# 12<sup>th</sup> Grade BRIDGE Law COUNSELING LESSON

Campbell High School

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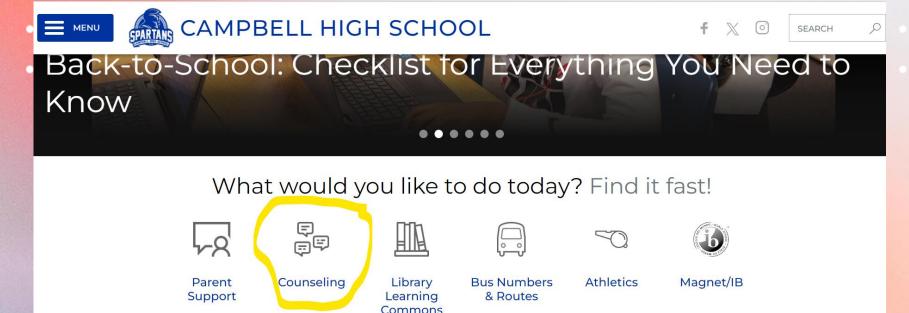
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# Lesson Overview

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## Senior Letter Packet

- Everyone should have received their Senior Letter & packet from their homeroom teacher on the first day of school
- If you didn't receive yours, your counselor will be calling you down to review it
- It contains important information including the remaining courses/credits you need to graduate high school
  - O If you have not shared this with your parent and/or guardian, please do that TODAY
- If you need more than 8 courses/credits to graduate high school, please be sure you schedule time with your counselor to develop a graduation plan.

# Post-Secondary **Options**

# Colleges and Universities

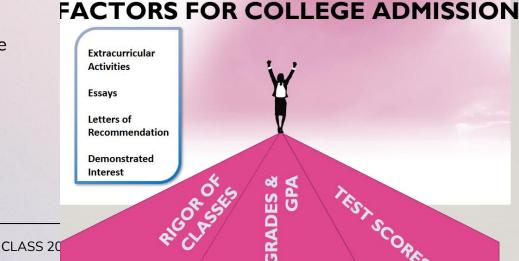
# 4-Year College/University

- Typically have more stringent admission requirements than other post-secondary options

   Factors for college admission consideration:
   Rigor of classes, final grades/GPA, test scores (SAT/ACT), extracurricular activities, essays, letters of recommendation, demonstrated interest
- On average, it takes a student four years to complete after matriculation from high school
- Check the school's admission requirements by visiting the school's website, as requirements vary

from school to school and year to year

• Typically will require 2 credits in the same Foreign Language for admissions and a math higher than Advanced Algebra.



# Understanding Application Types

- **Early Decision I & II (Binding)** Cannot apply early decision to other colleges but can apply regular decision. If accepted for early decision, must attend.
- Early Action (Non-Binding) Can apply early to other colleges and can apply regular decision. Will receive admission decision before regular decision deadlines.
- Rolling Admission Open admission, decisions given throughout the year as applicants are received and until limit set by intuition met.
- Regular Decision Standard deadline date established by the institution, with no priority or early
- Priority Deadline –Similar to rolling admissions, but priority consideration around financial aid, housing, etc. is typically offered to these applicants

# SAT/ACT Testing for College Admissions

- SAT/ACT test scores are usually required, with explicit score minimums at <u>www.usg.edu</u> > Prospective Students > Freshmen > SAT/ACT Test Score Requirements
  - Test-optional: Colleges/universities can use the student's grade point average on the required high school curriculum without a standardized test score at the following minimum grade point averages (GPA):
    - 3.4 HOPE GPA for research universities
    - 3.2 HOPE GPA for comprehensive universities
    - 3.0 HOPE GPA for state universities
- Test scores will continue to be required to apply for Zell Miller scholarships in accordance with state
  of Georgia requirements.

