

Cold Spring Harbor College Application Process Class of 2019



Tuesday, September 4, 2018

This Evenings Agenda

- ▶ **Post Secondary Planning**
- ▶ **Student Responsibilities**
- ▶ **The College Process and Procedures**
- ▶ **Common Application, Matching with Family Connection**
- ▶ **Letters of Recommendation**
- ▶ **Standardized Tests (SAT, ACT, Subject Test II)**
- ▶ **Financial Aid and Scholarships**
- ▶ **Q&A**



Post Secondary Planning

- ▶ **All students have options!**
- ▶ **It's not where you go, but what you do when you get there.**
- ▶ **Everyone's path will be unique; try not to compare**
- ▶ **Organizing post secondary planning into steps can reduce stress**
- ▶ **Our role as school counselors in the process is to advise and support**

Student Responsibilities

▶ **Own the Process!**

- ▶ Have you verified the accuracy of your transcript and signed and submitted to guidance the Authorization For Release of Records form?
- ▶ What steps have you taken to research schools and complete applications on time?
- ▶ Have you started working on your college essay?

▶ **Communicate and Monitor**

- ▶ Have you identified your likely, target and reach schools?
- ▶ Have you requested official SAT/SATII/ ACT scores to be sent to colleges and the NCAA?
- ▶ Do you know which schools you are applying to require supplemental essays?
- ▶ Do you know how to utilize Naviance to request recommendation letters and transcripts?

Student Responsibilities

- ▶ **Demonstrated Interest!** (Visiting colleges, attending college fairs, emailing admissions, setting up an interview, attending college visits in the guidance office.)
- ▶ **Students must maintain senior year grades**
 - ▶ Mid-year report (Showing 1st and 2nd marking period grades) will automatically be sent to every college that you applied to.
- ▶ **Student athletes must submit material to NCAA**
- ▶ **Please inform counselors of all decisions (accepted, deferred, denied, WL)**
- ▶ **If accepted Early Decision I or II, you must withdraw from all other applications immediately!!**
 - ▶ 1st marking period grades will automatically be sent to all EDI and EDII colleges

Documents Students are Responsible for:

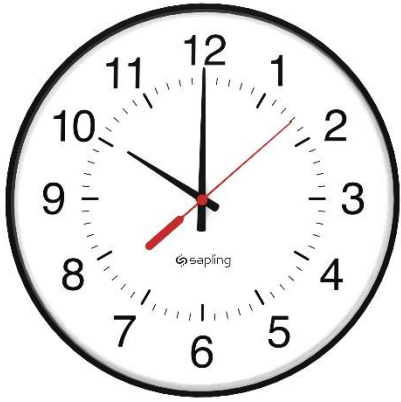
- ▶ **Applications**
 - ▶ Common App
 - ▶ Coalition Application
 - ▶ Applications directly on the college or universities website
- ▶ **Standardized Tests**
- ▶ **Personal Statement (600 word essay)**
- ▶ **Supplemental essay (Vary per college)**
- ▶ **Activity Resume**
- ▶ **Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA, CSS Profile)**
- ▶ **NCAA forms**

College Admission Criteria

- ▶ **Transcript**
- ▶ **Standardized Tests, however there are over 1,000 colleges and universities that are now test optional. You can find a full list at www.fairtest.org**
- ▶ **Extracurricular activities**
- ▶ **Letters of recommendation letters**
- ▶ **Essay**
- ▶ **Demonstrated interest**
- ▶ **Interview (If offered or required)**

College Application Procedures

- ▶ **All college application related material will be submitted electronically through our Naviance/Family Connection, only after a student has requested from Naviance to send their transcript to a college. The material that will be sent to each college from the guidance office includes the following:**
 - ▶ Transcripts
 - ▶ Teacher recommendations and evaluation forms
 - ▶ Counselor recommendations and a secondary school report
 - ▶ Early Decision agreement
 - ▶ Mid-year report
 - ▶ Final transcript



Do Not Wait Until The Last Minute

- **After submitting your signed authorization for Release of Records Form;**
 - **You MUST request your transcript at least 10 schools days prior to the college application due date.**

Applications

THE COMMON
APPLICATION



<http://www.commonapp.org/>

<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

College Application Options

- ▶ **Regular Decision:** “I am interested and if accepted, I might want to attend”
- ▶ **Early Action:** “I am very interested and if accepted, I may attend but I do not have to attend.”
- ▶ **Early Decision(EDI & EDII):** “It’s true love, and if accepted, I **MUST ATTEND**, because it is **contractually binding**.”
- ▶ **Single Choice/Restrictive Early Action:** “I’m very interested, and you’re the one and only school I may apply to early.” **(Non-binding)**
- ▶ **Priority:** This application tends to be linked with merit scholarship, scholarships and accelerated programs.
- ▶ **Rolling Admissions:** “I must apply as soon as possible because applications are reviewed and decisions are made on a rolling basis.”

