

SCMHS College Application Boot Camp

Welcome Seniors,

You are officially SENIORS! Welcome to **College Application Boot Camp**. Below are new resources to help you strategically complete application steps.

The resources, tips, and videos you will need to get started will be provided through our shared Google Drive Folder called [SCMHS College and Career Google Drive for Students, Parents and or Guardians -Soaring into Senior Year Google Drive](#) , which is accessible via the link [SALE CREEK MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE AND CAREER 101 WEBSITE](#) and the www.salecreekmiddlehigh.com under Counselors - Anita Defore - Useful Links Tab - [SCMHS College Application Boot Camp](#)

Each step should take 10 - 20 minutes to complete. Stay on track and you will be ahead on your college applications.

Getting started! You can follow along by clicking through the links below. All of these materials are available on the [SALE CREEK MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE AND CAREER 101 WEBSITE](#) under the Soaring into Senior Year tab.

- Step 1.** Read and watch the [Handout: How the first year Common App Works](#) and to learn how to **create your Common Application account** if you have not done so already. Watch [Creating a Common App Account](#) and/or read [Step 1: Create a Common Application Account](#) handout for important tips.
- Step 2.** Complete the Common App **Profile & Family Sections**. Read [Step 2: Complete the Profile & Family Sections in Common App](#) handout for important tips.
- Step 3.** Complete the Common App **Education Section**. Read [Step 3: Complete the Education Section in Common App](#) handout for important tips.
- Step 4.** **Add at least 1 college to your list.** Read [Step 4: Add a College to Common App Dashboard](#) for instructions. The College Search tab also has information and links to help you research each college. Almost 900 colleges use Common App! Go to commonapp.org/explore to start exploring.

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Step 1: Create a Common Application Account

It is easy to get started! Begin by watching [Creating a Common App Account](#) created to help you learn how to create your Common Application account.

You can also follow along with the steps below:

1. Select the "First Year Student" button.
2. Provide your login credentials. *Counselor Tip: Be sure to use your personal email.* This is the email the Common App and colleges will use to get in touch with you.
3. Complete your basic registration information. They will need information about you like your name, home address, phone number, and date of birth. *Counselor Tip: Be sure to use your full legal name.*
4. Select "Create Account" to complete your account set up.

Step 2: Complete the Profile & Family Sections in Common App

The **Profile Section** includes questions related to personal information, contact details, demographics, language, citizenship, and requesting a fee waiver. The **Family Section** includes questions related to your household, parents, and siblings.

Tips for completing the Profile & Family Section:

Name: This is your full, given birth name. Example: If your nickname is Matt, and your birth name is Matthew, enter Matthew

Email: You should use your personal email.

Phone: Think carefully about which phone number to give—home or mobile. It should be a number to a phone that's readily accessible to you. You should also make sure your outgoing voicemail greeting is professional-sounding and includes your first and last name.

Permanent Address: This should be the address where you live full time or most often. Ideally, this is the same address that is on your permit or Driver's License.

Race: Please select the most accurate response based on how you identify yourself.

Language: Remember to include English and do not exaggerate your proficiency in other languages. Use the rule of thumb that you should include it if you speak it at the conversational level.

Geography: This is the exact city and state where you were born. If you do not know, ask your parents.

Citizenship: Most of you will select "U.S. Citizen or U.S. National". However, if your citizenship is elsewhere or you are a dual citizen, please select the appropriate type.

Fee Waiver Requested: If you feel that your financial circumstances might qualify you for an application fee waiver, you can request that here. Browse [this website](#) to view the indicators of economic need that can qualify you for a Common App fee waiver.

Step 3: Complete the Education Section in Common App

The **Education Section** includes questions related to current high school, former high schools, counselor, grades, current courses, honors, and intended course of study.

Watch this video created specifically for Davidson Day School students and/or read tips for completing the Education Section below:

Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School:

- Date of entry is the month and year that you entered *High School*. Fall entry dates are listed below:
 - 9th grade: August 2018
 - 10th grade: August 2019
 - 11th grade: August 2020
 - 12th grade: August 2021
- Graduation date is the month and year of your graduation: May 2022.
- Counselor information is listed below:

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Grades: Wait until the first quarter to complete this section

Current or Most Recent Year Courses: You must wait until you have your official senior schedule to complete this section.

Honors: List up to five honors that you have received related to your academic achievement beginning with the ninth grade. This may include underclassmen departmental awards, Student of Character, National Honor Society, Honor Council Member, community-based awards, National Merit Commended/Semi-finalists, AP Scholar/Scholar with Honors/Scholar with Distinction, Headmaster's List, and Honor Roll.

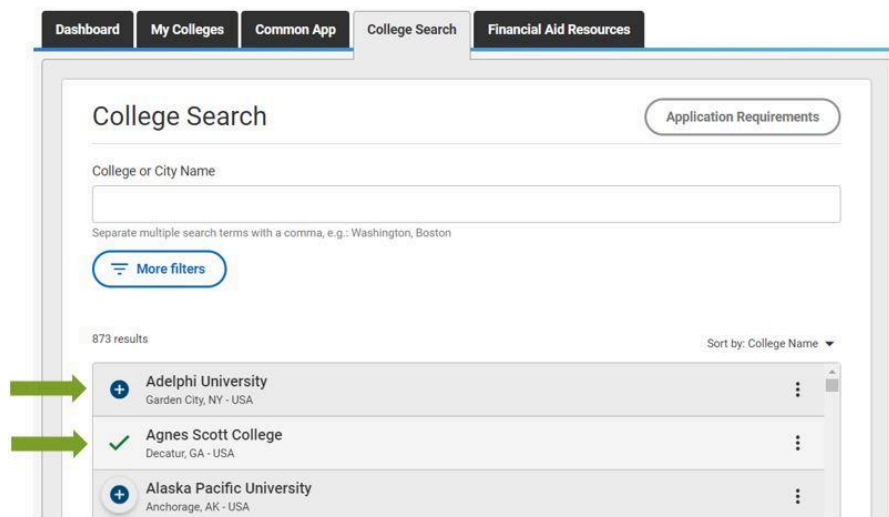
Future Plans: Indicate career interest and highest degree you intend to earn. Important to note that you can select "undecided." The way this information is used will vary from school to school, but typically it is used to identify which promotional materials are most relevant to send you.

Step 4: Add a College to Common App Dashboard

Follow these steps:

1. Search for a college that you plan to apply to using the available search criteria.
2. In the Results List, click on the + button beside the college name.

You will know that the college has been added to your My Colleges page by the green check indicator.



Would you prefer to visually see the steps? Watch this video: [Searching for and Adding Colleges](#)