# 6 Steps to the College Process

- 1. \*Determine what college(s) you're applying to & know their deadline(s)
- 2. Determine the application type(s) i.e., Common App, Common Black College App, Direct to Institution
- 3. Complete your online profile/submit your application(s)
- 4. Pay application fee(s)
- 5. Send your test scores directly from the sites (Collegeboard/ACT) this cannot be done by HS!
- 6. Use Naviance our "delivery system" to: (1) Send your official transcript and/or (2) Obtain teacher letter of recommendations

Remember – as the student/applicant, be sure to track your admissions status directly from the institutions' websites.

### \*It is highly recommended that you take college campus tours!

Most (if not all) are free of charge and can easily be scheduled online directly from the college/university's websites.

## Be Intentional About Where You Apply

# BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

"Reach schools" are those where your academic credentials fall below the school's average range for the freshman class.

"Range schools" are schools where your academic credentials fall within or perhaps slightly exceed the school's average range for the freshman class.

"Safety schools" are schools you will almost definitely get into because your academic credentials are much better than the typical average range for the freshman class.

#### REACH SCHOOLS

Apply to 1 or 2

#### **RANGE SCHOOLS**

Apply to 2 or 3

#### SAFETY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

# 2-year College/Technical College & Trade School

- Proof of high school graduation/GED is required providing your final high school transcript will satisfy this. Follow the transcript request process to accomplish this.
- SAT/ACT exams are accepted, however the Accuplacer is accepted and often offered directly from the school.
  - -Less expensive than taking the SAT/ACT and serves as a placement exam vs. admissions exam.
- Programs are typically career focused and completed in 2-years or less
  - Trains students for a specific job in a career field, immediately ready to work
- Technical/Trade careers can include ones related to: Aviation, Criminal Justice, Welding, Cosmetology, Carpentry, Drafting, Automotive Technician, Medical & Dental Assisting, Graphic Design, HVAC Technician, Electrician, Paralegal, Early Childhood Care, Horticulture, Accounting, Cybersecurity & Networking, Film & Video Production, EMT/AEMT (Paramedic), Supply Chain Management, and more!

# Military/Armed Forces

- The five branches are: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy
  - Reserve & National Guard are various options within
- Every branch of the military sets its own standards for enlisting, so learn about the specific requirements for each, i.e.:
  - Citizenship & Residency
  - Age limits
  - Education: You must have a high school or general equivalency diploma (GED); must have a degree from a four-year college to join as an officer
  - -Testing Requirements: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
  - -Physical & Medical Requirements
- In general: (1) Make contact with a branch recruiter, (2) take the ASVAB, (3) graduate, and (4) request your final high school transcript
- Additional information can be found online at: <a href="https://www.usa.gov/military-requirements">https://www.usa.gov/military-requirements</a>

# Workforce/Apprenticeship

- On-the-job short-term or long-term training is provided by an employer at the beginning
  of a new job.
- Training can last 1 5 years, often paid.
- The completion of an apprenticeship is generally associated with skilled labor.
- These kinds of programs can lead to secure and well-paying jobs without the need for any college expenses.

# Naviance

Naviance is a delivery system and college/career search engine and also how we communicate with YOU and your parents throughout the school year.

## Multiple Uses for Naviance

Available to you online, 24/7!

## College Planning

College Search, College Visits, Colleges Applying To, Letters of Recommendation

### Career Planning & Resume Building

Explore Careers, Clusters & Pathways

### **Self-Discovery**

Personality, Skills, and Strengths Assessments

### Communicating with your School Counselor

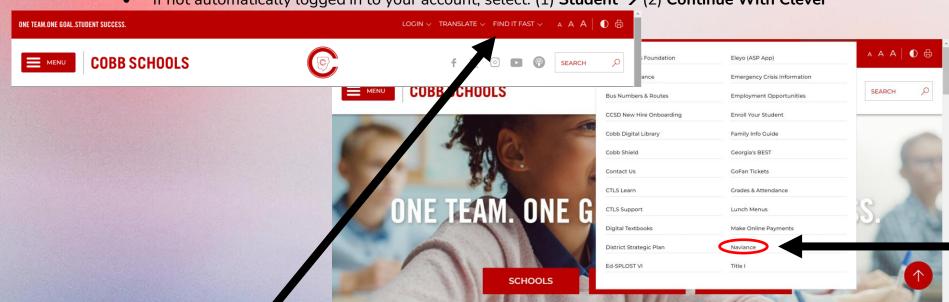
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## Scholarship Searches

