleges" and a magnifying glass icon is also visible. Below the search bar, it says "View all colleges that accept the Common Application" with a right-pointing arrow. Small inset images of students are visible in the bottom corners.

<https://www.commonapp.org>

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THE COMMON APPLICATION

Parents | Counselors & Recommenders | Member Institutions | LOG IN

Plan Ahead Explore Colleges How To Apply **Apply Now**

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**Learn More**

**More than 600 colleges.  
Only one application.**

Find Colleges

View all colleges that accept the Common Application ▶

THE NEW SCHOOL

UNION

# Add the college to which you plan to apply in the “My Colleges” Section in the Common App

The screenshot displays the 'My Colleges' section of the Common App interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with four tabs: 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges' (which is currently selected), 'Common App', and 'College Search'. Below the navigation bar, the left sidebar shows two college entries: 'Colorado State University' with a minus sign and 'University of Colorado Boulder' with a plus sign. The main content area for 'Colorado State University' is expanded, showing an 'Application' section with a progress indicator '(0 of 3 Completed)' and three items: 'Questions', 'Recommenders and FERPA', and 'Review and Submit - Common App', each with an unchecked checkbox. To the right of the application progress, there is a 'Contact Info' section with fields for 'Phone: (970) 491-6909' and 'Fax: (970) 491-7799', and an email field with a 'View' link. Below the contact info is an 'Application Deadlines' section, which currently shows 'Fall 2016 (starts August)' and 'First Year' with a 'Regular Decision - 02/01/2016' deadline.

**Dashboard** **My Colleges** **Common App** **College Search**

**Colorado State University** —

**Application**  
(0 of 3 Completed)

- ☐ Questions
- ☐ Recommenders and FERPA
- ☐ Review and Submit - Common App

**University of Colorado Boulder** +

**Contact Info**

Phone: (970) 491-6909 Email: [View](#)

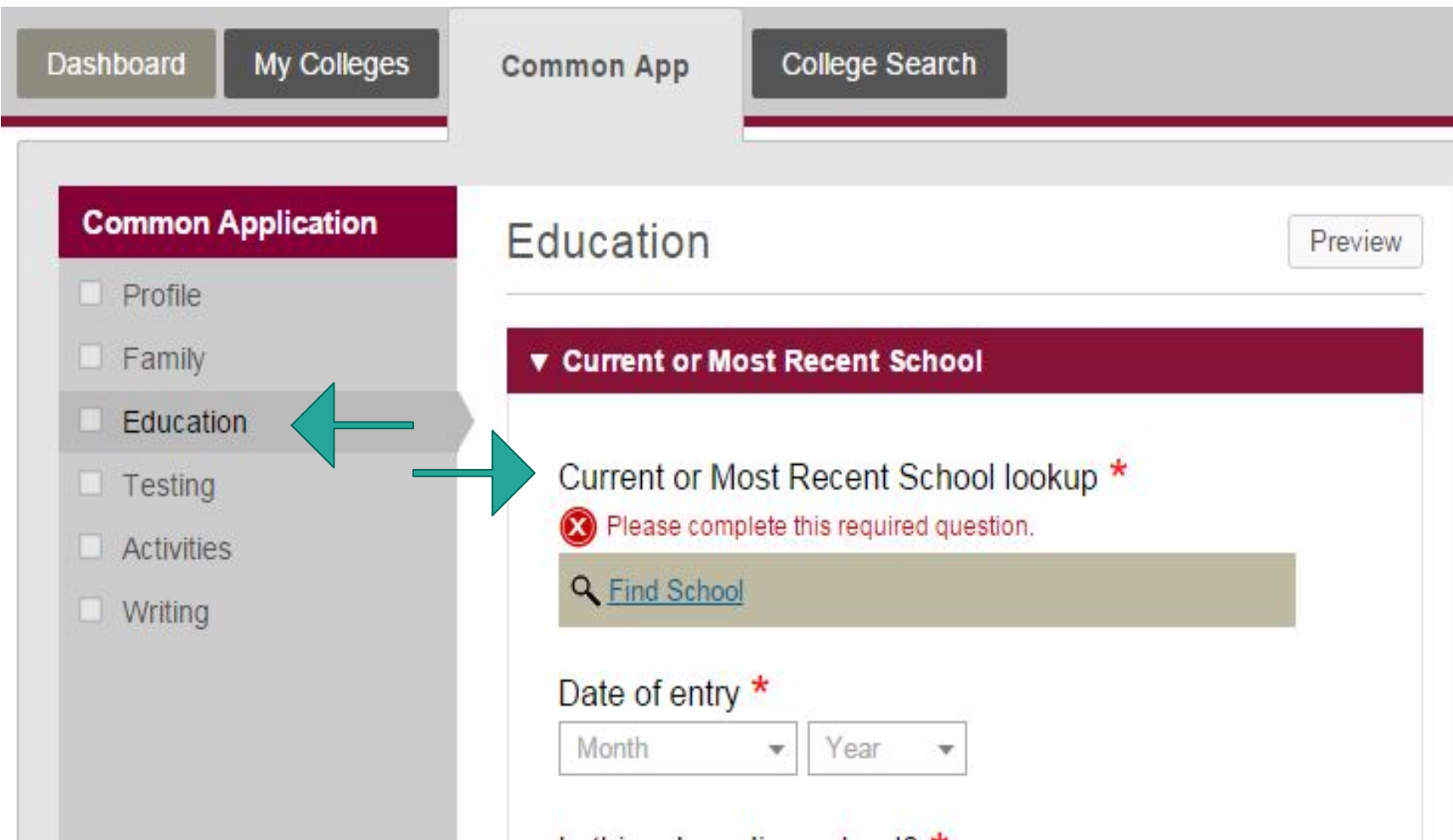
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**Application Deadlines**

