

APPLYING TO COLLEGE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Understanding the Application Process

April 2018

IN THE “KNOW”

What do we know about applying to college?

APPLYING TO COLLEGE...

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- INVOLVES a variety of people
- Takes TIME
- Requires MULTIPLE parts
- Has DEADLINES
- Is different for EVERY institution

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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- Can be tedious due to the requirements
- May produce stress
- Should be treated like an “extracurricular activity”
- Needs to be “driven by the applicant”

HOW DO I APPLY?

Let's review the current ways to apply.

APPLICATION SYSTEMS FOR REVIEW

The Common Application

- <http://www.commonapp.org/>
- Works to simplify the application process
- Tips and links to information for students & parents
- Students can now use The Common Application for transfer applications

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APPLICATION SYSTEMS FOR REVIEW

Coalition for Access , Affordability & Success

- <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- Encourages students to create account early in high school (9th)
- Account can store important documents you may want to use during college application process
- All schools participating have agreed to provide affordable tuition or work with students in order to meet financial need
 - **Please note that FCPS has not yet approved schools to use this system.*

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Organizations (CBOs) ▶

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REALITY
FOR ALL STUDENTS

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ACCOUNT**

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APPLICATION SYSTEMS FOR REVIEW

UK APPLICATION SYSTEM

- If you are thinking about applying to college in the UK there is a system for you
- University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) <https://www.ucas.com/>
- Some of the UK schools are now participants in the Common Application
- There is a limit on the amount of schools you can apply to through UCAS

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO YOUR RESEARCH

UK APPLICATION SYSTEM

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INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATIONS

- Some institutions maintain their own application form i.e. On-site admissions may provide a modified paper form to applicants
- Electronic versions (school specific) may be without cost
- Institutional applications also may provide alternate forms of applying i.e. Video applications
- If you are applying to less than 4 schools it may be more advantageous to use the institutional application. Common App & Coalition may be too tedious.

NEXT STEPS.....SUMMER JUNIOR YEAR

- **Visit college campuses or take their online tours.** Virginia Private College Open House Week **July 23-28, 2018** —*Visit three colleges this week and receive three application fee waivers to use at any of the participating private colleges.* Learn more at www.vapivatecolleges.org
- **Make a schedule of application deadlines.**
- **Begin drafting your Common Application or Coalition Application essays.**
- **Create a resume.** *List your activities, awards, jobs and other interests outside of school which will help your teachers, coaches and counselor write stronger recommendation letters.*
- Register to take the SATs and/or ACT again.
- **Begin applying to the colleges/universities on your list.** *Some will open their applications as early as August 1 for the fall of 2019!*
- Look for scholarships and grants in Family Connection!

QUESTIONS?

*FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR
CAREER CENTER SPECIALIST*

Thank you for attending this workshop!

We hope this information was helpful and will be useful.

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