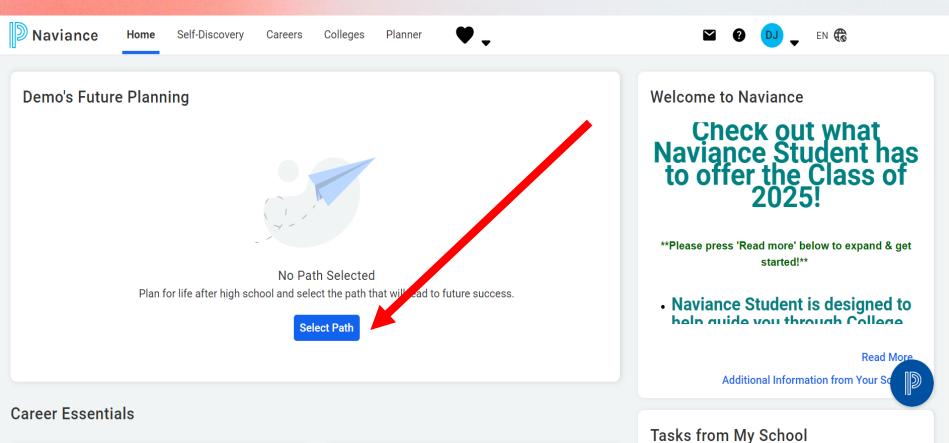
College-specific, National Search, CCSD-specific

## Logging into Naviance

- Log into the school computer
- Open Google Chrome (this is the preferred browser for Naviance)
- Go to https://www.cobbk12.org/
- Click the down arrow from "Find it Fast" in the top red header
- Click "Naviance" in the right-side column second link from the bottom
- You should be taken to your Naviance Student homepage automatically
  - If not automatically logged in to your account, select: (1) Student → (2) Continue With Clever

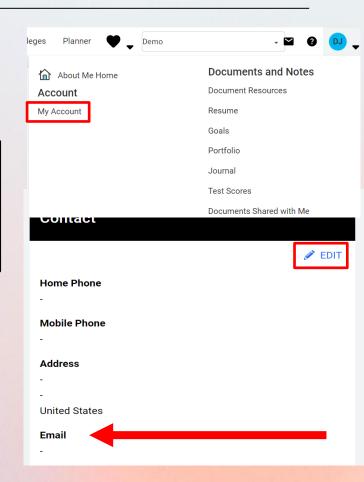


# Your Naviance Homepage - Select Your Path



## Update Your E-Mail Address

- Updating your account with your personal e-mail address is imperative so we can communicate important information with you.
- 1. Click on the "About Me" link at the top.
- 2. Click on "My Account."
- 3. Click on the Pencil Icon in the "Contact" box.
- 4. Enter your personal email address.
- 5. Click "Save."
- REPLACE your CCSD e-mail address with your personal email address so that you do not miss out on pertinent information in relation to your senior year!



## The Common Application

- The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 500+ member colleges and universities.
- If a school uses Common App, use Common App!
- You can access the Common App by going to www.commonapp.org
- Some schools are Common App exclusive, which means they do not accept any application other than the Common App. Some schools accept both the Common App and their own individualized, web-based application or the Coalition Application.
- Of course, this does not apply for schools who do not accept the Common App. To view the 500 schools that accept the Common App, check out the members page of the Common App website.
  - NOTE: Not all colleges and universities are on the Common App and have their own, individual applications that, in most cases, are web-based and can be found via the school's undergraduate admissions website.