Common Deadline in the Admissions Process

- ▶ **Early Decision (EDI) is typically on November 1st or November 15th**
- ▶ **Early Decision (EDII) is typically on January 1st or January 15th**
- ▶ **Early Action (EA) is typically on November 1st or November 15th**
 - ▶ Some Southern schools have EA deadlines of October 15th
- ▶ **Restrictive Early Action is usually due on November 1st**
- ▶ **Regular Decision (RD) is typically on January 1st**

- ▶ **Please be aware that every college and university sets their own deadline and it is your responsibility to be aware of each deadline!**

Coalition Application



COALITION for ACCESS,
AFFORDABILITY, and SUCCESS

- ▶ **The application is completed online and can be accessed by logging onto <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/> . Some schools will accept the Coalition Application in addition to other applications, such as the Common Application, while other schools are exclusive and therefore require students to use the Coalition Application only.**
- ▶ **This platform provides a single, centralized toolkit for students to organize, build, and refine their application to numerous institutions. There are currently over 130 college and universities that use the Coalition Application.**
- ▶ **Members of the Coalition.**
<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/members-new.html>

The Common Application

THE COMMON
APPLICATION

- ▶ <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- ▶ **More than 750 colleges accept the Common Application**
- ▶ **Members of the Common App:**
<https://www.commonapp.org/explore-colleges>
- ▶ **You make one application, one essay and you can use and send to multiple colleges**
- ▶ **Various deadlines, application fees and supplement essays**

Common Application FERPA

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search

Cornell University —

Application
(0 of 3 Completed)

- ☐ Questions
- ☐ **Recommendations and FERPA**
- ☐ Review and Submit - Common App

Writing Supplement
(0 of 2 Completed)

- ☐ Questions
- ☐ Review and Submit - Writing Supplement

Northwestern University +

Pacific University Oregon +

[Manage Recommenders](#)
Note: All dates are Eastern Time

- **FERPA Release Authorization**
You must complete the release authorization process, which will allow transcripts and recommendations to be submitted on your behalf through Naviance eDocs.
[release authorization](#)
- **Counselor**
Your school is using Naviance eDocs for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. If your counselor wishes to submit forms via mail, you can download printable forms that can be completed on paper and mailed to each institution to which you apply.

Offline Forms

- [School Report](#)
- [Counselor Recommendation](#)
- [Optional Report](#)
- [Mid Year Report](#)
- [Final Report](#)

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search

University of Delaware —

Application
(1 of 3 Completed)

- ☐ Questions
- ☒ **Recommendations and FERPA**
- ☐ Review and Submit - Common App

Writing Supplement

[Manage Recommenders](#)
Note: All dates are Eastern Time

- ✓ **FERPA Release Authorization**
I have authorized release of all requested records covered under the FERPA act and have waived my right to access. [show details](#)
- ✓ **Counselor**
Your school is using Naviance eDocs for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. If your counselor

- **After creating an account on Common Application, you must select the tab "College Search" type in a college name, then towards the bottom click "Search" , select the schools name and then click "Add"**
- **After completing these steps, you are able to proceed with Recommenders and FERPA**

Common Application Matching With Family Connection

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/application>. The browser tabs include 'Colleges I'm Applying To', 'Naviance', 'Your Account', and 'Naviance Career Planning'. The website's navigation bar has links for 'home', 'courses', 'colleges' (highlighted with a yellow circle), 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar for colleges and a section titled 'colleges I'm applying to'. The main content area is titled 'Common App Account Matching - Incomplete' and provides instructions on how to match the Family Connection and Common App accounts. It includes a 'Match' button and a 'Not Needed' link. The left sidebar contains links for 'my colleges' and 'college research'. The bottom of the page features a 'RECORDED WITH SCREENCAST MATIC' watermark and a 'https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/' URL.

Colleges I'm Applying To Naviance Your Account Naviance Career Planning Dustin

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Apps Naviance Personal

family connection

home courses **colleges** careers about me my planner

search for colleges: Go colleges I'm applying to

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

my colleges

- > colleges I'm thinking about
- > colleges I'm applying to
- > college visits

college research

- > SuperMatch™ college search
- > college match
- > college compare
- > college lookup
- > college search
- > college resources
- > college maps
- > scattergrams
- > acceptance history
- > enrichment programs

Common App Account Matching - Incomplete

In order to match your Family Connection and Common App accounts, you need to do the following:

- Step 1 - Create a Common App account on [Common App Online](#)
- Step 2 - Sign the CA FERPA Waiver & Authorization on [Common App Online](#)

Common App Email Address: Date of Birth:

Email used for Common App account 06/24/1997 Match

⚠ Once you match accounts, your FERPA status can no longer be changed and you cannot unmatch your account.

