THE COLLEGE PROCESS

LONG REACH HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Agenda

College Search: Criteria, Naviance

SAT/ACT

College Application Process

Financial Aid

ASSESSING WHERE YOU ARE

- Check off where you are:
  - Identified schools you like
    - Visited schools
  - Narrowed down your list
    - Taken SATs or ACTs

- Everyone must start **NOW**

College Search

IMPORTANT FACTORS

CRITERIA & RESOURCES

TYPES OF ADMISSIONS & APPLICATIONS

THE TOP 5 MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS

Factor	Considerable importance	Moderate importance	Limited importance	No importance
Grades in college prep courses	84.3%	11.9%	2.3%	1.5%
Strength of curriculum	67.7	20.4	5.8	6.2
Admission test scores (SAT, ACT)	59.2	29.6	6.9	4.2
Grades in all courses	51.9	39.2	6.9	1.9
Essay or writing sample	24.9	37.5	17.2	20.3

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

- Work hard to identify colleges that are a good academic match

- Study for the SAT and ACT

- Be realistic about creating a list of schools where you will be accepted

- Visit schools to narrow down your list

WHAT CRITERIA STUDENTS USE

- Size
- Location
  - Distance from home
  - Location of campus (suburb, city, rural)
- Academic programs
- Special programs
- Cost
- Reputation
- Dorms, food, culture of campus
- Extra Curricular Activities i.e. athletics, theater, music, art

How do I find these schools?

SuperMatch College Search

How do I find these schools?

Admissions Tab on College's page in Naviance

How do I find these schools?

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT I LIKE IN A SCHOOL?

- **VISIT! (PSAT DAY: 10/16)**
- Take a tour
- Talk to students on campus
- Watch an athletic event or academic event
- Talk to admissions counselors
- Visit with the admissions rep that come to Long Reach (sign up on Naviance)

- ASK YOURSELF: HOW DO I FIT INTO THIS CAMPUS?

MAKING A LIST

- ## 1-2 Reach Schools
  - Long shot for admission; your academics are below admission averages

- ## 3-5 50/50 Schools
  - Good candidate; your academics are exactly within admission averages

- ## 1-2 Likely Schools
  - Strong candidate; your academics are above admission averages

  Be sure to have likely schools academically and financially on your list!

TYPES OF ADMISSIONS

- **Early Decision**
  - Early deadline, early response, BINDING

- **Early Action**
  - Early deadline, early response, NON-BINDING

- **Priority Deadline**
  - Students apply by an earlier deadline, and receive priority over students who do not meet the deadline. Decisions are also made earlier.

- **Rolling Admission**
  - Students are accepted/denied as applications are received.

- **Regular Admission**
  - Apply by regular deadline (usu. Jan 15) and hear a response by April 1

TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

School's Application

Common App

Coalition App

How do I know which application to use?

DO YOUR RESEARCH ☺

Applications/Delivery Icons

colleges I'm thinking about

+ add colleges to this list | compare me

College	Delivery type	Added By	My Interest	Application Deadlines†				Con
				Early Decision	Early Action	Priority	Regular Decision	
☐ Baylor Univ	CA 🖥	student	N/A ▼	-	Nov 01	-	Feb 01	
☐ Bowie State Univ	〰	parent	N/A ▼	-	-	-	Feb 15	
☐ UC Santa Barbara	🖥	student	N/A ▼	-	-	-	Nov 30	
☐ Capitol Technology University	CA 🖥	parent	N/A ▼	-	-	Mar 01	-	
☐ Dartmouth Coll	CA 🖥	student	N/A ▼	Nov 01	-	-	Jan 01	
☐ Drexel Univ	CA 🖥	student	N/A ▼	Nov 01	Nov 01	-	Jan 15	
☐ Gonzaga Univ	CA 🖥	student	N/A ▼	-	Nov 15	Feb 01	Feb 01	
☐ Howard CC	🖥	parent	N/A ▼	-	-	-	-	
☐ Johns Hopkins Univ	CA 🖥	student	N/A ▼	Nov 01	-	-	Jan 02	
☐ U of Kansas	🖥	student	N/A ▼	-	-	Nov 01	-	

Application/Delivery Icons

This college accepts the Common Application. Your school may submit transcripts and recommendations electronically.