# Common App Matching

- Naviance is a delivery system that can connect to your Common App!
- For Common App schools, students are required to match their Common App and Naviance Student accounts.
- In order to match the Common App account, students must:
  - (1) Create a Common App account
  - (2) Complete the Education section of the Common App
  - (3) Sign the FERPA Release Authorization in the Common App
- Once completed, select "Match Accounts" from Naviance pictured below.



## Colleges I'm Applying To

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get

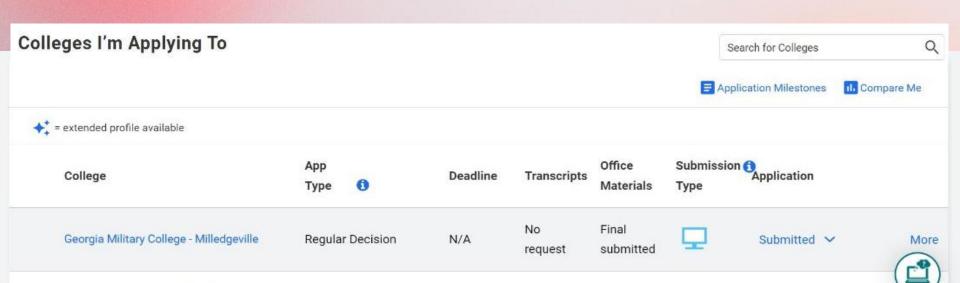
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Match Accounts

Search for Colleges

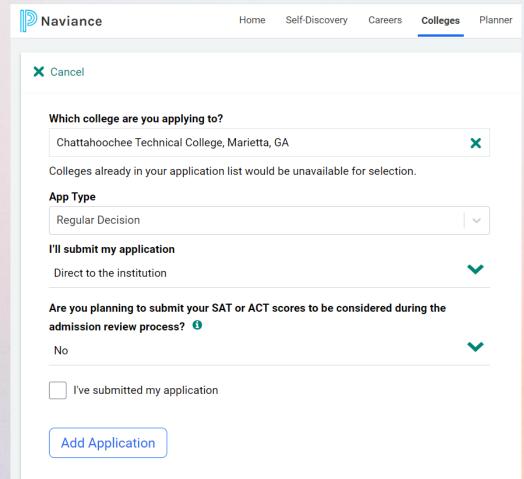
# "Colleges I'm Applying To"

- Many seniors spend most of their time in this section.
- After matching your Common App account, your colleges/universities listed there will auto populate here.
- Just because a school is not on the Common App, does not mean that they do not accept the transmission of important documents, like letters of recommendation and official transcripts, through Naviance.
  - Be sure to indicate "Direct to Institution" for these non-Common App schools.
- This is also where you will request Teacher Letters of Recommendation.



# "Colleges I'm Applying To"

This is how to "manually" add colleges/universities to your Naviance account, should the college/university not be a Common App school or not auto populate from your Common App account.



## Letters of Recommendation

- Allow at least 3-4 school weeks for your teachers to complete their recommendation portion of your application!
- Students "invite" their teachers to upload and send letters of recommendation in two steps:

   (1) Provide your teachers with a copy of your senior brag sheet/academic resume
   (if not already completed in Naviance) to include a list of colleges/universities to which you
  - (2) Add the request under your "Colleges I'm Applying To" tab from Naviance.
- IMPORTANT: ASSIGN YOUR TEACHERS TO INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS NOT "All Applications".
  - -If the school does not require a teacher letter of recommendation, they do not use it in the admissions process.

DO NOT ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR ONE IF THIS IS THE CASE!

