

# A HOW TO GUIDE FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

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EMPLOY - <https://nextleveljobs.org/>

ENROLL

## WHEN TO ENLIST, EMPLOY, OR ENROLL

- Most students apply to college during the fall of their senior year (August-October)
- Check with colleges for specific deadline dates:
- November 1 – IU for maximum consideration for merit-based scholarships (decision 1/15)
- November 1 – Purdue deadline for scholarship consideration at Purdue, West Lafayette (decision 1/15)

## HOW TO ENROLL

- Applications to apply online can be found on every college website
- Pay the application fee online with a credit card – or print off sheet and send check
- **See your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver**
- **Read directions** - Look for other information required – teacher recommendations (request for recommendations should be made at least **one week** in advance), essays, secondary school report, transcript
- Use an appropriate email address: You are communicating with professional college admission representatives; college will correspond with you via email (**do not use .net school e-mail**)
- To apply to Purdue, student must use the **Common Application** **For counselor e-mail use .net**

## HOW TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT

- Use [www.Parchment.com](http://www.Parchment.com) – a free online service that allows students to send transcripts electronically - On the Speedway website, click on Transcripts and follow the simple registration instructions
- Complete and submit college application **FIRST**; then request transcript
- Don't request transcripts for schools to which you have not applied
- Watch application deadlines – don't request transcripts at the last minute!
- Parchment will automatically generate a counselor report or secondary school report
- **For the COMMON APP = ONE DOES NOT NEED TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPT**  
**ONE DOES NEED TO REQUEST COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION**

## PREPARE COLLEGE RESUME

- Follow sample resume (handout)
- Save as a Google document and SUBMIT to the Guidance Classroom

## COLLEGE FAIRS AND COLLEGE VISITS

- You are encouraged to attend college fairs to learn more and ask questions
- West Side College Fair: Usually at Ben Davis - Virtual
- HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) College Fair: Virtual
- National College Fair: Virtual
- Visiting with college reps at SHS: Virtual – We can help set those up. Could potentially be Zoom visits  
Announced in daily bulletin and posted on calendar on Guidance web page  
Sign up with Mrs. Baker in the Guidance Office  
**Limited to 3 visits – choose wisely!**
- College campus visits – seniors are allowed 2 school days – use Fall Break = Virtual

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- Where to look
- College websites
- SHS Guidance website – check weekly
- Parents place of employment, social and professional organizations, churches
- Deadlines: Watch whether it is a “postmark deadline” or indicated must be “received by”

## FINANCIAL AID

- Apply using FAFSA – *Opening* October 1, 2021
- FAFSA deadline for state financial aid consideration is March 10, 2022
- Check with specific colleges for their FAFSA deadline dates; it could be *before* March 10
- Some private colleges such as Butler, DePauw, ND, & Wabash will also require the CSS Financial Aid Profile – check with individual college web sites to determine if you will need to file this form
  - Encourage your parents to attend the **FAFSA Parent Information Night = In Late September = TBA**
- Free FAFSA Help Night – **October 4 at the SHS library 6:00-8:00**

## REMINDERS

- Keep up your grades. Don't get senioritis. **LAND THE PLANE!**
- Prepare for ACT/SAT exams using free study guides available in Guidance Office and math help sessions
- Check the Guidance website weekly for scholarship information

In the words of Pamela Horne, past Dean of Admissions, Purdue University:

“Students need to look at their senior year as the first year before college, rather than their last year of high school. A runner would never take a year off from training before a marathon, so we don't want students to take it easy academically during their senior year but rather be ready to hit the ground running here.”

## QUESTIONS??????

- Contact your counselor by signing the Google Form on the Guidance Website or send an email

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We are here to help you navigate your way through the college admission and scholarship process. Let us know how we can assist you! We will be meeting with each senior *individually* to review their post-secondary plans.