



Weymouth High School

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The Weymouth High School Guidance Department has compiled the following electronic resources to assist students, parents, and guardians around the college admissions and financial aid processes. Please note that these resources supplement face to face meetings with all seniors and/or guardians throughout senior year. Additionally, interested underclassmen are welcome to partake in these resources.

Sample Senior Year Timeline for those students pursuing direct entry to a bachelor (four-year) college admissions:

- **September/October** = Student Meetings & Application prep/submission if seeking “*Early Admissions*”
 - If applicable, register for a Fall SAT Exam (Oct/Nov/Dec test dates are offered)
 - SAT Registration @ <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>
- **Oct/Nov/Dec** = Families work on and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - Additionally, some private colleges may require the *CSS Profile*, an additional application for aid.
- **Nov/Dec/Jan** = Application prep and submission if seeking “*Regular/Rolling Admissions*”
- **Dec/Jan/Feb** = Students research and apply for Scholarships (deadlines vary by scholarship)
- **Feb/Mar/April** = Family discussion and decision making around college attendance (you should have all admissions and financial aid information by this time). The universal deadline for tuition deposit (enrollment at a college or university) is May 1st.

The following web based resources are intended to assist parents as you can access these materials at your leisure. Additionally, please know that counselors are here to help you when individual questions arise. We look forward to working together to make this year as successful as possible as we aid students/families in crafting a plan for success post WHS graduation.

COLLEGE SEARCH & ADMISSION PROCESS RESOURCES

The Weymouth High School Guidance Department has created the following presentations in an effort to best assist students and parents/guardians with the WHS specific nuances around the college search and admissions processes. Particular attention and tips and tricks around logistics are focused on in this video.

- **WHS College Night Presentation (61 minutes)** - geared towards fall of senior year
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PFIJv1fJfZJ4Ocpw-Z7FeJIXjb2kRfA1/view?usp=sharing>
- **College 101 - Introduction (22 minutes)** - geared towards spring of junior year

- <https://youtu.be/8k-TppzSeBM>

MEFA, the **Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority**, has created a general overview of the college admissions process. This webinar will help you establish a personalized admissions road map by addressing topics such as current trends in admissions, building a balanced list of colleges, and the different components of the college application including transcripts, essays, and interviews. <https://youtu.be/91Zy8XZcOMw> (75 min)

The WHS Guidance Department now utilizes **Scoir**! What is **Scoir**? **Scoir** is a customized, secure website that supports post-secondary, college and career planning. It is designed to assist students and their parents/guardians in making informed decisions about college opportunities and career choices. This online resource allows Juniors and Seniors the ability to research colleges, view statistical and historical data on other WHS students anonymously, build a resume, take a career interest inventory, view the schedule of college representatives visiting the high school and much more. Scoir is offered as a complement to the series of individual and group meetings that are available to students and families in partnership with the Counseling Department.

- **Scoir Student Overview:** <https://youtu.be/vqr0UTMH92U> (10 min)



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FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

MEFA, the Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority is an excellent free resource to all Massachusetts residents. They offer free informative webinars and virtual community events on a range of topics. To view topics and register for an upcoming webinar, visit <https://www.mefa.org/events> To view a recorded webinar, please view the [MEFA Videos](#) page.

This webinar will cover the financial aid application process, including a discussion of the FAFSA and CSS Profile applications and tips to successfully guide you through the entire process. Jodi Conway will show you how to create a timeline to meet your college's financial aid deadlines and will also discuss student loan debt, the different types of aid you might see on your award letters, merit aid, and how/when to appeal a financial aid award. Jodi has worked in the financial aid profession for over 37 years, both in college financial aid offices and with her business, Conway College Aid. It is her mission to share this information with families to successfully prepare them to apply for need based financial aid. Registrants will receive a copy of the slide deck prior to the webinar. Register now to save your spot. All webinars cover the same material so please register for the session that works for your schedule. **Please register in advance. After pre-registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar.**

Option #1

- When: Sep 22, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time
- https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_joi2WBMxQz-XDsemnaXZmQ

Option #2

- When: Sep 29, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time
- https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kLQ5etWmSUueFAExKBftPw

Option #3

- When: Oct 11, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time
- https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xHjIWsvzQR2tmt_2erAlfg

Option #4

- When: Oct 15, 2022 09:30 AM Eastern Time
- https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FrkpaUI9S1CUb-cgyS7_Yg

Option #5

- When: Oct 20, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time
- https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zgrU0BiFTrC1H-8naOWQrQ

Weymouth High School maintains a comprehensive list of scholarship opportunities, focused on WHS students. Our **Scholarship Scoop** newsletter is the home for these scholarships. These opportunities are updated weekly starting in October and running throughout the

winter. Please pay particular attention to deadlines as each scholarship establishes their own deadlines. The WHS Guidance Scholarship Scoop can be found at;

https://docs.google.com/document/d/13p1JrNm5JXBKPpwkhlDm4j4X3XhBW80-E_qLUFgHUCI/edit

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Common Application: The *Common App* website is LIVE and ready for applicants to use to apply to college! This step-by-step tutorial will walk you through all the key tabs and resources, show you how to find supplemental essays, help you manage your dashboard and college list, and teach you some time-saving tricks to help you make the most of everything this platform has to offer.

- <https://youtu.be/ChaW1wkgwrc> (7 min)

How to Write a WOW **College Essay!** Tips for the Common App, Coalition App and Personal Statements;

- <https://youtu.be/lAtFF47Ce4k> (16 min)

How to make the most out of your **college visit!**

- <https://youtu.be/M8gUZAozKbk> (2 min)