

# Senior Year & the College Application Process

Logan High School Student Services & Future Center

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### Senior Year is a Year of...

**Making Decisions** 

What do I want to do after high school?

Where do I want to apply to college?

**Transition** 

Your senior year schedule is important!

You are turning 18 & becoming an adult

Ask questions and advocate for yourself

**Meeting Deadlines** 

College applications, scholarships, and financial aid

### ONLINE APPLICATIONS



- Colleges either only accept or prefer online applications
- Many colleges have a different online application and process
- The best way to find out how to apply is to go online and search for "admissions".
  - Apply as "undergraduate student"
- WTC Open House:
  - October 5, 4pm-7pm
  - FAFSA help
  - Waive the application fee
  - Program/facility tours
  - Chance to win a Scholarship

## Before submitting a college application:

Check the admission requirements of the school to which you are applying

 Specific programs within a college may have different admission criteria

Pay attention to deadlines

 Schools and specific programs within a school may have different deadlines

# Letters of Recommendation

Give the letter writer(s) at least 2 weeks notice

NOT all colleges require letters of recommendation

- Provide the writer with the Letter of Recommendation form which is available in student services and Future Center (yellow form)
- Give teacher specific instructions on what to do with the letter once it is complete
- Students should not submit more than 2 letters

# Letters of Recommendation

Madison: multiple ways

Common Application will send an email directly to the teacher and your counselor

Most letters will be sent to:

anielsen@lacrossesd.org

 Then she will forward them through Parchment

Letter writers can often submit directly to the institution

Select a <u>teacher</u> to write a letter



### Letters of Recommendation

Write a thank-you note to everyone who writes you a letter!!

#### New(er) Updates to Applications

Some Schools
Accepting
Unofficial
Transcripts for
Admissions
Decisions
(UW System &
Common App - Can
upload to application)

ACT/SAT
Test-Optional
and
Super Scoring

Application
Fee Waivers
on
Applications

Shorter
Applications
and
Applications
useable for
multiple
colleges

Your Counselor and the Future Center Advisor are here to help!

# 3 major steps to apply:

Complete all sections of the application.
-Submit it electronically.

#### **Submit transcript**

- Request a transcript from Parchment <u>if an official transcript</u> is required ("Transcript Request" link on Logan website)
- Common App: Counselor can upload to your application

OPTIONAL: Send your ACT score to college (if you haven't already and you desire to)

IMPORTANT: Your college application is not considered complete until ALL information is received.

# Ordering official high school transcripts

- Parchment.com needed for final transcript
- Transcript instructions and the link to order transcripts is on the Logan website (blue quick link on right hand side)
  - \$4.15 per copy (fee waiver possible)

I am not accepted to the schools to which I applied?

I am
waitlisted
or my
school's
decision is
postponed?

I am not sure where I want to apply to college?

I am not sure what I want to do after high school?

Talk to your school counselor and Future Center!

#### **Test Information/Reminders:**

- > Next ACT dates are October 22 and December 10, 2022
  - > Sign-up deadline is September 16 for the October test date, or November 4 for the December test date. Late fees apply if you sign up after those dates.
  - > Fee waivers are available for students. See your counselor.
- Test scores need to be sent directly from the testing company; they are not sent by your high school.

www.actstudent.org

www.collegeboard.org

All UW System
Schools and most
other school are
ACT Test Optional
for admissions

## Scholarship/Financial Aid

FAFSA workshop for parents at Logan High School

FAFSA Workshop Night: October 19

See your counselor or future center advisor for help with financial aid review

- ♦ Logan/Regional Scholarships:
  - ♦ See Ms. Millard or go to: www.lacrossepromise.org
- Online scholarship databases (i.e. FastWeb)
- Logan scholarship application (available after Thanksgiving on Logan High web page)
  - Due late January (by midnight)

### Resources to remember:

- > College websites
- > Xello
- > Admissions staff
- > College representatives who visit Logan
- > Your school counselor
- > Ms. Millard in the Future Center

