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**COLLEGE OFFICE DEADLINES**

**Application Checklist**

**College Office Application Deadline Deadline**

Final date to add schools

& fee waivers:

12/16/16 1/1/17

1/3/17 1/15/17

1/27/17 2/15/17

1/25

1. You should have matched your application on Naviance
2. Listed all your schools on Naviance
3. Put in your teachers recommendation request through Naviance.
4. Updated your Green Sheet

 ***Fee Waivers***

Common Application (CA)

If you are applying through the Common Application and are eligible, you will check off that you are eligible for a fee waiver on the CA and this will allow the College Office to submit your fee waiver electronically.

SUNY Application

If you do not meet the EOP requirement, but are still eligible for a fee waiver, you should go to the SUNY website and download the fee waiver. You will then complete this form and submit it to the College Office. You will then be responsible to mail this form to the address listed on the form.

Other Applications

Fee Waiver continued…..

You can google for a NACAC fee waiver. You will complete the NACAC form. You will then complete this form and submit it to the College Office. You will then be responsible to mail this form to the college you are applying to.

**Please be sure that all of your information is updated on Naviance. This includes confirming that you have applied to each school that you have listed as a “School I am applying to.” In order to do this:**

1. **Sign onto your Naviance account**
2. **Click on Family Connections on the left side, then click on the Colleges tab on the top, and then click on “Colleges I’m applying to.”**
3. **Next to each college it asks “Have you applied?” Please click on this for each school and follow the instructions.**

**Make sure that you continue to update this page as you apply to the colleges. THE COLLEGE OFFICE WILL NOT SEND ANYTHING TO A SCHOOL THAT YOU HAVE NOT LISTED ON NAVIANCE!**

## Delivery Type Icons for College Application Materials on Naviance

There are five delivery type icons you will see when sending college application materials for students.

 This icon represents schools that only accept documents submitted via mail. The school does not accept documents electronically.

 This icon represents Parchment® destinations that accept documents electronically via Naviance.

 This icon represents Common App destinations that accept documents electronically via Naviance.

 This icon is displayed when a student adds a Common App college but has not indicated whether or not he or she plans to apply via the Common App Online. This status does not prohibit you from submitting Common App forms for the student.

 This icon is displayed when a student has selected a Common App college and has indicated that he or she is not applying via the Common App Online. However, if the school is also a Parchment school (in addition to Common App) you can continue to submit documents (NACAC and other school forms, transcripts, and letters of recommendation) electronically.

**![MC900432644[1]]()Envelopes**

**For private colleges and out-of-state state schools that have a postage icon on your Naviance list, you must**

1. **Submit to the College Office a large stamped addressed envelope with three 48c stamps, and put the school’s return address in the top of the left hand corner.**

**For your teacher recommendations follow the same steps as above, but you should use a regular size envelope with a 48c stamp.**

1. ***SUNY Teacher Recommendation - If you completed the SUNY application, you should submit a regular sized envelope with a 46c stamp. It should be addressed to the school you are applying, with the BCCHS address as the return address.***

***The above information does not apply if you are using the Common Application, or an open screen icon appears next to the school you have listed on Naviance. Those applications will be submitted electronically through Naviance.***

1. Please put your full name on the bottom right hand side of any envelopes you hand in so that we can identify that it belongs to you.

**CUNY Essays and Recommendation Letters**

**Essays**

Both Hunter and Baruch recommend completing their essays. Please go to the websites for these schools and follow their directions

**Recommendation Letters**

It is not required, but if you want to send a recommendation letter, you should submit a stamped addressed envelope to:

The City University of New York
University Application Processing Center (UAPC)
P.O. Box 350136
Brooklyn, NY 11235

**SAT Scores**

The College Office will only send out SAT scores to CUNY, only if you have submitted your Document Return Receipt form. These will only be for scores taken on or before **October.**

**ADDING/DROPPING SCHOOLS ON NAVIANCE AFTER THE COLLEGE OFFICE DEADLINE**

* Once you have listed all your schools and met the College Office deadline dates, you may decide to add or drop a school. Please Email Ms. Phillips if you have made any changes to your college list on Naviance, and remember to update the green sheet.