**Fall 2016 (starts August)**

**First Year**  
Regular Decision - 02/01/2016

# Choose New Vista as “Current Or Most Recent School”



The image shows a screenshot of the Common App website's 'Education' section. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', and 'College Search'. The 'Common App' tab is active. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Common Application' lists various sections: Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities, and Writing. The 'Education' section is highlighted with a teal arrow pointing to it. Another teal arrow points from the 'Education' section to the 'Current or Most Recent School' section on the right. The 'Current or Most Recent School' section has a maroon header with a dropdown arrow. Below the header, the text 'Current or Most Recent School lookup \*' is followed by a red error message: 'Please complete this required question.' Below the error message is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Find School'. At the bottom, there is a 'Date of entry \*' section with two dropdown menus for 'Month' and 'Year'.

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search

**Common Application**

- ☐ Profile
- ☐ Family
- ☒ Education
- ☐ Testing
- ☐ Activities
- ☐ Writing

**Education** [Preview](#)

**▼ Current or Most Recent School**

Current or Most Recent School lookup \*

⊗ Please complete this required question.


Date of entry \*

Month Year



# Sign the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) form on the Common App

## Release Authorization

1  Instructions



2 Form

The next screen will ask you two important questions about your release of and access to your educational records under FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond.

**1. How does FERPA relate to your college application?**

FERPA gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation under certain circumstances IF:

- You are enrolled in college and that college saves the recommendations for enrolled students, OR
- You are 18 or older.

**2. In a moment you'll be asked if you want to waive this right. Why would you want to do that?**

- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- Some recommenders may refuse to write a letter for you unless you waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

**3. Still unsure how to respond?**

- That's OK. Many students are. Before you move on, take a moment to discuss your decision with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. For more information about FERPA, visit the [Help Center](#).



☒ I have fully read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above. \*



Continue

# Sign the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) form on the Common App

The screenshot displays the Common App dashboard with the 'Common App' tab selected. The left sidebar shows a list of colleges, including Colorado State University and the University of Colorado Boulder. The main content area for Colorado State University shows the 'Application' progress (0 of 3 Completed) with checkboxes for 'Questions', 'Recommendations and FERPA', and 'Review and Submit - Common App'. The 'FERPA Release Authorization' section is highlighted, stating: 'You must complete the release authorization process, which will allow transcripts and recommendations to be submitted on your behalf through Naviance eLink. [Click here to complete your FERPA release authorization](#).' A teal arrow points to this link. Another teal arrow points to the 'Recommendations and FERPA' checkbox in the application progress list. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', and 'College Search'. The bottom of the screen shows 'Application Deadlines' for Fall 2016 (starts August) and First Year Regular Decision (02/01/2016).

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search

**Colorado State University**

Application  
(0 of 3 Completed)

- ☐ Questions
- ☐ Recommendations and FERPA
- ☐ Review and Submit - Common App

**University of Colorado Boulder**

**Contact Info**

Phone: (970) 491-6909  
Fax: (970) 491-7799

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall 2016 (starts August)**  
First Year  
Regular Decision - 02/01/2016

**FERPA Release Authorization**


You must complete the release authorization process, which will allow transcripts and recommendations to be submitted on your behalf through Naviance eLink. [Click here to complete your FERPA release authorization](#)


[Manage Recommendations](#)  
Note: All dates are Eastern Standard Time

# Sign the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) form on the Common App

## Release Authorization


## Waive the right to see your recommendations

1  Instructions > 2 Form

 ☒ I authorize every school that I have attended to release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also authorize employees at these colleges to confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf. \*

Please select one: \*

- ☒ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.
- ☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf.

 ☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.** \*

Signature \*



Date \*

09/22/2015

[Back](#)

[Cancel](#)

 [Save](#)



# “Match” your Common App and Naviance

Login to Naviance→Colleges→ Colleges I’m applying to → Enter the email address you used when you created your Common App account and click “Match Accounts”.

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student website. At the top, there is a teal header with the Naviance logo and the word "Student". Navigation links include Home, Colleges (which is underlined), Careers, About Me, and My Planner. Below the header, the main section is titled "Colleges I'm applying to" and includes a search bar with the text "Search for colleges". A prominent pink banner contains an information icon and the message: "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." A "Match Accounts" button is located on the right side of this banner. At the bottom of the page, there are three icons with labels: "Manage Transcripts", "Application Milestones", and "Compare Me".

Naviance | Student

Home Colleges Careers About Me My Planner

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

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare Me



# To Match, enter the email address you are using for Common App in your Naviance account under “Colleges I’m Applying to” section

College that I am attending

N/A



 Teacher Recommendations

[add/cancel requests](#)

No teachers currently listed.

## Common App Account Matching - Incomplete

In order to match your Family Connection and Common App accounts, you need to do the following:

- **Step 1** - Create a Common App account on [Common App Online](#) 
- **Step 2** - Sign the CA FERPA Waiver & Authorization on [Common App Online](#) 


Common App Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Email used for Common App account

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Match

 Once you match accounts, your FERPA status can no longer be changed and you cannot unmatch your account.

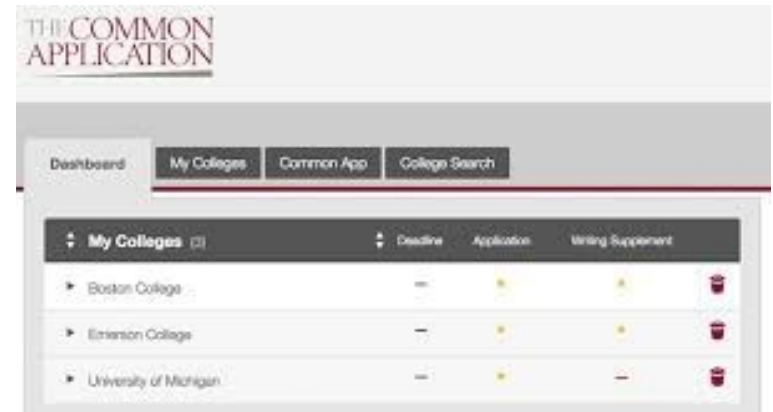
**Tips to successfully match accounts:**

- Make sure you use the **email address** that you chose for your Common App account.
- Make sure the **last name** on your Family Connection profile matches the last name you used to create your Common App account.
- Make sure your **date of birth** on your Family Connection profile matches the date of birth on your Common App account.



# Random things you'll need to know to complete your Common App

- Class size: 81
- Parent info: occupation, level of education, divorce date if applicable
- Month and year you started NVHS
- List activities in order of importance and estimate hours per week and weeks per year
- If and when you took college classes
- Your senior year schedule



# Thinking About How to Pay For College?



# Attend NV “Paying for College and FAFSA Night” on September 22nd at 6pm



RSVP [HERE](#)

JOIN [HERE](#)

# A few other great resources...

- <https://www.compassprep.com/blog/>
- <http://collegeresults.org/>
- <https://www.collegexpress.com/home>
- <https://www.essayhell.com/>
- <https://roadtripnation.com/>
- [NVHS Counselor's Corner](#)

**Seniors: sign up for senior meetings [HERE](#)**



# Last minute advice for parents

- Nudges are good
- Helicopters, drill sergeants, and lawn mowers -- not so much
- Make sure not all conversations are about college
- Make a dedicated time for check-ins
- Help with scholarship searching
- Let it be your student's process



# A few parting words to remember...



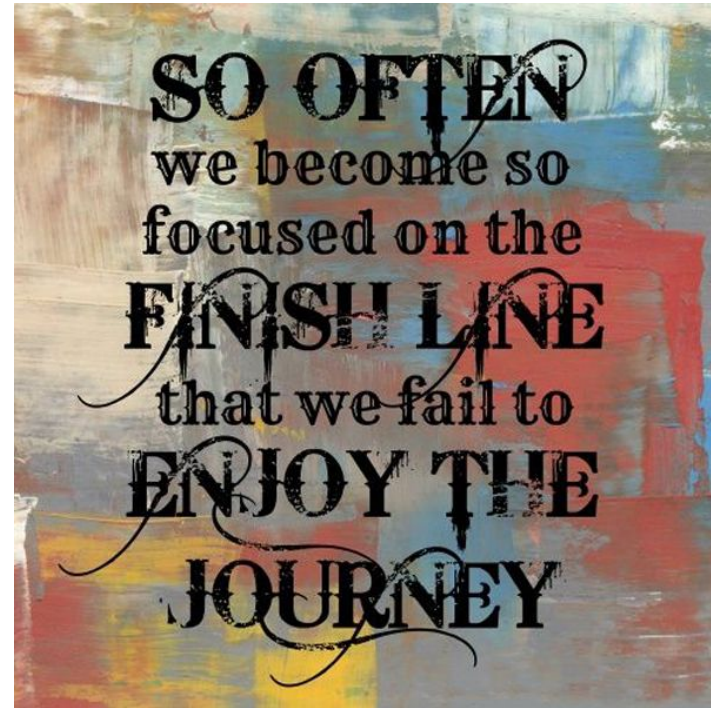
**College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won. The ideal pairs a student with the school that best fulfills that student's academic, social and aspirational needs.**

**The best fit is where a student will thrive and be happy.**

-- DEB SHAVER, Dean of Admission,



- Relax
- Work Hard
- Enjoy
- Be Balanced
- Make Memories 😊



# RESOURCES ON OTHER PATHWAYS



# Technical Institutes/Focused Colleges

- Course work focuses on skills for the workforce
- Typically award a certificate, diploma, or associate's degree.
- Offers internship experiences
- Usually offer job placement services
- Credits usually DO NOT transfer
- Includes a strong element of hands-on training
- May be part of community and junior colleges, and sometimes four-year colleges and universities
- Check for accreditation: Ensures that an institution has been evaluated and meets set standards of quality  
(<http://www.chea.org/>)
- Examples: computer technology, business administration, culinary arts, electronics, medical assisting, legal assisting, automotive technology, massage therapy, and cosmetology.



# Need More info?

General info:

<http://www2.ed.gov/students/prep/college/consumerinfo/choosing.html>

Search for accreditation: <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home>

Vocational Information Center: <http://www.khake.com/>

Colorado Private Trade Schools:

<http://www.trade-school.org/directory/colorado>

Certificate Programs and Career Training Schools:

<http://www.campusexplorer.com/certificate-programs/>

# Military

- **Five branches:** Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard
- **2 types of duty:** active duty (full-time soldiers and sailors) and reserve & guard forces (usually work a civilian job, but can be called to full-time military duty)
- **Recruiting office:** 3055 Walnut St, Boulder, 303-442-1751
- **ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps):** Take classes in college to learn combat techniques, military tactics, and leadership training. Military pays for all or part of your education if you serve as an officer after graduation. (Freshman and sophomore can participate without obligation to join the Army.)

# What are some benefits of joining the military?

- **Steady Income:** Paid twice a month, on the 1st & 15th, every month, based on your pay grade & service requirements.
- **Advancement:** Promoted based on job knowledge, performance, time in pay grade & service requirements.
- **Paid vacation:** Earn 2.5 days paid vacation per month for a total of 30 days each year.
- **Training:** Choose your career path based on aptitude, physical abilities, security clearance, motivation and determination.
- **Health Care:** While on active duty, receive complete medical and dental care at no cost.
- **Life Insurance:** While serving on active duty members can select inexpensive term life insurance.
- **Tax Advantage:** Only basic monthly pay is subject to Federal or State income tax.
- **GI Bill:** The Montgomery GI Bill will help pay for college education or vocational training.
- **Tuition Assistance:** While in the Reserves or Guard, you may continue your education, and may be helped in defraying the cost of college-accredited courses. Additionally, if you are in the National Guard some states offer substantial benefits such as free tuition to state colleges or universities.
- **Additional Benefits:** There are exchange and commissary privileges, temporary lodging expenses, travel, Veterans Administration home loans and more.



# Jobs

## Tips

- Start looking now
- Network like crazy
- Create a resume and get feedback
- Do mock interviews
- Be professional and confident
- Dress appropriately
- Visit Workforce Boulder  
[www.wfbc.org](http://www.wfbc.org)

## Resources

- <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>
- [www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com)
- [www.groovejob.com/](http://www.groovejob.com/)

- [www.coolworks.com](http://www.coolworks.com)
- [www.monster.com/](http://www.monster.com/)
- <https://www.colorado.gov/cdle>
- [www.myfirstpaycheck.com](http://www.myfirstpaycheck.com)
- <https://jobs.livecareer.com/>

## Apprenticeships and Internships

- [www.doleta.gov/oa](http://www.doleta.gov/oa)
- [www.internweb.com/](http://www.internweb.com/)
- <http://www.idealists.org/if/as/Internship>
- <http://www.goabroad.com/intern-abroad>