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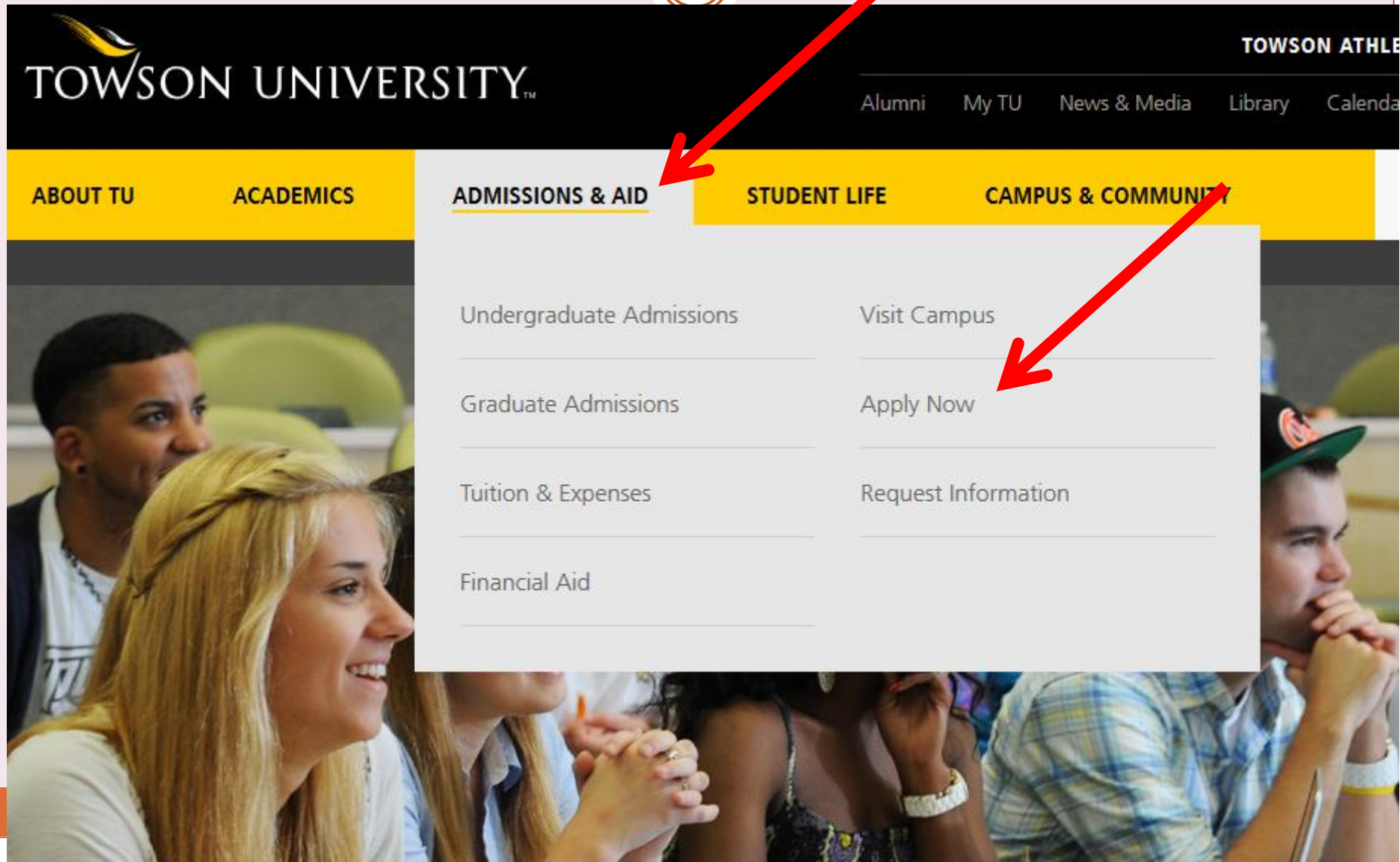
