

How do I Apply to 4-Year College?



1) **Create a list of 3-6 schools** that interest you - students often consider the following when picking a school:

- Size
- Location
- Cost
- Distance
- Clubs
- Degree/Program
- Extracurricular/Clubs/Sports
- Can I get in???

2) If you need to **search for schools**, this is a great website:

<https://collegesearch.collegeboard.org>

3) To apply, look for a button that says, **Apply** or go to the page for the **Office of Admissions**.

4) You will first create an account and then you will fill out the application.

5) Make sure you check the school websites to **find the application deadline** - otherwise, we strongly encourage to complete your applications by WINTER BREAK..

6) If you need/want to **re-take your SAT**, you sign up through your College Board account. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch are eligible for a fee waiver.

7) If you would like to **take the ACT**, sign up at ACTStudent.org. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch are eligible for a fee waiver.

8) When you complete an application, you will need to **request your transcript and test scores** to be sent to the school. Complete a Transquest Request Form for every college - this form can be found on the Counseling Office website or by asking your counselor.

9) Most 4-year colleges have an application fee - if you qualify for free/reduced lunch, your counselor can provide an **application fee waiver**. You need to complete a fee waiver form from the counseling office.

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What information will I need?

- You will most likely be asked questions about your parent's residency. This information is used to determine if you are in-state or out-of-state for tuition.
- You might need to **write a personal statement** - make sure that you give yourself enough time to write a high-quality document. Before you submit, have at least three people read your statement!
- You might need to get **letters of recommendation** (from teachers, counselors, coaches, employers, etc). Make sure you give two weeks notice before you need a letter!
- You will most likely provide information about your classes and your grades - having access to **your schedule and transcript** is very helpful!
- You will also need to provide **information about your school**:

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Hidden Lake High School 7300 Lowell Blvd. Westminster, CO 80030	School Code for HLHS: 061-467 Phone: 303-428-2600
- You should also find your **counselor's information** (name, email, phone number).

Feel like you are stuck? Come to the Future Center - we are here to help you!



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