

Welcome



Class of 2025



Planning Your Future

Ms. Arghiere, Mrs. Morales, Ms. Orlando, Mrs. Santiago

Post Secondary Plans

- Trade School/[Apprenticeships](#)/Paid Internships
- College- 2 & 4 years
- Military Service
- Workforce



Get Organized

- **What type of application do you and/or the college prefer?** For example: SUNY/CUNY Application, Common Application, Common Black College Application, or an application specific to the college.
 - Obtain or initiate the application online.
- **Which colleges are you going to apply to?**
 - YOUR college list will transfer to “Colleges I’m Applying To” on Naviance from Common App
- **What types of deadlines are available?** For example; Early Action, Regular, or Rolling Admissions.
 - Which do you want to utilize?
- **What supplemental pieces are required?** For example, high school transcript, teacher recommendations, counselor recommendation, resume, portfolio, etc... this will vary by school.

Different Types of Deadlines

- **Early Action (EA)**

An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. When you apply early action, you get admission decisions from colleges earlier than usual. Early action plans are **not binding**, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action. Some colleges have an early action option called EA II, which has a later application deadline than their regular EA plan.

- **Early Decision (ED)**

An option to submit an application to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. When you apply early decision, you get an admission decision earlier than usual. Early decision plans are **binding**. You agree to enroll in the college immediately if admitted and offered a financial aid package that meets your needs. Some colleges have an early decision option called ED II, which has a later application deadline than their regular ED plan. *You can only apply ED for ONE school. If you are accepted under early decision, you must retract all other applications.*

- **Regular Admissions:**

Applying with the majority of students at this deadline. It is most commonly due early January or February, you will receive your notification by mid April.

- **Rolling Admissions:**

An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly.

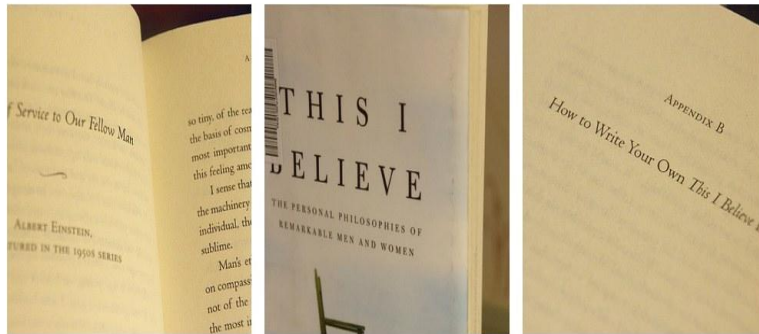
Recommendation Letters

Preparing to ask a teacher/counselor :

- 1. Ask in person** if he/she would be willing to write a recommendation for you. Be sure to ask, **giving plenty of time** to the person writing the letter. This request should be made weeks before the letter is needed for your applications.
- 2.** Once the teacher has agreed, **ask what information is needed from you**. This may include a resume, [Letter of Recommendation Form](#), Unofficial Transcript, any recommendation forms for any college that may not accept electronic applications, and date the letter is needed by. Bring your organized information to your recommender in a timely manner.
- 3.** Understand that a LOT of time goes into writing a polished letter and some teachers write as many as 40-60 letters within a short amount of time during the fall semester. Make sure to acknowledge this effort.
- 4.** Beacon teachers are very familiar with submitting the letters to Naviance. If you need your letter sent in a different method, inform the appropriate parties via email.
- 5. Expressing gratitude.** Once you know your recommendation letters have been turned in, it is appropriate to handwrite a short thank you note for the time and effort given on your behalf. E-mails and typewritten notes are not as personal as a handwritten thank you.