**CSS Profile**

Please make sure that you are aware of your schools that require the CSS Profile. You may also access the information on line at https://profileonline.collegboard.com

**Colleges might just be taking a look at Your Social Networking Profile!**

A recent article by the NYTimes described the new role that social networking is playing in college applications:

* Of 381 college admissions officers who answered a Kaplan telephone questionnaire this year, 31 percent said they had visited an applicant’s Facebook or other personal social media page to learn more about them.
* 30 percent of the admissions officers said they had discovered information online that had negatively affected an applicant’s prospects.
* Admissions officials also said they had occasionally rejected applicants, or revoked their acceptances, because of online materials.
* **Be aware of privacy settings on your social networking profiles and make sure you are careful about what you are posting online---because colleges might just see it!**

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**General Scholarships**

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**Moody’s Mega Math Challenge**

$125,000 in Scholarship prizes ranging from $1000 to $20,000 is available to teams of high school juniors and seniors. The competition requires students to solve an open-ended, realistic, math-modeling problem-in just 14 hours! The Challenge takes place February 24th-27th 2017.

Deadline to register: February 17, 2017

Please visit <http://m3challenge.siam.org/> to learn more!

**Albert Shanker UFT Scholarship**

$1,250 per year, $5,000 total

This award is for low income families (free or reduced lunch)

**Deadline: January 31st, 2017**

Application available:

<http://www.uft.org/files/attachments/shanker-scholarship-application-2017.pdf>

**RMHC: Ronald Mcdonald House of Charities**

**-ASIAScholarship Program**

$17,000 Scholarship offered to Asian students in the tri-state area. Applicants must be a legal U.S. resident and have a minimum GPA of 2.7

**-RMHC/Scholars**

All students are eligible to apply regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin

**-RMHC/African-American Future Achievers:** Applicant must have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage.

**RMHC/HACER:**

Applicant must have at least one parent of Hispanic/Latino heritage.

**DEADLINE FOR RHMC SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**January 18, 2017**

[**http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships**](http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships)

**New York Water Environment Association, Inc.**

$10,000 Major Environmental Career Scholarship Application. To be eligible students must be a qualifying high school senior, a NY State resident, and intend to pursue a B.S. or B.E. degree program with an environmental emphasis.

Apply at:<http://nywea.org/scholarship/>

**Deadline:** **February 28, 2016**

**The Fountain Essay Contest: I am an Immigrant**

In the context of this current moment in history, The Fountain’s 2016 Essay Contest invites you to consider the issues facing today’s immigrants. Are you an immigrant, too? Were your parents or grandparents immigrants? Are we all immigrants in this world? How do immigrants contribute to your society? How do they cause problems in your society? How would you help immigrants thrive?

**Deadline: December 31, 2016**

<http://essay.fountainmagazine.com/>

**We Are the Students Essay Contest**

Essay Prompt: Civil disobedience is the act of opposing a law one considers unjust and peacefully disobeying it while accepting the consequences. Does peaceful resistance to laws positively or negatively impact a free society? In your answer, incorporate the principles and specific examples (including current events) that support your conclusion.

**Deadline: February 5, 2017**

[**http://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/**](http://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/)

**The Burger King Scholars Program**

Has awarded more than $15.4 million to high school seniors. For more information visit:

<http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html>

**Ascend Educational Fund**

AEF will provide two-year or four-year college scholarships to promising immigrant students in New York City, who were either born outside the U.S. or have two parents born outside the U.S., in the range of $2,500-$20,000.

**Deadline**: February 2, 2017

Apply at: <http://ascendfundny.org/scholarship/2017-application-info/>

**NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award**

Are you a graduating senior who operates their own small business? Then you are eligible to receive a Young Entrepreneur Award.

Apply at: https://www.scholarsapply.org/nfibyea/

**Deadline: December 18, 2016**

**GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program**

In honor of the legacy and character of President Ronald Reagan, this program annually rewards up to 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with $10,000 renewable scholarships (up to $40,000 per recipient).