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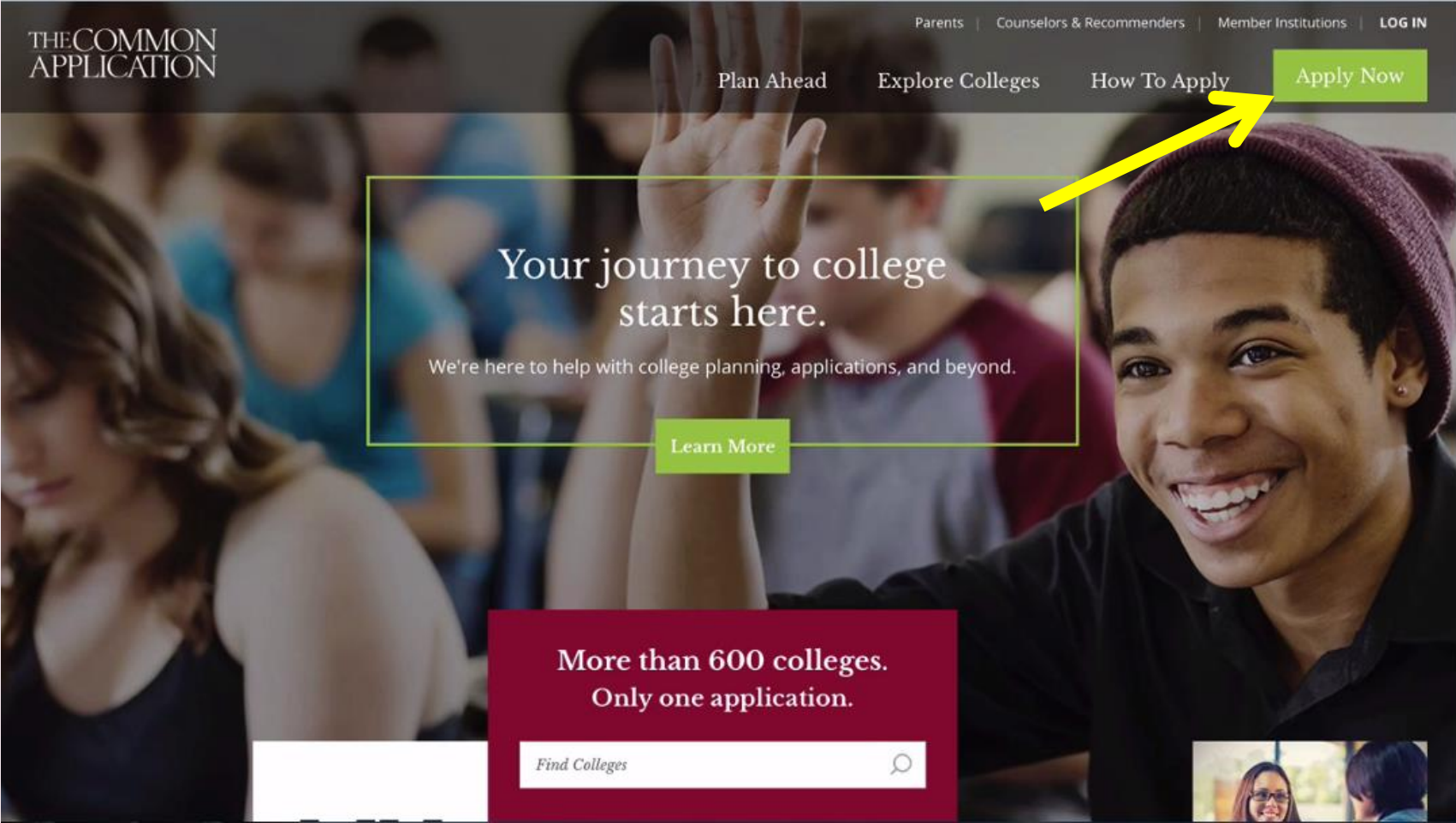
COALITION APP SCREEN SHOT