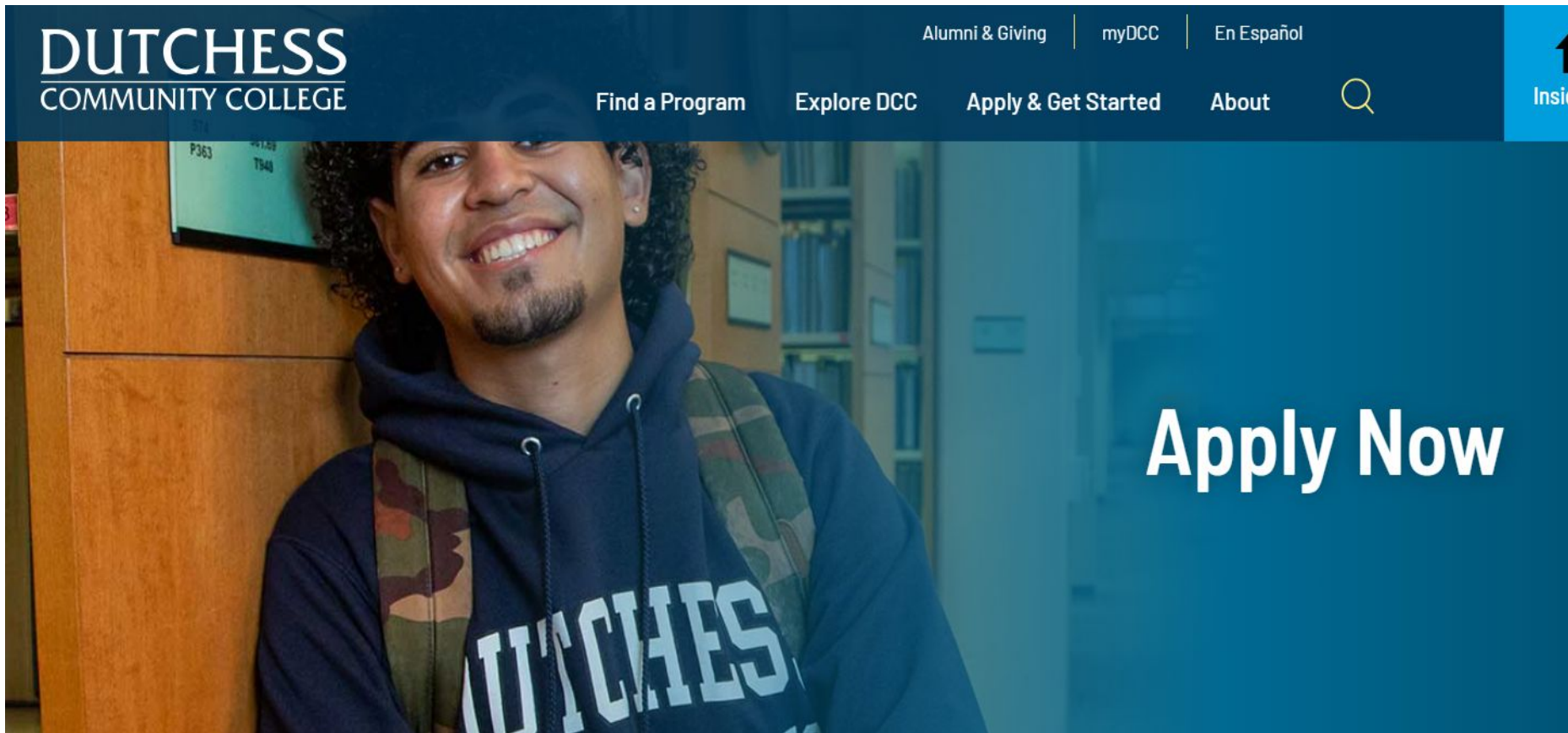
College Essay

- Check applications for essay prompts.
 - For example, Common App has a set of prompts, specific colleges may have different instructions.
- Proofread yourself and ask others to proofread and provide constructive criticism as well.



