

Applying to College

- **The application process requires an application (instructions found on each college's Admissions webpage), an application fee, your official transcript, and depending on the college or university, SAT or ACT official test scores.**
 - You may want to refer to the following link for the explanation and definition of several common college application-related terms: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/college-admission-glossary>
 - In order to help you finalize a list of those colleges to which you'd like to apply, refer to the following guide: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/how-to-finalize-your-college-list-admissions-college-application>
 - Once you've narrowed down a list, use an organizational system that works best for you that lists the colleges or universities, their application requirements, their deadlines, and any other pertinent information so that you can prioritize your efforts. **Please note that many Indiana schools (IU and Purdue, for example) have an early deadline of November 1st for automatic scholarship consideration.**
 - As seniors, you are allowed three excused absences in order to visit colleges. As it is critical that you be able to get a sense of what a particular college campus feels like before you decide to attend, we highly encourage you to arrange visits with those schools you are seriously considering. You may want to use the following guide to ensure you make the most of your visits: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide/campus-visit-checklist>
- **In order to request that your official transcript be submitted to the colleges or universities you are applying, you will need to create a basic account on <https://www.parchment.com/> as this is the preferred method for secure document transfer. *See the attached guide.***
 - As you can request (order) an electronic copy of your own transcript through this site, we suggest you may want to do so for review purposes before requesting it be sent to the schools you are applying.
- **In order to submit SAT or ACT test scores (if required), you must log in to the accounts you created when registering for these exams either through the College Board or ACT. There you will find links to sending test scores to colleges and universities for a small fee.**
 - While it is unclear whether or not these tests will be given this school year, please refer to their websites for the most up-to-date information and to register should you wish to take the SAT or ACT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register> or <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>
 - 21st Century Scholars and students who qualify for free/reduced lunch are entitled to SAT and ACT fee waivers. Eligible students need to see their counselor to obtain these.