Tips to successfully match accounts:

- Make sure you use the email address that you chose for your Common App account.
- Make sure the last name on your Family Connection profile matches the last name you used to create your Common App account.
- Make sure your date of birth on your Family Connection profile matches the date of birth on your Common App account.

[Not Needed](#)

→ add to this list | request transcripts | view detailed status | compare me

Actions

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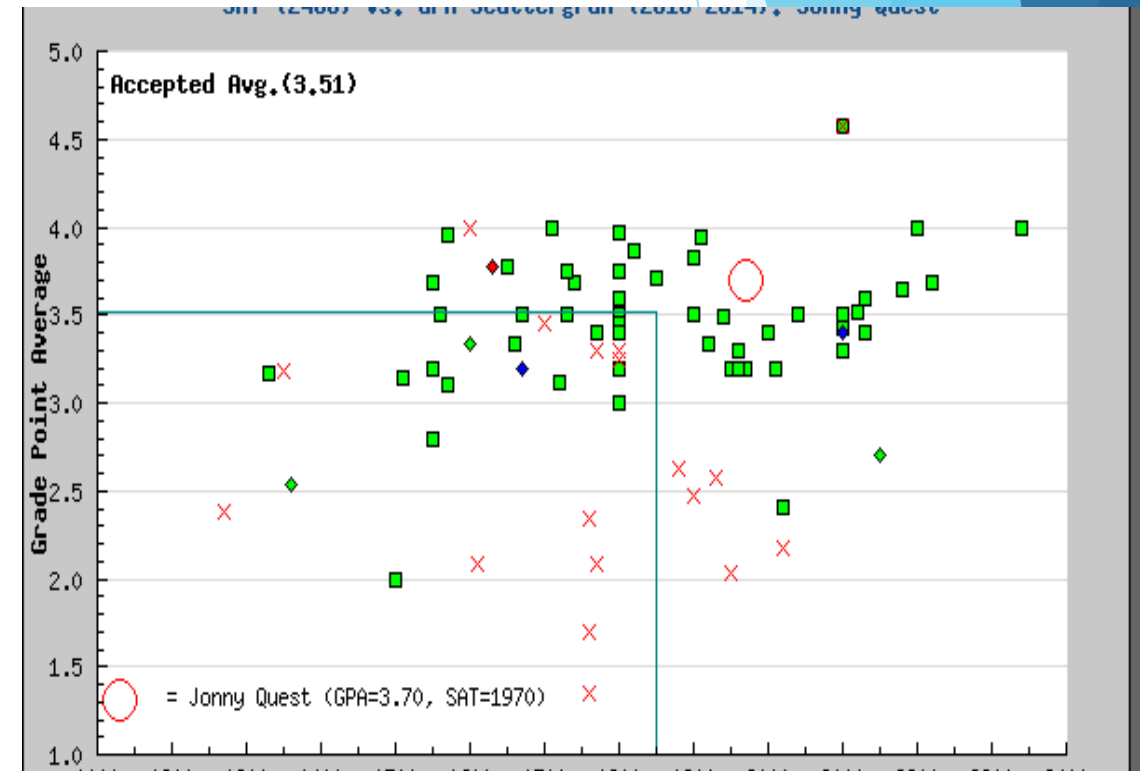
<https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/>

Identifying Likely, Target, AND Reach Schools

- ▶ **Likely school** is one where your GPA and ACT/SAT scores are above the average for admitted students, your biography puts you in a competitive position and you are likely to be admitted.
- ▶ **Target school** is one where chances of admission are 50/50 – the school might accept you, but they also might not, depending on how strong other applicants are during the year that you are applying.
- ▶ **Reach school** is one where the college's admission rate is low, there is a significant competition, your GPA and SAT/ACT scores are below the schools requirements and where chances of admission are unlikely.

Identifying Likely, Target, AND Reach Schools

- ▶ **Utilize Naviance and all that it has to offer!**
- ▶ **Under the “College” tab, search a college/university**
 - ▶ Once you are on that colleges home page click the tab that says “Admissions”
 - ▶ Scroll down and see the Scattergram.
 - ▶ This scatter gram will show you how your child falls in comparison to previous applicants from CSH. This scattergram will help you to identify if the school is a likely, target or reach.