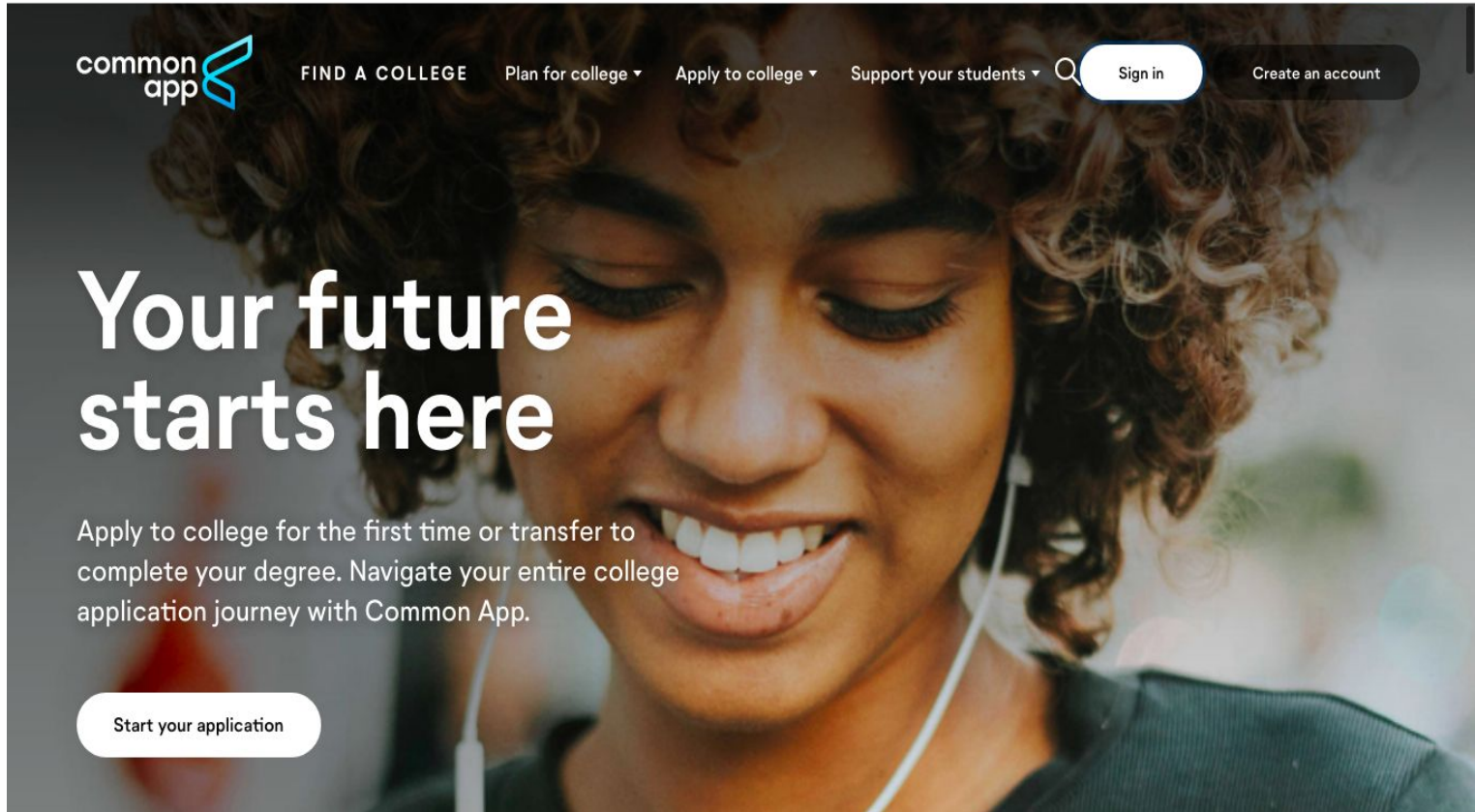
Applying to Dutchess Community College

- [Dutchess Community College](#)




Common Application

- [Common App](#) & [Common Black College Application](#)



★ USE A **PERSONAL** EMAIL


Create A Common App Account



Let's get started!

