

College Quick Checklist

Class of 2023

College Selection: September - October

- Visit the schools you will apply to during fall Open Houses. Most schools have open house dates or scheduled visits. Go to the school's website for Open House information and register on the website.
- Use your resources: ask teachers, ask people working in your field of interest, use internet searches. **PLEASE USE the Guidance Webpage, we have numerous resources listed on the Guidance Website** Visit the Guidance Page for school searches under "College Planning" and career information under "Career Planning."

- **Fall Local College Fairs:**

- [The Infinite Scholars Program Free College-Scholarship Fair](#)
 - **Tuesday, October 4th, 2022; 9:00 am -1:00pm (You go on your own)**
 - **Greenway Professional Development Center**; 1400 Crucible Street; Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (Robinson Township area) Students with a 3.0 GPA are encouraged to attend. To register click the link above or at www.infinitescholar.org
- **LA Roche College**
 - [North Pittsburgh College Fair \(click to register\)](#)
 - **MONDAY, OCT. 10 from 6-8 P.M.**

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❖ **Builders Guild Presentation:** TBA the presentation is in our HS auditorium.

- College reps will visit FAHS starting in the Fall 2022. Guidance Office will organize a schedule of post-secondary schools that come into our building. The Guidance Office will make announcements. The list will be posted on Guidance Webpage.
 - So Far we have scheduled the following schools, there will be more schools added:
 - 09/23/2022 - Gannon University (PLT Visit)
 - 09/26/2022 - Point Park University (During Lunches)
 - 09/26/2022 - Thiel College (During Lunches)
 - 09/27/2022 - Slippery Rock University (PLT Visit)
 - 10/03/2022 - LA Roche University (During Lunches)
 - 10/03/2022 - Seton Hill College (During Lunches)
 - 10/12/2022 - Youngstown State University (During Lunches)
 - 10/17/2022 - Pittsburgh Technical College (PTC) (During Lunches)
 - 10/24/2022 - Carlow College (PLT visit)
 - 10/24/2022 - Triangle Tech (During Lunches)

- 10/31/2022 - Mercyhurst (During Lunches)
- 10/31/2022 - Kent State (PLT Visit)
- 11/14/2022 - Waynesburg College (During Lunches)

Applying: August - November

- You probably already know what college you want to attend, so you are ready to apply. Go to the colleges' website and apply online! Each school has their own way of having you complete the application process! **So Please Pay Attention to Directions!**
- Once you have applied, each school uses different ways of requesting your transcript. Some schools will tell you to ask your Guidance office to mail the transcript, you will need to stop down to the Guidance Office to complete the clipboard on the maroon file cabinet outside Ms. Kaplin's Office. Mrs. Young will mail your transcript out and if a teacher recommendation letter needs to be sent, she will mail that with your transcript. You will need to indicate on the clipboard if a recommendation letter is required to be mailed with your transcript.
- Some universities use the [Common Application](#). This online application has a list of many colleges and universities who use this program. If you are thinking about having your information all together, check out this website to find out if any of your colleges use this program. Use Ms. Kaplin's email for the Common Application rkaplin@freedomarea.org She will receive an email that you applied and she will upload all the appropriate documents.
- Recommendation letters: Send them if requested or optional. Don't send them if not required. Give your reference person time to write the letter, at least 2 weeks.
- Applying timeline. As soon as possible – after November is getting too late! **Pay Attention to Deadlines!!!!**
- **NCAA** - If you think you have the ability to play Division 1 or Division 2 college athletics, you will need to register online. See Guidance Page "NCAA" Section of the website. Register at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

Financial Aid: Starts in October

- PHEAA Representative: Wendy Dunlap: 724-831-7317; wdunlap@pheaa.org
- FAFSA: When you are a Senior, you can submit **starting October 1st** using your **2021 Income Tax**: www.FAFSA.ed.gov The FAFSA also serves as your application for Federal/State grants. **Important!** Different schools have different FAFSA filing deadlines. Complete your FAFSA before the deadlines!!!
 - **Financial Aid Workshop for October 12th, 2022 at 6:00 PM. It will be virtual again so we can record for those unable to attend. If you are doing the Post-Secondary School**

Path for your senior project, will need to attend the virtual workshop or watch the recorded video.

- Scholarships: Most are awarded by the schools students attend (www.meritaid.com); do a **free** scholarship search (www.fastweb.com www.scholarships.com); Google search scholarships; check with the Guidance Secretary or Freedom H. S. Website for a current list; most “local” scholarships will be available in the winter/spring. The Guidance Office will email you monthly flyers that list numerous scholarships. Not all, because there way too many to list.
 - **Collegeboard.org’s new scholarship program**: Starting with the class of 2020, the Collegeboard will offer scholarships based on completion of **tasks** in preparation to attend college. For example, completing the FAFSA, practicing for the SAT using Khan Academy, Applying to colleges, etc... These scholarships are not based on test scores, community activities or GPA. Here is the website for students:
<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/?excmpid=vt-00248>

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