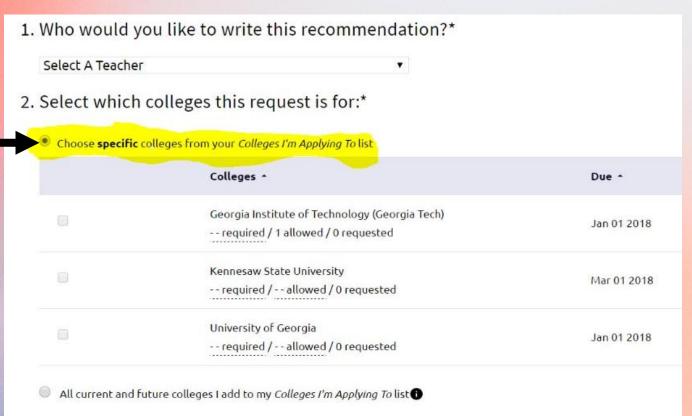
are asking the teacher to write.

 It is the student's responsibility to research/know which schools require a letter of recommendation.

## Adding Teacher Recommendation Requests in Naviance

How to:

'Colleges' header → 'Letters of Recommendation' from under the 'Apply to College' tab.



# Senior Brag Sheet (for Letters of Recommendation) Located in Naviance

- Students <u>must</u> complete the Senior Brag Sheet for counselors to write a counselor recommendation on one's behalf.
  - Go to your Naviance Account
  - On your Homepage, there is a section "Tasks From My School"
  - Click on "Letter of Recommendation Request"
  - Click the link in the tasks to complete the Microsoft Form
  - Tell us all about you! The more you "brag," the better your LOR!! Be Specific and give specific examples!
  - Can come back and complete again if more LORs are needed

# Official Transcript Request

1. Add college you are applying to Naviance.

Log onto your Naviance student account.

Select the COLLEGES tab.

**Under COLLEGES select "Manage Transcripts"** 

Click on "+", add each college/university, including application information

Click the type of transcript: Initial, Mid year, Final

Click "Request and Finish"

2. Go to MyPaymentsPlus (Fees, then Activities & Events) and fill out the transcript request form and pay \$2 per initial transcript.

\*Transcript processing fee is waived if you are on Free/Reduced Lunch. Email your counselor to make sure we are aware.

#### BOTH STEPS MUST BE COMPLETE IN ORDER FOR YOUR TRANSCRIPTS TO BE SENT

For Common Application documents, you MUST link your Common App account to your Naviance account before your counselor can send your transcript.

It is your responsibility to complete ALL parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.

## SAT/ACT Information

Students will register for the SAT on the <u>www.collegeboard.org</u>. Students will register for ACT on <u>www.act.org</u>.

Counselors cannot register you for these exams, you must go directly to the websites to register.

If a student qualifies for Free/Reduced lunch you can be eligible for a waiver.

"Fee Waiver Request". Will fill out application and it will ask them to provide their coordinators information. MUST LIST YOUR COUNSELOR AND USE THE CORRECT COUNSELORS EMAILS ADDRESS. Counselors will receive an email to confirm. PROCESS TAKES ONE TO TWO WEEKS! Request at least a month prior to testing,.

ACT you can email your counselor, and they can provide an ACT waiver code if you qualify for a waiver.

# Sending Official Test Scores

ACT/SAT scores can only be sent directly from the testing agencies websites.

-SAT: <a href="https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/">https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/</a>

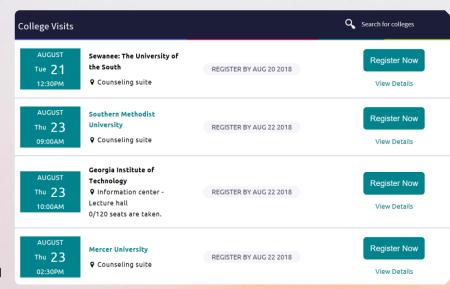
- ACT: www.actstudent.org

Our School's CEEB code:

112745

# College Visits

- This is your opportunity to hear from various college admission representatives who visit our school to share about their college/university and its respective admissions process.
- Every Tuesday in the DLL, but you must sign up through your Naviance account at least 24 hours in advance.
- To register to attend:
  - Go to Naviance Student.
  - Click "Colleges" from the header.
  - Under 'Research Colleges', Click 'College Visits".
  - -Click "Register Now" for the session(s) you would like to attend.
  - Please take a screen shot of the green confirmation banner to show for your pass out of class.