Welcome to Common App! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

Already have an account? [Go to the login page.](#)



First year student

Transfer student

Education professional

Parent or other adult

[Need Help?](#)

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Create your account

Email Address *

Re-type Email Address *

Password *

× 10-32 characters

× At least one upper case

× At least one lower case

× At least one number

× At least one special character

× No space characters

Re-type Password *

× Passwords must match

First/given name *

Please enter your name exactly as it appears on official documents

Last/family/surname *

Choose Beacon HS

The screenshot shows the Common App 'High School Lookup' modal. The background interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Dashboard' and 'My Colleges', and a left sidebar with 'Common App' and various profile sections. The modal itself has a title 'High School Lookup' and a close button. It contains a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'High School Name'. Below this is a text input field containing 'Beacon High'. A 'Choose school' section follows, with a 'Sort by: Near my address' dropdown. This section displays a list of search results. A red arrow points to the first result, 'Beacon High School, Beacon, NY, United States of America | CEEB: 330360'. Other results include 'Beacon High School, Watertown, MA, United States of America | CEEB: 220458', 'Homeschooled', and 'I don't see my high school in this list'. A link 'What about homeschooling?' is also present. At the bottom right of the modal is a blue 'Continue' button.

Dashboard My Colleges Common App

Common App

Profile

Family

Education

Testing

✓ Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades
0 college(s) require

Need help?

Why can't I find a school or college in the lookup list?
When searching for a high school or a college within your Common App, you may not find the school in [Read more](#)

High School Lookup

Search by

High School Name

High School Name

Beacon High

Choose school * Sort by: Near my address

Beacon High School
Beacon, NY, United States of America | CEEB: 330360

Beacon High School
Watertown, MA, United States of America | CEEB: 220458

Homeschooled

I don't see my high school in this list

[What about homeschooling?](#)

Continue

Add a College

app.org/search

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College Search

Application Requirements

College or City Name

Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

[More filters](#)

2 results Sort by: College Name ▾

+	SUNY Binghamton University Binghamton, NY - USA	⋮
+	Penn State University Park, PA - USA	⋮

app.org/search/35

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SUNY Binghamton University

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Binghamton, NY 13902
USA

Links: [College Website](#) · [Virtual Tour](#) · [College Navigator](#)

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Application Deadlines

Fall 2022
First Year
Early Action - 11/01/2021
Regular Decision - 01/15/2022

Other Deadline Information

Early Action applicants who complete by the Early Action deadline will receive their decisions no later than January 15. Applicants who complete by the regular deadline will receive their decisions no later than April 1. Please see our [website](#) for more info.

Application Information

[Add to My Colleges](#)

FERPA

The screenshot displays the SUNY Binghamton Common App interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. The 'My Colleges' section is expanded, showing a list of colleges with 'SUNY Binghamton University' selected. A red arrow points to the 'Recommendations and FERPA' link in the left sidebar. The main content area is titled 'Recommendations & FERPA' and features a yellow warning icon followed by the heading 'FERPA Release Authorization'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.' A link for 'Learn more about FERPA' is provided. Two prominent blue buttons are visible: 'Complete Release Authorization' and 'Continue'.

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

My Colleges

SUNY Binghamton University

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommendations and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

Recommendations & FERPA

⚠ **FERPA Release Authorization**

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

Complete Release Authorization

Continue

Complete FERPA

es/35/recassign

Colleges Common

X Release authorization

The next screen will ask you two important questions about your release of and access to your educational records under FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond. We encourage you to learn about FERPA by [reading our FAQ](#). We also suggest discussing FERPA with your counselor, parent, guardian, or other school official to be better informed about your rights.

1. How does FERPA relate to your college application?

- FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.

2. In a moment, you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to review confidential letters of recommendation. What should you know about this waiver?

- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

3. Still unsure how to respond?

- That's OK. Many students are. Before you move on, take a moment to discuss your decision with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. For more information about FERPA, visit the [Help Center](#).

☒ I have read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.*

Continue

es/35/recassign

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X Release authorization

FERPA Form

☒ I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*

Please select one: *

☐ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.***

Signature * Date *

Student Applicant

Date must be in YYYY-MM-DD format (e.g. August 1, 2002)


Back Save and Close

Completing the Application

- Enter all of your personal information.
- Be sure that all of the sections are complete.
- If there is anything you are unsure of, such as your Social Security Number, save and go back to it later.