Colleges I'm Applying To (Requesting your transcript)

[home](#) [colleges](#) [careers](#) [about me](#) [my planner](#)

my colleges

[colleges I'm thinking about](#)

[colleges I'm applying to](#)

[college visits](#)

college research

[SuperMatch™ college search](#)

[college match](#)

[college lookup](#)

[college resources](#)

[enrichment programs](#)

scholarships & money

[scholarship match](#)

































[scholarship list](#)

[scholarship applications](#)

[national scholarship search](#)

colleges I'm applying to

[+ add to this list](#) | [request transcripts](#) | [view detailed status](#)

College	Type	Applying via Common App?	Submissions	Expected Difficulty*	Deadline†	Transcript	Office Status	My App.	Results	Actions			
										Edit	Manage Communication	Graph	WWW
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Welding Institute	RD	-		N/A	-	requested	Pending	app submitted	Unknown				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blinn Coll	RD	-		N/A	-	requested	Pending	have you applied?	Unknown				
<input type="checkbox"/> Harvard University	RD	Unknown		N/A	1/1/15	requested	Pending	app submitted	Unknown				
<input type="checkbox"/> Lamar Univ	RD	-		N/A	8/1/15	no request	Pending	have you applied?	Unknown				
<input type="checkbox"/> Texas A&M Univ	RD	-		N/A	12/1/14	no request	Pending	have you applied?	Unknown				
<input type="checkbox"/> TX State Univ	RD	-		N/A	5/1/15	no request	Pending	have you applied?	Unknown				
<input type="checkbox"/> Marine Recruiter	RD	-		N/A	-	no request	Pending	have you applied?	Unknown				

[Delete Application](#)

College that I am attending

Letters of Recommendation

▶ 2 **core-academic recommendations**

- ▶ First ask each teacher in person
- ▶ Next, request recommendation through Naviance
- ▶ Understand that some schools may only accept 1 teacher letter of recommendation, so make sure if you want a specific teacher to write on your behalf, you are specifying this on Naviance.

▶ 1 **counselor letter of recommendation**

- ▶ Each counselor will write on behalf of their students and forward all letters to all Common Application colleges and non Common Application Colleges where applicable

Requesting Recommendation Letters on Naviance

- ▶ Under the “College” tab
 - ▶ My college section, select, “Letters of recommendation”
 - ▶ “Add request”

The screenshot shows the Naviance interface for requesting recommendation letters. At the top is a navigation bar with tabs: family connection, home, courses, colleges, careers, about me, and my planner. The 'colleges' tab is active. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Letters of recommendation' and the sub-header is 'Add new request'. A descriptive text states: 'Here you can ask a teacher to write a letter of recommendation for schools in your Colleges I'm Applying To list. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!'. The form consists of two main steps. Step 1, 'Who would you like to write this recommendation?*', features a dropdown menu with 'Virginia Dean' selected and 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons. Step 2, 'Select which college(s) this request is for:*', includes a table of colleges with checkboxes for selection. The table has columns for selection status, college name, and due date.

	Colleges I'm Applying To -	Due :
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bates College 2 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 01, 2017
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	George Mason University 2 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 15, 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising - Orange County 2 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested	Jan 15, 2017
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	St. Lawrence University 2 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested	Feb 01, 2017

Standardized Test Submittal

▶ **SAT score report**

- ▶ www.collegeboard.com
- ▶ College Board customer service (866) 756-7346
- ▶ Cumulative or Score Choice

▶ **ACT score report**

- ▶ www.act.org
- ▶ ACT customer service (319) 337-1270

▶ **AP scores**

- ▶ www.collegeboard.com/apcentral
- ▶ AP customer service (888) 225-5427

▶ **Cold Spring Harbor High School CEEB: 331437**

Financial Aid

▶ **CSS/ Financial Aid Profile**

- ▶ The **CSS Profile** is an online application that collects information used by nearly 400 colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal aid.
- ▶ Some colleges may require the CSS Profile from both biological/adoptive parents in cases of divorce or separation.
- ▶ You may complete the CSS Profile as early as October 1st, 2017
- ▶ <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

▶ **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

- ▶ Federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study. In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.
- ▶ Available beginning 10/01/2017
- ▶ www.fafsa.ed.gov

▶ **CSH Financial Aid Night- Tuesday, September 25th at 7pm in the PAC**

Scholarships

- ▶ <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- ▶ <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- ▶ <http://finaid.org/>



- ▶ **Religious organizations, employer, cultural organizations, service organizations may offer scholarships**
- ▶ **Merit scholarship: awarded by the university/college in recognition of achievement, usually in academics, athletics and or the arts**

Special Considerations

- ▶ **NCAA** https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/?DB_OEM_ID=9600
- ▶ **Portfolio Requirements**
 - ▶ Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition...
 - ▶ May have to upload through SlideRoom
- ▶ **Audition Deadline**
 - ▶ Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
 - ▶ May have to upload through SlideRoom
- ▶ **Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services**
 - ▶ ACT accommodations (319) 337-1332
 - ▶ SAT accommodations (844) 255-7728

Thank you for attending!

