

Applying to College

College Night Part III

Tonight

- Process Check-in
- Jr/Sr Year Academics/Registration
- Application Process
- Next Steps

Process Check-in

- Testing Plan
 - Test Optional
 - Prep and submit
 - Only considered if they help
 - Many require for scholarships
 - March 2ND School Day SAT
 - Test scores can be sent through Nov/Dec depending on school
- Campus Visits - **TAB E**
 - Virtual Visits - School Websites
 - YouVisit on SCOIR
- Major Selection
 - Major/Career Search - **TAB D**
 - SCOIR assessment tool (YouScience)

Junior/Senior Year Academics

- Senior Year Course Registration
 - Minimum Load 5 credits (3.5 directed credits)
 - History (1), Literature (1), Senior Thesis (.5), Apologetics (.5), Sr. Seminar (.5)
 - Target 6-6.5 credits
 - Finish what you started, Demonstrate Rigor
 - AP Credits/Dual Credit
 - GPA Bump
 - Check AP credit charts and degree plans at schools of interest
 - Be prepared to discuss at individual meetings
- Application Transcript
 - GPA as of Junior Year
 - Senior-year Courses
- Mid Year Reports
 - 7 semester transcript

Application Process - Tab H

- SCOIR!
- Individual Family Meeting w/Mrs. Ward
- Build Your College List
- Prep Work (Spring/Summer)
- Application Process (Summer/Fall)

SCOIR

- SCOIR
 - Used for Application Process
 - Follow-up invites will be sent tomorrow
 - Invite a Parent - under My Profile
 - Tools
 - College Search (Add to “My Colleges”)
 - YouScience Suite (My Profile/Career Profile)
 - YouVisit (Virtual Visits)
 - Scattergrams
- Link to [Geneva’s College Resource Page](#) (link in My Drive in SCOIR)
 - GSB Resources (including College Handbook)
 - College Meeting Presentations
 - SCOIR Video Tutorials

Individual Family Meetings

- Schedule on ParentSquare signup (opens tonight)
- Student and parents if possible
- Planning questionnaire
 - Student completes at least 2 days prior to meeting
 - Turn in to Mrs. Ward
 - Available on My Drive
- Personalized plan
 - Sr. year course registration
 - Colleges/applications
 - Timeline

Build Your College List

Identify First Choice Major

- Major/Career Search - Tab D
- **SCOIR**
 - My Profile - YouScience
 - College Search

Build Your College List

Identifying Potential Colleges

- College Research - **TAB G**
- SCOIR - search based on various criteria
- Major/Program Offerings
 - Visit departments - **TAB E**
 - Compare Degree Plans
- Financial**
 - Financial Presentation Available on College Resource Page
 - Having “The Talk”
- Culture
- Add to ‘Following’ in My Colleges in **SCOIR**

Prep Work

- Resume (Spring)
- Letters of Recommendation (Spring)
- Essays (Summer)

Spring Prep Work
Resume Goal

Communicate how
God has made you
unique
and how you have used the
gifts and **time**
you have been given

Spring Prep Work

Resume Process - Tab I

- Gather resume information
 - Achievements, Service, Activities, Work Experience, Awards, Team Accomplishments, etc.
 - Include commitments for senior year (sports, fine arts, etc.)
- Attend Resume Workshops
 - Conducted during study halls during the Spring
- Sample templates available on My Drive
- Complete first draft by end of April
- Have resume reviewed and make edits
- Keep resume updated with all new information
- Email Mrs. Ward final version (resend when updated)

Spring Prep Work

Letters of Recommendation - TAB J

- Provide insight into: character, work ethic, discipline, etc.
- Identify 3 letter writers
 - Minimum of one academic teacher (reqs. can vary by school)
 - Ask people from various activities (Fine Arts, Extracurricular, Service, Work)
- Internal:
 - Ask in person if at all possible, with date needed by end of April
 - Request in SCOIR
 - Follow-up with email, attach latest draft of your resume
- External:
 - Writers provide letter to Mrs. Ward
 - See guidelines in Handbook - provide last page to writers

Summer Prep Work

Essays - Tab K

- Updated essay prompts (if changing) available in Spring
- Goal of the essay
 - To share what makes you unique - decide first then choose question
 - Can not tell your whole life story in 600 words
 - Pick something important and choose a story/theme/thread for writing
- In-class session in April/May
- Application Workshops in Summer
 - Schedule published in Spring
- Individual meeting with Mrs. Ward
- Editor required (NOT more than 2)

Application Process

Application Types

- Apply Texas - **TAB H**
 - Complete online application, one at a time, copy over
 - Notify my through SCOIR - I send in official documents (transcript, resume, letter, profile)
 - You submit college specific requirements through portal
 - TAMU - AIS/Howdy, UT - MyStatus, UTSA - ASAP
- Common App - **TAB H**
 - Enter my email as counselor
 - Do not request rec letters (unless required) - I will send through SCOIR
- School Specific Applications
 - Enter my email as counselor

Application Process

Which Application to Use?

- Survey all schools you are applying to
 - Research which applications are accepted
 - Identify preference if listed
 - Identify greatest common denominators
- Decide which applications to complete and prioritize
- You can reuse essays as appropriate but always be sure you answer the question
- Set date goals for each application

Application Process

Apply to College - Tab H

- Process overview Tab H p.1
- Complete Application
- Move in SCOIR to 'Applied' (notifies me!)
 - I send in transcript, school profile, rec letters
 - For UT and TAMU I will send you additional steps
- YOU Send in Scores (directly from College Board or ACT account)
- YOU Set Up Portal
- Complete Scholarship App/Outstanding Items using checklist

Application Process

Send in Scores

- You are responsible for submitting all test scores
 - If you did not choose test optional (if available) and you do not send in scores, your application file is considered incomplete
- Send directly to each school via ACT/SAT website
- If all scores required (highly selective schools), you will not be able to send only one score
- If a college superscores, you probably want to send all scores
- Some schools allow self-reporting but require actual scores before enrollment
- If in doubt, see Mrs. Ward

Application Process

Apply for Scholarships - Tab M

- Scholarship list on [College Resource Page](#)
 - New spreadsheet for 2022-23 will be posted to your My Drive in the fall
- Apply for School-specific scholarship for each college first
 - Some include in admission application
 - Some have separate application through portal
- See Paying for College presentation (College Resource Page)
- Financial Session - fall of Senior year

Application Process

Communicate

- Use SCOIR to Communicate with Mrs. Ward:
 - Request Rec Letters
 - Add schools to 'Applying' list
 - Move schools to 'Applied'
 - Update outcome of application
- Notify Mrs. Ward directly:
 - Request outside rec letters
 - Apply for scholarships
 - Receive decisions on admissions
 - Awarded scholarships (including amounts)

Upcoming Schedule

- Resume Workshops
 - Study Halls during April
- Essay Session
 - During class in May
- Application Workshops
 - August

Next Steps

- Schedule family meeting with Mrs. Ward
- Continue researching/visiting colleges
- Build your college list
- Execute your testing plan
- Draft your resume
 - Resume Workshops in April
- Use your **CHECKLISTS** from your College Handbook