Naviance Login

- [Naviance Login](#)

 **NAVIANCE**
BY POWERSCHOOL

[< Back](#)

Welcome Student!



Login to Naviance

CONTINUE WITH SINGLE SIGN ON

OR

Email or username


For example navigator@naviance.com

Password

Type password

☐ Remember me

[Forgot your password?](#)


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Linking Your Accounts

BY POWERSCHOOL

Colleges I'm applying to

 Search for colleges

i It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.
Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

 Manage Transcripts  Application Milestones  Compare Me

✦ = extended profile available

College that I'm attending:

N/A

<https://student.naviance.com/colleges/compare>



List of “Colleges I’m Applying to”



- The colleges chosen in Common App will show up in Naviance which will allow the counselors/teachers to submit your letter of recommendation, transcript, etc.

home colleges careers about me my planner

search for colleges: Go

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

colleges I'm applying to

Use this page to tell your counselor about colleges to which you are definitely planning to apply. Click "lookup" to find the name of each college. Click the "request" check box in the "Transcript" column if you need the school to submit a transcript to that college. If you are not sure about applying to certain colleges yet, you should add them to your [list of prospective colleges](#).

Type	Transcript	College	I have submitted my application
Early Action	<input type="checkbox"/> request	State University of New York at New Paltz lookup	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> request	Marist College lookup	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> request	Albany State University lookup	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> request	Manhattanville College lookup	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cancel Add Colleges

my colleges

- > colleges I'm thinking about
- > colleges I'm applying to
- > college visits

college research

- > SuperMatch™ college search
- > college match
- > college compare
- > college lookup
- > college search
- > college resources
- > college maps
- > scattergrams
- > acceptance history
- > enrichment programs

scholarships & money

- > scholarship match
- > scholarship list
- > scholarship applications
- > national scholarship

Financial Aid - FAFSA

FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is FREE!! Tax information is utilized to complete the form. Most students will complete the **2025-2026** FAFSA. The form will be available approximately in December and deadlines vary by State. [FAFSA® Application](#)

Both parent/guardian and the student need to make an account using two separate emails on FSAID in order to [Log In](#)

- Every student should complete this process, even if you do not think you will qualify for need-based aid. Colleges often use this to identify you for Merit based scholarships, some colleges require this as part of the application.

A Better 2024-25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024-25 FAFSA form is now available. We've started sending submitted applications to colleges and states. [Learn more about 2024-25 FAFSA updates.](#)

2024-25 FAFSA® Form

Start New Form

Access Existing Form

Need to access last year's form? [Edit a 2023-24 FAFSA Form](#)



FAFSA Dates



The 2025–26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available to the public on or before **December 1, 2024**. However, a limited number of students will be able to access the FAFSA between October 1 and December.

Each college and career/trade school may have its own deadline for the FAFSA. Students can check with the school they're interested in attending for more information.

CSS Profile



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Sign In



Search



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FAQ

APPLY WITH CSS PROFILE

CSS Profile

Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to more than \$10 billion in nonfederal aid to thousands of students.

Sign in to Fall 2025/Spring 2026

Sign in to Fall 2024/Spring 2025

Financial Aid – New York State

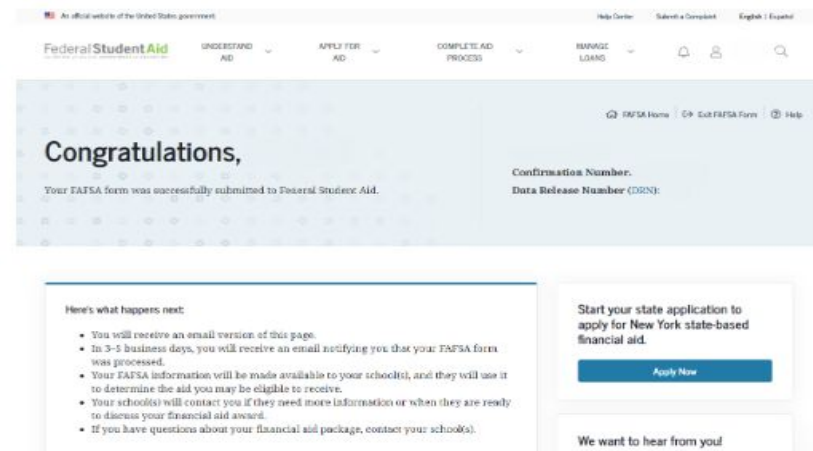
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

- If you attend a college in New York State, public or private, you may qualify for TAP.
- Visit their website NYS to see if your school is on the list.
- You can apply through the FAFSA.