## **COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

#### Our Mission for CHS Graduates:

- · Employment in a highdemand career:
- Enrollment in post-secondary education: or
- · Enlistment in the U.S. Armed Forces or other forms of civil service.

#### Sponsored by the





Providing our students access to one of these three options positions them for rewarding careers and financial security.

#### STUDENT **APPOINTMENTS**

Request an individual appointment here



We'll begin calling students in on September 2nd. OR...

Drop in during your lunch no pass needed!

#### WHAT WE OFFER

#### Ongoing Support:

Individual advisement sessions Drop in visits during lunch

#### Programs & Events:

- 1.College Rep Visits
- 2.Trade Talks
- 3 Career Conversations
- 4.Career Coachina Week
- 5. College & Career Fair
- 6. Apply to College Sessions
- 7. Military & Business Rep Visits

#### **CONTACT US**



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#### **MORE INFO**

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## Campbell High School



## **College Rep Visits**

WHAT

Dozens of colleges will be visiting CHS in person & others will host online sessions.

WHEN

Year-round with the first visit happening on August 20th.

WHO & HOW

Juniors & Seniors must sign up in Naviance to receive a pass. Freshmen & Sophomores email us to check schedule & request pass.

WHERE

College & Career Center unless otherwise noted on your pass. We're down the hall from the school store, by the Counseling offices.

Questions?

Drop in the College & Career Center during your lunch (starting Sept. 2) or email us.

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# College **Basics**

## **GEORGIA MATCH**



GEORGIA MATCH IS A SIMPLE WAY FOR YOU TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION (TO BE ADMITTED TO COLLEGE), BASED ON YOUR RECENT HIGH SCHOOL CALCULATED HOPE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA).



**GA**futures.org

- GEORGIA MATCH is a simple way for you to know where you are eligible for admission (to be admitted to college), based on your high school calculated HOPE grade point average (GPA) through 11th grade.
- Note: GEORGIA MATCH works with public and private accredited high schools in Georgia only.
- A senior's GEORGIA MATCH colleges are found on one's <u>GAfutures Student Dashboard</u>.

# Helpful Websites for Senior Year

- ACT: <a href="https://www.act.org/">https://www.act.org/</a>
- Big Future: <a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/</a>
- Cobb County School District: <a href="https://www.cobbk12.org/">https://www.cobbk12.org/</a>
- Common App: <a href="https://www.commonapp.org/">https://www.commonapp.org/</a>
- Common Black College App: <a href="https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/">https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/</a>
- FAFSA: <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</a>
- GAFutures: <a href="https://www.gafutures.org/">https://www.gafutures.org/</a>
- SAT (Collegeboard): <a href="https://www.collegeboard.org/">https://www.collegeboard.org/</a>

# Paying for College (Financial Aid)

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- Financial Aid is said to be the overarching umbrella to paying for college.
- There are various types of financial aid/ways to pay for college at the local and federal levels, to include:
  - -Scholarships
  - -Loans (Federal & Private)
  - **-Federal Student Grants** Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree.
  - -Federal Work-study The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay some of their education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the student's course of study.
- Scholarships and grants do not have to be repaid.
- Loans do have to be repaid and typically include the amount borrowed <u>plus</u> interest.

# Paying for College - Scholarships

- There are a number of different types of scholarships: Academic, Community, Athletic, Extracurricular/Hobby, Employer, Military, Need-based, etc.
- Remember, these (scholarship) funds do not have to be repaid.
- There are varying scholarship deadlines, so pay attention to when they are and apply by deadline.
- Where to find scholarships for college?
  - Naviance (Colleges → Scholarships & Money)
  - GA Futures (Federal Aid & Scholarships → Scholarship Search)
  - Scholly (App. Store & Google Play)
  - College/University Financial Aid Office websites
  - Online search engines, i.e. Going Merry, FastWeb, BigFuture/Collegeboard
- NOTE: A scholarship and a sweepstakes are not the same thing.

