

JUNIOR CONFERENCE:

Navigating Your Plans After High School

- Trade/Technical School
- Military
- Two Year College
- Four Year College
- Employment

Plan in Advance

Plans vary according to each individual.



COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION

Log into [SCOIR](#)

- Complete the personal data information.
- Your counselor will use this information to write a letter of recommendation for both college and scholarship applications (TWO weeks notice is required). Please include as MUCH DETAIL as possible:
 - Personal Details: Be sure your personal email address is listed
 - Personal Bio (see next slide for details)
 - Activities and Achievements
 - College Preferences

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION CONTINUED

- Personal Bio: personal statement about your strengths, include the following:
 - Interests: (sports, arts, social, technology)
 - Values: (justice, respect, loyalty)
 - Priorities: (health, money, compassion)
 - What would a teacher or employer say about you?
 - Ex: cooperates well in class, works well with others in small groups, asks appropriate questions as needed
 - Future Goals: (Chef, medical doctor, social worker, nurse, chemist)

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION CONTINUED

- Steps for requesting counselor recommendation:
 - Complete and submit the following google forms. The forms can also be found in your counselor's google classroom.
 - [Student Activities](#)
 - [Senior Profile](#)

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Please give teachers a minimum of TWO weeks notice when requesting a letter of recommendation.

1. Ask your teacher in person.
2. Complete the [Request for Teacher Recommendation](#). This google form can also be found in your counselor's google classroom.
3. Request letter in SCOIR (see directions in next slide).

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION CONTINUED

- Steps for requesting teacher recommendation continued:
 - Request letter in SCOIR
 - Sign into [SCOIR](#) with your personal email address
 - Go to My Colleges
 - Click on Application Documents
 - Click on Request a Recommendation
 - Search for your teacher and select the teachers name
 - Type a short message
 - Click Send

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Check sites to apply for financial aid & scholarships:

- [FAFSA](#)
- [HESAA](#)
- [HHS Guidance Scholarship List](#)
- [Fastweb](#)
- [RaiseMe](#)
- [goingmerry](#)

Hopatcong High School guidance department will be disseminating scholarships for local organizations in the spring of your senior year.

FAFSA

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible after October 1 of senior year:

[FAFSA](#)

Financial Aid can include:

- Grants (aid that does not have to be repaid)
- Loans (must be repaid, with interest depending on the loan)
 - See next slide for explanation of different types of loans
- Work Study (working while in school)

Federal Loan Explanation

All student federal loans are payable six months after a student stops attending school for any reason.

- Types of loans:
 - Subsidized
 - Interest begins to accrue six months after a student stops attending school for any reason.
 - Unsubsidized
 - Interest begins to accrue immediately upon securing loan.

CSS (College Scholarship Service) Profile

CSS is required by some colleges and universities in order to be considered for institutional Aid. This is a supplement to FAFSA (not a replacement):

[CSS Profile](#)

Trade/Technical School

- *Visit school campus(es) of interest
- *Meet with school representatives

Military



- **Meet with military recruiter**
- **Practice and take the ASVAB**
 - [Marchtosuccess](#)
 - [ASVAB Career Exploration Program](#)

Sussex County Community College

Complete the free online application at sussex.edu

- Student does not need to apply if completed or are earning college credit for a concurrent course such as English 4 CC or Child Development CC.
- Prepare to take the Accuplacer or other assessment for select majors.

County College of Morris

Complete online application at [ccm.edu](https://www.ccm.edu)

- Prepare to take the Accuplacer; Accuplacer test requirement is waived if you score: 590 on SAT Critical Reading, 560 on SAT Math.
- There may be an application fee for CCM because we reside in Sussex County.
- CCM's cost per credit will likely be higher than SCCC's cost per credit.

College Search

- Log onto: [SCOIR](#)
- Click College Search
- Enter preferences
- Create your own list of colleges

FOUR YEAR COLLEGE CHECKLIST

- Add College(s) to the My Colleges list in [SCOIR](#)
- Request Counselor Recommendation
- Request Teacher Recommendation(s)
- Complete application(s) including essay if required and submit by deadline
- Once you've submitted your application(s), add the college(s) to the Applied Column in SCOIR in order to request your transcript be sent to school(s)
- Register for SAT/ACT, if required
- Complete FAFSA
- Complete CSS Profile, if required

FOUR YEAR COLLEGE CHECKLIST CONTINUED



Does the school require?

- Auditions
- Portfolio
- Interview with admissions counselor
- Other documents/information

Common App

You can apply to multiple colleges using the same application. The colleges you are applying to must be a member of the Common App organization. Click on the link to see the list of Common App members:

[Common App Schools](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINES!!

Check the school's deadline for accepting applications:

- **Early Action (EA):** Application is due at an earlier date than regular decision (such as October or November)
- **Early Decision (ED):** This option is a binding contract. You may only apply to one school ED. If accepted, you must withdraw all other applications.
- **Regular Decision:** Application is due at a later date (such as January or February)
- **Rolling:** The Admissions committee will review the application upon receipt

SAT or ACT TESTS

Register to take the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#).

- Students who receive free or reduced lunch may be eligible for a fee waiver. Please contact your school counselor for more information.
- Be sure to check testing dates and registration deadlines to avoid late fees.

Check college requirements:

- Some schools require SAT Subject Tests.
- Some schools are SAT/ACT optional.

ESSAY

Everyone Has Strengths

Suggested essay prompts for college and/or scholarship applications:

Essay Prompts

- Be sure to proofread your essay before submitting it to a school or organization!

Transcript

Once a college is moved to the Applied column in [SCOIR](#), your assigned counselor will be notified, and will know to send documents on your behalf.

- Some schools, such as Rutgers University, require that the student self report his or her grades.
- Please also let your counselor know in person (or email) that you have applied to the school(s).
- Share school requests with your counselor such as:
 - mid-year grades
 - alert that a document is missing

NCAA

- Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse if you plan to play sports for a college that is Division I or Division II.
 - [NCAA](#)
- Let your counselor know that you registered.
- See your counselor about academic requirements for Division I and II schools.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your counselor with questions:

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