Apply through the FAFSA

The easiest way to apply for TAP is through the [FAFSA](#). Make sure you have completed your FAFSA!

New York State (NYS) residents attending NYS schools can link directly to the TAP application from the FAFSA submission confirmation page.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA submission confirmation page. At the top, it says "An official website of the United States government" and "Federal Student Aid". The main heading is "Congratulations," followed by "Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid." To the right, it displays "Confirmation Number:" and "Data Release Number (DSN):". Below this, there's a section titled "Here's what happens next:" with a bulleted list: "You will receive an email version of this page.", "In 3-5 business days, you will receive an email notifying you that your FAFSA form was processed.", "Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.", "Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.", "If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).". To the right of this list is a box titled "Start your state application to apply for New York state-based financial aid." with an "Apply Now" button. At the bottom right, it says "We want to hear from you!".

Didn't Apply for TAP through the FAFSA? You Can Still Apply

If you exited the FAFSA before completing the TAP application – and you filled in your New York State address and a New York State college on the FAFSA – HESC will automatically receive your information in about three days. HESC will then send you an email or postcard with directions to complete the TAP application online.

Received this notice from HESC? [Apply now.](#)

The Application Process Begins with Creation of Your HescPIN

HESC Fact Sheets



Individual Scholarships

[Remind App](#) or text @awards2025 to 81010

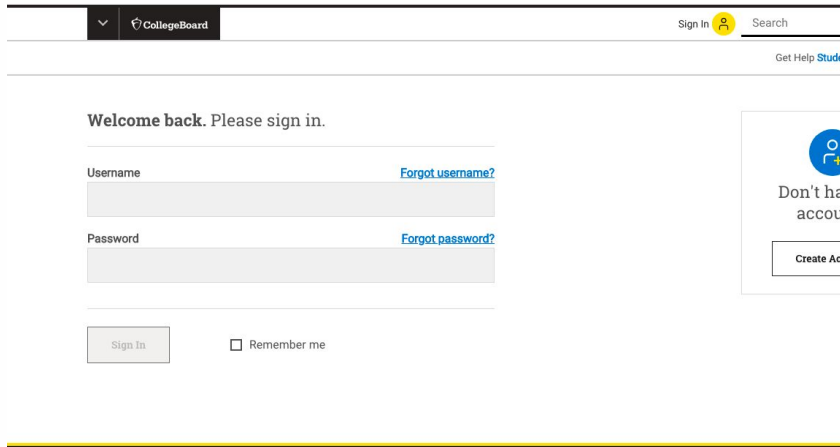
Do your research! There is money out there through community organizations, employers, college endowments, etc.

Some helpful places to search are [Naviance](#), [The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley](#), [Fastweb](#) and the specific college financial aid office and website.

SAT & ACT

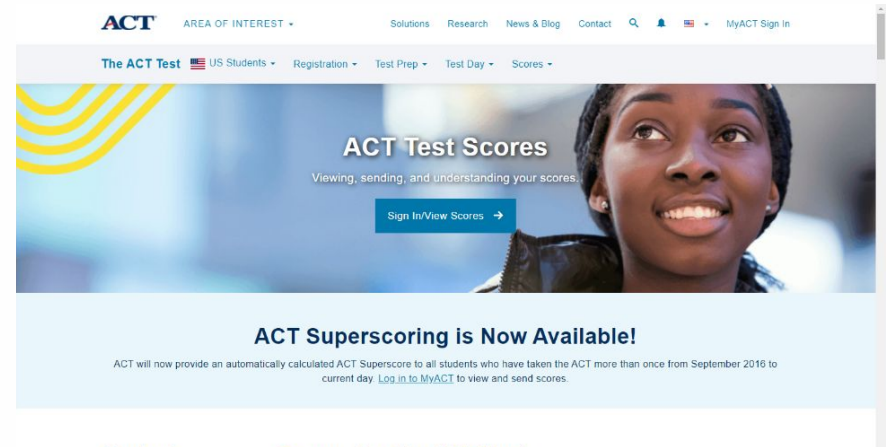
- You submit your scores when you complete your information for testing, or after testing through your account.

