

College Applications – Scholarships - Financial Aid 2016-2017

College Application Checklist

- ✓ Apply on-line (preferred) or send paper copy with application fee to the college or university.
- ✓ Fill out transcript request form to send transcript and test scores through CHS registrar, Mrs. Pacha.
- ✓ Do essays for colleges applications or scholarship applications requiring essays.
- ✓ Fill out recommendation form for colleges or scholarship applications requiring letter and give to counselor.
- ✓ Have a backup college in case you are not admitted or are on the waiting list to the first college of your choice.
- ✓ After acceptance to a college, send in housing application packet from college if you plan to be living on-campus.
- ✓ Fill out FAFSA on-line after October 1, 2016 and have the information sent to the colleges you are applying to.
- ✓ Turn in the future plans worksheet with the selected college to Mrs. Pacha who will send a final transcript to this college after graduation. Acceptance to a college is conditional pending your final transcript.

4-year College Requirements

- ✚ Most colleges count the number of core courses, GPA, rank in class, ACT/SAT Scores
- ✚ Complete at least 8 or more Language Arts classes
- ✚ Complete at least Advanced Algebra
- ✚ Complete at least Chemistry
- ✚ Complete 2 to 4 years of one Foreign Language. Please check with the college of your choice and check how many years of foreign language are required
- ✚ Take the ACT and/or SAT by the end of 2nd semester of junior year or the beginning of senior year

Scholarships - Never pay for a list of scholarships. Lists and applications are free. Check out these websites:

www.iowacollegeaid.gov; www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov; www.icansucceed.org; www.mycollegedollars.com;
www.Fastweb.com; www.anycollege.com; www.cappex.com; www.scholarships.com

Other scholarship resources:

- ✓ Check with your employer and your parents' employer/s about scholarships they may offer.
- ✓ Check out the scholarship opportunities at your college choices.
- ✓ Guidance Bulletin Board/www.davenportschools.org/central. (click on offices>guidance>scholarships)
- ✓ Most scholarship money usually is awarded through the individual college or university.
- ✓ Complete the financial aid selector at www.careercruising.com for a list of personalized scholarship suggestions.
- ✓ Most scholarships are awarded for high GPA or rank in class and high ACT scores.
- ✓ Additional scholarships are awarded for your individual family circumstances, financial need, ethnicity, volunteerism, athletics, music or drama auditions, art portfolios, journalism artifacts or awards, and essay contests.

Financial Aid – FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Apply senior year after October 1st

The FAFSA is the universal application for grants-in-aid, loans, and work-study.

Apply through the Website <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> or the paper application available in the Guidance Office.

Applications require **both student and parents'** household information.

The information needed to fill out the application is:

Social security numbers and birth dates

Previous year's tax returns

W2 forms and /or other income

Current bank and investment records

Untaxed income (social security, child support)

Business or farm records

Other required information:

Apply for 2 pin numbers on the website in December of your senior year:

1 pin number for student & 1 pin number for the family household - assets and income.

FAFSA Help Sessions – Bring all the above information with you to the Help Sessions.

Scott Community College Kahl Building or Belmont Campus. Call for an appointment at 441-4040

Iowa College Access Network ICAN – Call for appointment with Lupe Hernandez at 319-423-7702

Athletics - NCAA Clearinghouse

Check out Eligibility Standards Information for 4-year College Division I & II Athletic Scholarships which can be found at this website: https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/d1_standards.pdf

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