

## Seniors Career and College

### Community Service Ideas

Options: career/workforce, tech, military, college

Continue the [freshman](#), [sophomore](#), [junior](#) career and college information.

Schedule time with Mrs. Long to check credits/transcripts for graduation.

### Applying to College: Your Counselor's Role

As early as possible start researching fields ([Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), [Career Clusters Interest Survey](#), [Career One Stop Survey](#)), colleges and universities ([Big Future](#)). Find application deadlines for acceptance, any honors or scholarships. Find deadlines for [Early Decision/Early Action](#) usually November 1. Regular decision deadlines are usually January 1. It is a good idea to pick 3 schools: a reach school, the school you think you want to attend, and a safe school. Find out if they are public or private, how much tuition (in state/ out of state), room and board costs, and accreditation. Research their honors college programs and study abroad programs. Search the colleges you are considering for how your college credits earned so far will transfer.

"The 8 Most Important College Application Dates All Seniors Need to ...." 1 Jul. 2019, <https://grownandflown.com/college-application-deadlines-dates/>. Accessed 20 Aug. 2019.

Start or continue an academic resume to track your [activities/ accomplishments/ community service](#) for career, college, and scholarship applications. Have a copy of your transcript with class rank etc, and recommendation letters. Showcase any unique characteristics or interests.

Check on [ACT](#) dates, deadlines and workshops that may be offered in your area. Check the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center website for workshops for a fee. If you qualify for financial assistance see Mrs. Long for the waiver. Find out what ACT score you need to be accepted and what score you need to qualify for scholarships at the schools you are considering. [PrepScholar's Top 150 ACT Vocabulary Words](#)

The guidance office will schedule college visits here at the school for various colleges and universities. Students must sign up in advance for these visits. For any college visits you schedule, request college visit forms from guidance prior to your visit. Seniors may request 2 college visit excused days. Also, check into visits that result in waived application fees such as University of Cincinnati Clermont Express Application Admission Event.

In September start applying to colleges. Check <http://www.commonapp.org/> to see if your college or university is part of the Common App application process. Well before any deadline, ask a counselor or teachers for required documents (transcripts, recommendations). Once accepted, activate the college email, view and accept/decline awards, follow the next steps. Check the portal on the schools you are applying to make sure you have all met all of the requirements. As you are accepted into colleges and universities stop by the guidance office to have your picture taken for the bulletin board. Ask for assistance from your English teacher, librarian, parents when working on your college essays. Once you have made your decision schedule to register, for orientation, and apply for housing.

"The Common App Essay: What This Expert Wants You to Know."

<https://grownandflown.com/common-app-essay-expert/>. Accessed 29 Jan. 2019.

Highlights the 7 common essay questions with pointers on what to write.

[How Should Students Ask For Letters Of Recommendation? A List Of Do's And Don'ts](#)

### Understanding the Letter of Recommendation

Start researching and applying for scholarships. Check out the <https://www.clintoncountyohiofoundation.org/>, [Clinton County Succeeds Scholarship](#) and the Outstanding Women of Clinton County Scholarship, [The Burton, Hale and Vogel Legacy Foundation scholarships for Clinton County students](#), [Clinton County Tolliver Scholarship](#), [Students of Integrity Scholarship](#). Consider the types of loans: subsidized/ unsubsidized, FAFSA, private.

Any student planning to attend college must complete the Financial Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> The window opens October 1. You need the information (Student Aid Report and Expected Family Contribution) from the FAFSA to apply for college and scholarships. You must apply for a PIN. Also, check out their [FAFSA Checklist](#). You will need your social security number. Be sure to write down your pin number. Don't use school email. Consider a work study to supplement your financial aid. To qualify for the FAFSA males age 18 and older must register for the Selective Service. Before submitting the FAFSA or the Common App consult with a teacher, guidance counselor, or advisor with any questions. "Here's What You Need To Know About the FAFSA and CSS ...." 1 Oct. 2018,

<https://grownandflown.com/what-need-know-fafsa-css-profile/>. Accessed 9 Sep. 2019.

### FIFTEEN BIGGEST FINANCIAL AID AND FAFSA MISTAKES

### SELECTIVE SERVICE: HERE IS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Seniors will complete an exit survey detailing their future plans and attaching an envelope addressed to the college of their choice for transcripts. Note how to fill out an envelope properly.

General dates: colleges will send acceptance letters at various times beginning in the fall through the summer. Honors colleges and merit scholarships will have earlier application dates. Pay attention to college interview dates. Once you are accepted, activate your email, save your acceptance letter, and stop by the guidance office for your acceptance picture for the bulletin board. May is usually the national college acceptance month. Make sure you send your final transcripts to your decision school after graduation.

### Recommended Resources:

Arco. Guide to Joining the Military. Arco. ASVAB Basics.

Jist. Best Jobs for the 21 Century. 2009.

Morgan, Genevieve. Undecided. Navigating Life and Learning After High School. 2014.

Profiles of colleges and careers, net price calculator, EFC, salary with education level, types of degrees, what you need to know about your choices, timelines , recommendations, and ACT/SAT.

[CBS Sunday Morning Help Wanted](#)

[Grown and Flown](#)

[Let's quit brainwashing kids that it's a college degree or nothing](#)

[Net Price Calculator](#)

[College Majors With The Highest Salaries](#)

["10 Dream Jobs For Millennials Seeking Lower Stress And Good Pay ...."](#)

[The Disconnect Between what Colleges Say and What Students Hear.](#)

[Sara Harberson](#)

[The Ins and Outs of Interviewing.](#)

[13 Million Good Jobs Available for Those With High School Diplomas](#)

[Scholarship Tracker](#)

[Some suggested external scholarship sites](#)

[RaiseMe](#)

[College Life Made Easy](#)

[DipTip](#)

[Fastweb!](#)

[US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, Level of Education.](#)

[Ellen Yale The Big Leap College Bound Website and Podcast](#)

<https://www.questbridge.org/>

"These 6 lucrative jobs will be in demand for years to come ...."

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/sponsor-story/cincinnati-state/2019/10/07/these-6-lucrative-jobs-demand-years-come-experts-say/3855810002/>. Accessed 5 Nov. 2019.

"The Ultimate List of Scholarships for Women and Girls - The ...."

<https://thescholarshipssystem.com/blog-for-students-families/the-ultimate-list-of-scholarships-for-women-and-girls/>. Accessed 13 Jan. 2020.

"Mike Rowe offering scholarships for people who want to go to trade ...." 12 Apr. 2018,

<https://www.dontwasteyourmoney.com/mike-rowe-scholarship-trade-schools-apply-now/>.

Accessed 29 Jan. 2019. The 2019 Work Ethic Scholarship Program officially opens on Monday, January 28, 2019, and the deadline to submit applications is Thursday, March 28, 2019.

Scholarship for skilled workers.

"Business Office Specialist (1 year program) - High School ... - Great Oaks."

<https://hs.greatoaks.com/program/business-office-specialist-1-year-program/>. Accessed 7 Feb. 2019.

Will you be a high school senior next year? Earn professional certifications that will help you begin a new career or work while in college!

[NKU Merit Scholarships](#)

"Miami University offers new full tuition scholarship to students in all 88 ...." 9 Oct. 2019,

<https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2019/10/miami-university-offers-new-full-ride-scholarship-to-students-in-all-88-ohio-counties.html>. Accessed 5 Nov. 2019.

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>

Chatfield scholarships, Fast Break scholarship

Scholarship universe- Check the college/university you are interested in to see if they use this portal.

[Common App- Seniors Career College](#)

Seniors - make a plan to complete your Community Service.  
[Senior Scholarships](#)