Collegeboard Log In for SAT



The image shows the Collegeboard login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Collegeboard logo, a 'Sign In' button with a user icon, and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Welcome back. Please sign in.' message. The main content area contains a login form with fields for 'Username' and 'Password'. To the right of the form, there is a 'Don't have an account?' link and a 'Create Account' button. At the bottom of the form, there is a 'Sign In' button and a 'Remember me' checkbox.

ACT Registration

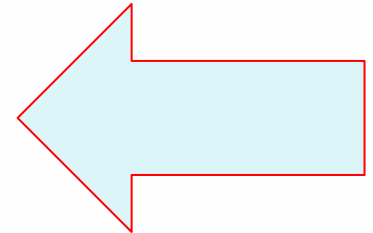


The image shows the ACT Test Scores page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ACT logo, an 'AREA OF INTEREST' dropdown, and links for 'Solutions', 'Research', 'News & Blog', 'Contact', and 'MyACT Sign In'. Below the navigation bar, there is a banner for 'ACT Test Scores' with the text 'Viewing, sending, and understanding your scores.' and a 'Sign In/View Scores' button. Below the banner, there is a section for 'ACT Superscoring is Now Available!' with a brief description and a 'Log in to MyACT' link.

SAT Upcoming Dates:

November 2nd @ BHS deadline Oct. 18

December 7th **not** @ BHS deadline Nov. 22



Exploring Careers/Majors

family connection

home

colleges

careers

about me

my planner

What's Your Road?

Interests

Themes

All Leaders

Playlists

ROADTRIP NATION INTERVIEW ARCHIVE



WHAT'S IN THE ARCHIVE?

We've gone on
52 ROADTRIPS & *Interviewed*
366 LEADERS

Creating **3,552** VIDEOS ON
STRUGGLE, TRIUMPH, AND SELF DISCOVERY

That have been broken into
48 THEMES & **29** INTERESTS

First time here? Click on The Roadmap to watch interviews with people whose interests are similar to your own.

RECOMMENDED LEADERS

Upcoming Activities

- Financial Aid Night- Sept. 26th @ 6:00pm- BHS
- [SUNY Free Apps Weeks - October 21st - Nov. 3rd \(Apply to up to 5 campuses for FREE\)](#)
- College Panel- Oct. 10th @ 6:00pm - BHS
- [DCC College Fair](#)- Oct. 15th @ 6pm - Falcon Hall- Poughkeepsie Campus
- SUNY College Fairs- Visit [SUNY College Fairs](#) for dates, registration, and details (Sept. 30th NYC)
- CUNY College Fair- Visit [CUNY College Fair](#)
- DCC Instant Admissions Day- TBD
- Check [BHS Guidance](#) website for future events

Useful Websites

- [Common App](#)
- [Common Black College Application](#)
- [Dutchess Community College](#)
- [College Board](#)
- [FAFSA® Application](#)
- [Fastweb -- Scholarships](#)
- [Unigo -- Scholarships](#)
- [FSAID Log In](#)
- [NYS -- HESC, New York State, TAP](#)
- [SUNY - The State University of New York](#)
- [The ACT](#)
- [The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley - Home](#)
- [The SAT](#)

Thank You

- Questions?
- The more organized you are and the earlier you complete the tasks, the more stress free and fun this process will be.
- Keep the momentum going. REMEMBER colleges see which courses you are taking senior year, and many request mid-year and/or first quarter reports to be sure that you are keeping your grades up to your potential.