

# CLASS OF 2018

# COLLEGE BULLETIN

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### TESTING DATES / REGISTRATION DEADLINES

#### SAT

Nov. 4 / Oct. 5

Dec. 2 / Nov. 2

#### ACT

Oct. 28 / Sept. 22

Dec. 9 / Nov. 3

Registration Fee

\$46

#### **CEEB Code**

**060-251**

Register online or pick up registration materials in the College Center.

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

*Students interested in highly selective schools need to allow time to take SAT Subject Tests (sometimes required)*

## COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Filling out college applications has the potential to be one of the most difficult and uncomfortable tasks you have ever faced. All of your life, you have been taught to be modest about your accomplishments; people who brag about themselves are either open to ridicule or find themselves with few friends. Suddenly, in your senior year, the rules change and now you are expected to tell the world how wonderful you are!

Additionally, the resume you are presenting may seem a little thin. Anxiety over test scores, a weak semester, or lack of activities all have the potential to become the road block that prevents you from starting or completing your college applications.

If you find it difficult to get moving, start with an application to a college to which you know that you will most likely get accepted. Get to work as early as possible so your application is received well before any deadlines. Colleges can tell when a student has taken the time to thoughtfully complete his or her application, versus one that has been thrown together in the eleventh hour.

An obvious point that is often disregarded by college applicants: an application that is difficult to read will not get equal consideration to one that is presented well. If the application

has spent time wadded up in your backpack, sharing space with a half-eaten bagel, the admissions staff will get the impression that it is not very important to you. Filing your application online can be a wonderful thing!

Before submitting an application, make sure it is thoroughly complete. If a section does not apply to you, write *N/A* rather than leaving it blank. Honesty is imperative. Colleges have a way of learning whether a student has exaggerated or fabricated information about his or her history. Halfway through the Fall term, Stanford discovered an admitted student had plagiarized his application essay; he was immediately dismissed.

Follow the directions that each college provides. If recommendations are optional, do not send more than three (2 from teachers and 1 from your counselor). Do not submit other supplemental material unless it is relevant to your application, such as an art portfolio.

Finally, stay organized! Get a notebook, binder or planner that is designated for the college application process. Write down deadlines and other important dates. Compile a resume to help you remember all of your activities and have it on hand as you complete applications, even if a school does not request a formal resume.

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

**VFW Voice of Democracy** Submit an audio-essay for VFW's Voice of Democracy scholarship competition, open to students in grades 9-12 for a chance at a \$30,000 scholarship. This year's topic is "My Vision for America" The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. Other national scholarships range from \$1,000- \$16,000, and the first-place winner from each (State) VFW Department wins an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. For more information go to [www.vfw.org/VOD](http://www.vfw.org/VOD) Deadline: Submit an entry to a VFW Post by November 1.

**SAE Engineering Scholarship Program:** The Society of Automotive Engineers offers corporate-sponsored scholarships and multiple university sponsored scholarships. Applicants must be a current high school senior, intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related field, be a U.S. citizen, & meet minimum GPA & SAT/ACT score requirements designated by each scholarship. Information & application available: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/freshman/> Deadline—1/15

**College in Colorado College Application Month** A scholarship drawing weekly throughout the month of October, awarding \$1000 for completing various tasks on College In Colorado related to applying to college. Each week College In Colorado will give away a laptop computer You can also enter for a chance to win one of ten weekly College "Go Packs" that include first year college essentials - worth over \$400.

## RESOURCES

### *Books*

Fiske Guide to Colleges  
Creating Colleges  
Colleges That Change Lives  
Choosing the Right College

## COLLEGE VISITS

Oct 2      The Master's Univ.  
Oct 3      Northwest University  
Oct 10     Thomas Aquinas Coll.  
Oct 11     Hillsdale College  
Oct 17     Illinois Wesleyan

## TIPS FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS

- Be sure you have a reasonably tasteful email address. Admissions offices notice email addresses; you do not want your application to stand out because you are known as "hotbabe@hotmail.com"
  - Download the application and complete a rough draft. Proof read all information and run spell check before submitting your application.
  - Save the application as you go in case of computer malfunctions.
  - Write down your username and passwords for your applications.
  - Remember to submit any supplemental forms. Many of these must be submitted by the College Counselor or teachers (Secondary School Report, official transcripts, Letters of Recommendation)
  - Have a transcript send either electronically or by mail
  - Print and keep a hard copy before you submit. Keep this copy for your records in case your application do not make it to the school.
  - Two weeks after submitting each application, confirm that it arrived if you have not yet received notification.
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