
Fall Senior Information

Class of 2020

Overview of Senior Year



First Semester:

- Finalize list of colleges
- Retake ACT/SAT - if needed
- College applications
- Financial Aid Night
- Complete the FAFSA
- Update Naviance

Second Semester:

- Apply to local scholarships
- Make a final decision
- Complete Senior Survey
- Update Naviance
- Request a final transcript

If you haven't already,
finalize your list of
colleges that you will
apply to.



How do you do that?

- Online research
 - Naviance
 - Specific college sites
 - Campus visits
 - College Rep visits
 - Discussions with parents, teachers, coaches, etc.
 - National College Fair
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- Wednesday, October 2:
9AM-12PM; 5PM-8PM
- Thursday, October 3: 9AM-12PM
- Minneapolis Convention Center
- Local and National Colleges
Represented
- [Register](#) ahead of time so you can
have them scan your QR Code

College Applications: 3 main parts



Application Form:

- Most schools offer application options:
 - Institutional App
 - Common App
 - Coalition App
- Completed online

Official High School Transcript:

- Some colleges allow grades & GPA to be self reported
- If official transcript is required, must request through [Parchment](#)
- Cost per transcript (F/R waivers)
- You set up an account last spring
- You will need to work with Parchment if you forgot your username and password.



ACT/SAT Test Scores:

MWHS does not send test scores to colleges

1. Select up to 4 colleges free of charge through registration process
2. Request any additional scores through testing agency - cost per score.

Some College Applications may have additional components/requirements

Counselor Forms:

- Not required by all colleges.
- Might also be called a Secondary School Report
- Is a mandatory part of the Common App
- Notify counselor and submit a [Senior Information Sheet](#)
- Expect a 2 week turnaround time

Recommendations:

- Not required by all colleges
 - Understand the process and notify the teacher/advisor
 - Submit a [Senior Information Sheet](#)
 - Allow enough time (at least 2 weeks)
 - Write a THANK YOU note
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ACT/SAT

Taking/Re-taking

- ACT: www.act.org
 - October 26th (deadline 9/20)
 - December 14th (deadline 11/8)
- SAT: www.collegeboard.com
 - November 2nd (deadline 10/2)
 - December 7th (deadline 11/7)
- SAT also has subject tests that may be required or recommended
- Take advantage of sending scores to colleges at no charge while registering

Sending Scores

- Refer to ACT account to see which colleges already have access to your scores.
 - If needed, you can request additional score reports online - \$13 per score report.
 - Since most colleges require scores directly from ACT/SAT, MWHS does not send scores.
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College Knowledge Month

October 2019

Do you have questions about how to fill out your college applications?
Are you having trouble getting started on your college applications?
Do you just need designated time to complete your college applications?

COLLEGE APPLICATION HELP SESSIONS

When: October 9th during WIN time
October 23rd during WIN time

Where: Media Center

Who: All seniors are welcome
Guidance Counselors will be available to assist



Many Minnesota colleges and universities waive application fees during all or part of the month of October!

Here is a link with specific information:

[Free Application Information at MN Colleges and Universities](#)

- Several Minnesota schools have waived application fees during all or part of the month.
- Counselors will be holding College Application Help Sessions in the Media Center during WIN time on two dates in October.
- There will be a series of awareness activities encouraging students to _____ complete their college applications.

Financial Aid Information

Financial Aid Information Night
Monday, September 30th



- Speaker: Susan Ant, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Normandale Community College
 - In depth review of the FAFSA process
 - Available to answer specific questions
 - Parents and students are invited
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College Costs

Tuition and Fees - amount varies depending on the school, number of credit hours, whether or not you are a resident, etc.

Room and Board - cost of campus housing and meal plan

Books and Supplies - materials that you will need for classes. Average annual cost for materials at a 4-year public university is \$1,168

Personal Expenses - things you would normally spend money on (cell phone, gas, laundry, entertainment, etc.)

Tuition vs. Cost of Attendance

College	Tuition	Total Cost of Attendance
University of MN TC	\$15,104	\$28,676
UW Eau Claire	\$8,900	\$16,500
University of St. Thomas	\$44,780	\$56,942
Winona State	\$7,600	\$18,998
Minneapolis Community and Technical College	\$5,556	\$12,717 *no room/board

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid



- Complete the FAFSA each year as soon after October 1st as possible.
 - You will use your 2018 tax information (prior, prior year).
 - This form is used to determine what amount of money a family is expected to contribute to the cost of attending a postsecondary institution = Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
 - The EFC is used by colleges/universities to determine student grants, loans and work study amounts.
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov - make sure that you use the .gov not .com. You do not need to pay anything to complete the FAFSA.
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 **WWW.FAFSA.GOV**

Sources of Financial Aid

- More than 60% of MN State University and College students receive financial aid of some sort.
- At the U of M TC more than 70% of enrolled students receive financial aid of some sort.

- **Federal/State Aid**
 - Complete the FAFSA
 - Need-based
 - **Institutional Aid**
 - Varies from school to school
 - Some need-based and some merit-based
 - Might need to complete an additional form (i.e. CSS Profile)
 - **Private Aid**
 - Scholarships and grants
 - Mostly merit-based
 - Individual applications
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Scholarships

- Local Scholarship Program - more information to come in February
 - Financial Aid Office of the college/university that you plan to attend
 - Employers or service organizations that your parents or other family members belong to
 - National scholarship search sites
 - Sallie Mae Scholarship Search through [Naviance](#)
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.finaid.org
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Net Price Calculator

- There is a financial aid estimation tool/calculator on every college website (required by law)
 - Tool is meant to give families/students an estimation of need-based financial aid that they might qualify for if they were a student during the indicated academic year.
 - Helpful to have past tax forms and/or pay stubs because the estimation will only be as accurate as the information that is submitted.
 - Official financial aid award packages are only determined after a student applies, is accepted and completes a FAFSA. The Net Price Calculator is just a tool to be used to get an estimation of out of pocket cost.
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What to do/When to do it

What to do right now:

- Complete applications for admission to college of your choice
- Attend Financial Aid Information Night: September 30th 7PM Theater
- Complete and submit the FAFSA - official form available on October 1st.

What to do between MEA and spring break:

- Search for national scholarships
- Research institutional scholarship availability - complete necessary forms
- Submit the local scholarship application (through Naviance)

What to do between spring break and end of the year:

- Review financial aid packages
- Confirm enrollment at college of your choice and adhere to deposit deadlines
- Request a final transcript to be sent to the college that you plan to attend