www.mycoalition.org

SAT/ACT

DATES

HOW TO SEND SCORES

UPCOMING DATES

SAT Dates

SAT Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Reg. Deadline
10/6	9/7	9/26
11/3	10/5	10/24
12/1	11/2	11/20

COLLEGE BOARD sends scores.

9 days after test to send 4 free score reports. $11.25 per report after that.

ACT Dates

ACT Date	Reg. Deadlines	Late Reg. Deadline
10/27	9/28	9/29-10/14
12/8	11/2	11/3-11/19

ACT sends scores. $12 per report.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

TIMELINE

Transcript – What is that?

- A transcript is an official copy of a students academic record

- It includes the following:
  - Course names from 9th through 11th grade
  - Final grade for each course
  - Senior courses listed by name
  - Weighted and unweighted GPA and Class Rank – after Oct. 1st

  - No PSAT, SAT, ACT, HSA or AP scores will be included

HOWARD COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Transcript/Student Records Request Form

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Phone: (_____)_____ Counselor: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Teachers Writing Your Letters of Recommendation: _____

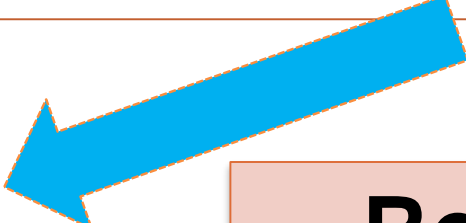| College/University, Armed Forces, Scholarship, Employer, Trade/Technical School, NCAA, Internship Program, Other (List below)	City in which College is Located	Application Deadline Date	Early Decision (Y or N)	Are you using the Common Application (Y or N)	Do you need your transcript mailed? Write Y if your college has a stamp icon in Naviance:	Do you need a Counselor Letter of Recommendation (Y or N)	For Office Use Only
							Electronic Submission or Mailed Date
Date of Request:						Paid?	

Release of Student Records
The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts, including mid year reports and other student records can be released to a third party.

I give approval to have transcripts and other student records sent by U.S. Mail or transmitted electronically to those listed above when a request to do so is made by my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Transcript Fee: $4.00 per transcript should be paid at the time of request.
Please allow 20 school days for transcript requests.

2.14 Office of School Counseling and Related Services/LB

Return to Student Services 20 days prior to college deadline
1-3 schools= $0
4+ schools= $2

Complete and return to Student Services with your Transcript Request form. ONLY NEED ONE.

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Colleges and universities prefer that teacher evaluations and recommendations be confidential. Colleges generally believe that recommendations written with this understanding are more candid and honest. Therefore, those recommendations have more validity and carry more weight in the admissions process than recommendations that parents and students access.

In light of this, we request that students/parents requesting letters of recommendation complete and return the waiver form below to the counseling office. If you choose not to waiver your right to access letters of recommendation, a copy of this form will accompany each transcript package.

Waiver of Right to Access School/Teacher Letters of Recommendation

We request that school employee(s) at _____ High School complete a letter of recommendation(s) and/or other evaluations associated with my/my child's college application. We authorize the release of student information in this letter and other application forms.

☐ We do waive our rights   ☐ We do not waive our rights

to examine or obtain a copy of the letter(s), rating sheets, and other evaluations.
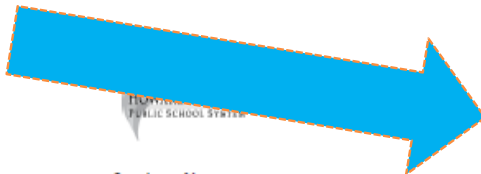
_____   _____
Printed Name of Student   Student Signature   Date

_____   _____
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian   Parent/Guardian Signature   Date

2.14 LB Office of School Counseling

Complete & submit to two teachers 20 days prior to college deadline!

Teacher Recommendation Request Form

Student Name: _____

Name of College/University	Due Date	Electronic Submission	Common Application	For Teacher Use: Date Letter Sent
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	

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...nt Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Note for teachers: You can pick up a pre-printed and stamped envelope from the registrar if your letter of recommendation needs to be mailed via US Mail. Keep this form for your records.   If student requests additional recommendations from colleges not on this list, they must provide you with another Teacher Recommendation Request form with appropriate signatures.