# Paying for College - Scholarships

CHS Counselors have provided a list of scholarship resources. THERE ARE SO MUCH MORE OUT THERE! This is a starting place for students:

https://linktr.ee/goldmanchs



# Paying for College - FAFSA

- FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- It is an online application that is completed by students who want the opportunity to receive federal funding to pay for college
  - -Pell Grant (Need based)
  - -Student Loans
- Must be completed on an annual basis and determines how much money one's family would be able to contribute to the student's cost of attending college
- Requires federal tax information from student's family for application completion/submission
- This application can be used to also satisfy the request to receive state funding for the HOPE program as well – HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE/Zell Miller Grant, and HOPE Career Grant
- Tentatively scheduled to open on October 1st, 2025

## Paying for College – HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship

- HOPE Scholarship Basic eligibility requirements:
  - Graduate high school with a minimum 3.0 calculated HOPE GPA
  - Earn a minimum of four (4) full rigor credits from the Academic Rigor Course List
  - Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
- Zell Miller Scholarship Basic eligibility requirements:
  - Graduate with a minimum 3.7 calculated HOPE GPA
  - Earn a minimum of four (4) full rigor credits from the Academic Rigor Course List
  - Earn a qualifying test score on a single administration of the ACT or SAT prior to high school graduation.

Current Test Score Requirements: A minimum score of **1200** is required for the SAT or **25** composite score for the ACT.

NOTE: The equivalent ACT composite score (as of the most recent concordance guide published by the College Board and ACT each January 1). The ACT score requirement can change each year. The equivalent is posted by January 15 each year for the upcoming/award school year.

## Paying for College – HOPE/Zell Miller Grants

- HOPE Grant: Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at an eligible college or university in Georgia.
  - Basic eligibility requirements:
    - (1) No high school GPA minimum/requirement
    - (2) Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
- HOPE Career Grant: Available to HOPE Grant-qualified students who enroll in select majors
  specifically aligned with industries in which there are more jobs available in Georgia than there are
  skilled workers to fill them. These industries have been identified as strategically important to the
  state's economic growth.
- Zell Miller Grant: Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) or University System of Georgia (USG) institution.
  - Basic eligibility requirements:
    - (1) No high school GPA minimum/requirement
    - (2) Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
  - A minimum 3.5 postsecondary Calculated HOPE GPA, at the end of each term, is required in order to maintain eligibility.

## Paying for College – HOPE Program FAQ

- How to apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship or Grant?
  - -Complete the FAFSA (Annually)

or

- -Complete the GSFAPP (Valid for 10 years)
- HOPE Program Application Deadlines: The last day of the school term or a student's withdrawal date, whichever occurs first.

Note: Additional college-specific application and deadline requirements may be required, so check with your postsecondary institution.

- What's my HOPE GPA?
  - -Viewable from the Your HOPE GPA tab from logging in to your GA Futures profile
  - -Not the same as your CCSD weighted or unweighted GPA
- It is recommended to frequent the GAFutures website for the most up-to-date and official information about the HOPE program.

Your Social Security Number (SSN) <u>must</u> be on file in the Cobb County student record system in order to receive any HOPE/Zell Miller funds!

## CAPS Program

Last year, CHS began the Campbell AP Scholars (CAPS) Program. This program recognizes students who meet the following criteria:

Minimum 3.5 weighted GPA

Have taken a minimum of 5 AP classes during high school career

Have taken a minimum of 5 AP exams during high school career

Have taken at least two semesters of a World Language

Have completed a CTAE or Fine Arts pathway

## PLEASE SIGN IN: https://tinyurl.com/5n7u8x54



## Have a Great Senior Year!

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson