



# HAWTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL

School Counseling Department

## College Summer Application Boot-Camp

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the summer break, I am excited to announce an excellent opportunity for our Junior students - Class of 2025 - who are preparing for the next phase of their academic journey – our College Summer Application Boot-Camp.

With college admissions becoming increasingly competitive, we understand the importance of providing our students with the necessary resources and support to navigate the application process successfully. Our College Summer Application Boot-Camp aims to equip students with the tools and guidance they need to showcase their strengths and accomplishments effectively.

During the boot-camp, students will:

- Receive guidance on selecting suitable colleges/universities that align with their academic and personal goals.
- Learn strategies for writing compelling college application essays that highlight their unique qualities and experiences.
- Gain insights into the application process, including completing the Common Application, Coalition Application, and individual school applications.
- Have dedicated time to work on their applications, with support from experienced counselors and teachers.
- Receive feedback on their application materials to ensure they are polished and well-presented.

We believe that participating in this boot-camp will empower our students with valuable skills that will serve them well beyond the application process.

The 3-Day College Summer Application Boot-Camp will take place from July 23rd through July 25th, 10:00am to 2:00pm, at Lincoln Middle School. Each day will consist of a different activity; please see below. To register your student for this program, please fill out the registration form by <https://forms.gle/SSMRMAfPhdGEKx2c9>.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Warm Regards,

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**Day 1: Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

**10am - 2pm**

### Student Program

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
10:00 am	Check -in
10:15 am	Welcome
10:30 am	"Finding Your Best Fit" - Creating Your College List
11:30 am	BREAK
11:45 am	College Application Workshop
12:45 pm	Student Priority Work Session: Breakout Rooms - Resume, Supplements, Research

**Day 2: Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

**10am - 2pm**

### Student Program

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
10:00 am	Check - In
10:10 am	Option 1: College Application Workshop
10:10 am	Option 2: College Essay Writing Workshop
11:10 am	BREAK
11:30 am	Option 1: College Application Workshop
11:30 am	Option 2: College Essay Writing Workshop
12:30 pm	Student Priority Work Session: Breakout Rooms - Resume, Supplements, Research



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**Day 3: Thursday, July 25, 2024**

**10am -2pm**

### Student Program

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
10:00 am	Check -in
10:10 am	Student Priority Work Session: Breakout Rooms - Resume, Supplements, Research
11:45 am	BREAK
12:00 pm	Student Priority Work Session: Breakout Rooms - Resume, Supplements, Research

### Student Program Descriptions

<u>Program</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>“Finding Your Best Fit”</b>	Students will research colleges/universities as well as academic programs that align with their personal preferences and ambitions. They will use Naviance to compile a list of suitable colleges, ensuring readiness for the application process.
<b>College Application Workshop</b>	Students will engage in completing the Common Application and/or Coalition Application, along with individual school applications, receiving guidance and support from school counselors throughout the process.
<b>College Essay Writing Workshop</b>	Students will be instructed in various techniques and strategies for crafting diverse types of college application essays. With the guidance of school counselors and English teachers, students will receive assistance in generating essay topics and commencing their writing process. They will be allotted time to draft their essays and will have the opportunity to meet with a teacher or counselor for feedback on their drafts.
<b>Student Priority Work Session</b>	Students will be allotted free time to focus on any aspect of the post-secondary process where they require the most assistance and support.