HCPSS.The Office of School Counseling.LB.12.13

Teacher Rec. Request

Go to the "Colleges" tab and click the "Letters of Rec" link

Apply to Colleges	
🎓	COLLEGES I'm applying to
	Letters of Recommendation
	College Events
	Manage Transcripts
	Test scores
	Show less

Scholarships and Money	
🎓	SCHOLARSHIPS I'm Applying To
	Scholarship List
	Scholarship Match
	National Scholarship Search
	Show less

College Visits

Teacher Rec. Request cont'd

Click "Add Request"

Teacher Rec. Request cont'd

Select Teacher (ARL teachers not on list) & select school

IMPORTANT NOTE!

Can't request teacher's rec
in NAVIANCE until:

1) You have submitted your Transcript
Request Form

AND

2) The registrar has added your colleges to
your "Colleges I'm Applying to List"

To Do: Summary

20 Days Before College App. Deadline:

- Submit Transcript request form to student services.

- Submit FERPA Waiver to student services.

- Submit Teacher Recommendation Request form to two teachers.

Help *us* Help *you!*

- Teacher Information Form
- Counselor Information Form

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> inbox
> account
> test scores

surveys to take:

> 11th grade survey

Counselor Information Form

Please complete this survey as completely as possible. This information will only be seen by your counselor and anything that you write may be used in a letter of recommendation. If there are things that you are unsure if you want shared with colleges, please discuss in person with your counselor.

* = required question
Please save your answers periodically if you need longer than one hour to complete this form. Your session will expire after one hour if you have not changed the page.

1. Birthdate

   _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

2. Phone Number where you can be reached during the summer

   _____

3. Email address that you will check during the summer

   _____

4. What are your academic interests?

Please answer with great DETAIL!!

Connecting Your Naviance Account & Common App

In order to send transcripts and recommendations electronically, you must connect your Common App account and Naviance.

You must do this if you are using Common App for one or more applications.

Matching Common App to Naviance

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Use multiple resources when researching colleges
  - Cross reference different websites and utilize print publications

- Even if you don't think you want to apply to HCC
  - Apply to HCC by January so you can be considered for scholarships and Honors programs.

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

- Admissions counselors caution families from using the term "safety school"
  - Entrance requirements are becoming more demanding

- There is no such thing as the "perfect college"
  - There are more than 3000 colleges and with effort and guidance you can find multiple colleges where you will be happy and successful.

- Be realistic when you are creating your list of schools
  - Be sure to include an appropriate range of schools and an appropriate number.

Financial Aid

FAFSA BASICS

FSA ID

FAFSA 2019-20

FAFSA Basics

- **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid
- Online application is filed by 99% families at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**
- Average completion time-21 minutes

COMPLETE THIS, even if you think you won't be eligible.

Just completing it makes you eligible for federal, state aid & institutional aid!

FSA ID

HAVE to have an FSA ID to fill out the FAFSA

- The **FSA ID** is a username/password for students and parents.
  - Used to e-sign the FAFSA, make corrections, apply for loans
    - Requires a valid email address

(cannot be the same for student and parent)

www.fsaid.ed.gov

FAFSA 2020-2021

- FAFSA available October 1, 2019

  - Earlier Income Info Required
  - 2018 tax/income information required
  - IRS Date Retrieval Tool available immediately

- Deadline for State of Maryland is still March 1, 2020

Take Away: It is in your best interest to apply early!

FAFSA Resources

MEOC @ LHRS every Tuesday, beginning October

FAFSA Federal Student Aid Youtube Channel

Bring: 2018 income tax returns, SS numbers, and valid photo ID

CSS Profile

- Determines your financial need differently than the FAFSA
- CSS PROFILE asks for more detailed info than FAFSA
  - Examples:
    - Requires minimum student contribution
    - Whether or not you own a house
- Greater reliance on professional judgment: Gives financial aid counselors greater freedom to grant aid
- Cost to CSS Profile a cost to filling out the CSS Profile, though some families may qualify for fee waivers