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College/**Career** Access & Action Network

New Visions' College/Career Access and Action Network is a collective of counselors and other school-based staff who support students' postsecondary preparation and transition. We meet regularly over the course of the academic year to build knowledge and community, and take action to support students' postsecondary aspirations.

CUNY Update

Wednesday, Sep 25, 2024

9:45-10:30

Session Objective:

- Learn about this year's CUNY application, fee waiver timeline and CUNY Counselor Portal

Agenda:

9:45- 9:50	Welcome
9:50 - 10:30	Presenting: Estrella Redondo, University Director of Recruitment
10:30-10:35	Closing

Event Links:

[CUNY Slides](#)
[CAAN Website and Resources](#)
[Slide Decks for College and Career Prep with Families and Caregivers](#)
[CUNY Counselor Corner](#)

Questions and Answers:

1. I have a student who decides in June that they want to apply to CUNY, can they get a fee waiver if they qualify?

Fee waivers will be limited this year, the recommendation is to have the student submit during the free application period. Due to our limited amount of fee waivers, we will probably not have any fee waivers left at the end of the academic year.

2. If they are showing as a 10th grader or 11th grader on their transcript (when in fact they are a 12th grader), how should they move forward on the app?

Please have the student submit in the free application window and get in touch with your CUNY representative who will work with getting the students application fee waived. Please be patient with us during this confirmation.

3. Does this mean CUNY is going to require test scores in 2027? Or still undetermined?

I can't imagine that we will, and I hope that we don't but for now we are test optional until 2027.

4. Can the free period be used to apply for the spring semester?

Yes, you can submit for spring fee waivers. Please see attached form for this upcoming Spring Semester. After you complete the form, please email to counselor@cuny.edu.

5. For the Sophie Davis program, are students still being asked to submit up to 5 recommendation letters?

I checked with Sophie Davis and the answer is yes. Applicants still need to submit 5 recommendation letters. See here website: [BS/MD Application Information - CUNY School of Medicine](#)

6. If a student applied last year but did not graduate, are they still eligible to apply during the free period?

No, but they can look into our hardship waivers. See this link for additional details regarding our hardship waivers: [How to Apply – The City University of New York \(cuny.edu\)](#)

7. The CUNY free application days are from 10/21 to 11/5. If students want to submit their applications during this period without supporting documents, how should they submit their documents?

Yes, supporting documents can be submitted after the 11/15. Please visit the following link for helpful information on how to support your students during the application process: [Counselor-Handbook-NYCPS-2024-final.pdf \(cuny.edu\)](#)

8. Additionally, after the free application days are over, can the eligible students still receive fee waivers? Or is the budget completely exhausted after 11/15?

Fee waivers will be limited this year, the recommendation is to have the student submit during the free application period. Due to our limited amount of fee waivers, we will not be sure how many waivers will be left after November 15th.