Deadline: **January 5, 2017**

Apply at: <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/>

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund**

Multiple scholarships for students of Hispanic/Latino descent. More information at <https://apply.hsf.net/applications/>

**Studentaid.ed.gov**

This site has a search directory of 75 different private and government grants.: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/>

**\*\*MyCollegeDollars.com\*\***

This site is extremely helpful! It is run by CollegeBoard in partnership with MTV, students can find thousands of scholarships with their great search tool.

**Fastweb.com**

This site contains over 1.3 million awards worth over $3 billion dollars.

**Collegenet.com**

This is a great site where you can type a keyword into their scholarship search feature and it will give you a list of all scholarships that match that keyword. For example try putting in something like “engineering” and see how many scholarships pop up!

**StudentScholarshipSearch.com**

**Scholarships.CollegeToolkit.com**

**College-Specific Scholarships**

**Japan Center at Stony Brook Scholarship**

Essay competition to promote awareness and understanding of Japan in the U.S. Three Best Essay Awards, $3,000 for first place with a Canon camera, and multiple special cash awards.

Apply at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/japan/events/essay.html>

Deadline: **January 8, 2017**

**National Commission for Cooperative Education**

Scholarships for students planning to attend one of nine partnership schools: SUNY Oswego, Drexel, Johnson & Whales, Merrimack College, and UMASS Lowell Scholarships for $6,000 and renewable for all four years.

**Deadline: Different for each partner school.**

More information and apply at: [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu)

**Essay Help!**

There are resources here if you need help with your college and/or scholarship essays. Mrs. Rodgers is available on **Thursdays**. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board outside the College Office. Please formally notify your teachers of your scheduled appointment.

**College Interview Help!**

**A college interview is a great way to show a college that you are more than test scores and grades. There are several benefits to having a face-to-face interview such as the ability to explain to the college why they should accept you and also gain further knowledge of the school you are applying to.** With that in mind, visit the College Office to set up a date so that either Ms. Phillips or Ms. Simotas can help.

***\*A FEW HELPFUL INTERVIEW TIPS:\****

* **Be Yourself!**
* Always use specifics (illustrations) when making a point or answering a question. Do not use generalities!
* Don’t over think your answers
* Be authentic
* Express to the interviewer an honest interest in that school
* Dress well (business casual)
* And most importantly: RELAX and STAY CALM!

#### Tips For FAFSA Student Loans and Aid

Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may not be as fun as graduation weekend, but it may be just as important. In order to be eligible for any type of federal grant or loan, you must complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA helps the U.S. Department of Education and Financial Aid Administrators determine your eligibility for financial aid.

You can get a FAFSA application from your online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/). Here are a few tips to a faster, friendlier FAFSA.

**FAFSA Student loans are an investment in you.**

In the case of a higher education, debt is not necessarily a bad word. Student loans, when handled responsibly, can help you establish credit. Consider low-interest rates student loans. Look into student loans rather than using high-interest credit cards or some other form of financing to pay for your education expenses.

**FAFSA is a free application and offered online.**

You do not need to pay anyone to complete the form. If you run into questions or are unsure of any section call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

**Make it easy on yourself.**

Completing the form online helps you make fewer mistakes, simplifies the application and provides faster processing. Plus, you’ll be able to get your results 7 to 14 days earlier.

**Start NOW, and know your deadlines.**

Federal, state and institutional aid is generally distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. The earlier you submit your information, the more likely you are to get a piece of the financial aid pie.

**Familiarize yourself with the terminology.**

Understanding the financial aid language helps make the process less intimidating. You can find a guide to financial aid terminology at the Department of Education Web site.

**Keep a copy of your FAFSA.** Keeping good records of all your financial aid material is critical.

**There is life after FAFSA Student Loans.** Private loans or consumer education loans are available from banks and dedicated education finance companies. These loans can be used to cover any education related costs not covered in your financial aid package, like books and living expenses.

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