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The College Process

For Junior Parents



Welcome!



By the end of this presentation, I will know how to help my child start looking at post-secondary programs, how to apply to those programs, and options for financial aid.



Getting Started

A Strong Senior Year
Choosing a Path
College Search



The Application

When to apply
What colleges look at
Common App



Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid
FAFSA /WASFA
CSS Profile

To Graduate

- Washington State History
- Exercise & Health
- Community Project
- High School and Beyond Plan
- Senior Exhibition
- Graduation Pathway
- Complete 24.5 credits

Graduation Pathway Options:

[State Assessment](#) | [Dual Credit](#) | [AP/IB/Cambridge](#) | [SAT/ACT](#) | [Transition Course](#) | [Combination](#) | [ASVAB](#) | [CTE Sequence](#)

Beginning with the Class of 2020, students must meet at least one of these pathway options to graduate:

- **State Assessment:** Meet or exceed the graduation scores in the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics or in WA-AIM (Washington Access to Instruction & Measurement).
- **Dual Credit:** Earn at least one high school credit in ELA and at least one high school credit in math in dual credit courses (Running Start, College in the High School, and/or Career and Technical Education dual credit courses).
- **AP/IB/Cambridge:** For both ELA and math, earn a 3 or higher on certain Advanced Placement (AP) exams or a 4 or higher on certain International Baccalaureate (IB) exams or an E on certain Cambridge International exams, or pass the course with at least a C+.
- **SAT/ACT:** Meet or exceed the graduation scores set by SBE in the math and ELA portions of the SAT or ACT.
- **Transition Course:** Pass a transition course in ELA and math (for example, a Bridge to College course) which allows a student to place directly into a credit-bearing college level course.
- **Combination:** Meet any combination of at least one ELA and one math option of those options listed in 1-5.
- **ASVAB:** Meet standard on the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) by scoring at least the minimum established by the military for eligibility to serve in a branch of the armed services.*
- **CTE Sequence:** Complete a sequence of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.*

*Note: Students who pursue these pathways (ASVAB or CTE) do not need to meet English and math requirements separately. English and math content are embedded in both pathways—and a student who meets either the ASVAB standard or the CTE pathway requirements has met the graduation pathway requirement.

Choosing the Right Path

- 2 Year College
- 4 Year University
- Technical College
- Apprenticeship Program
- Military
- Employment



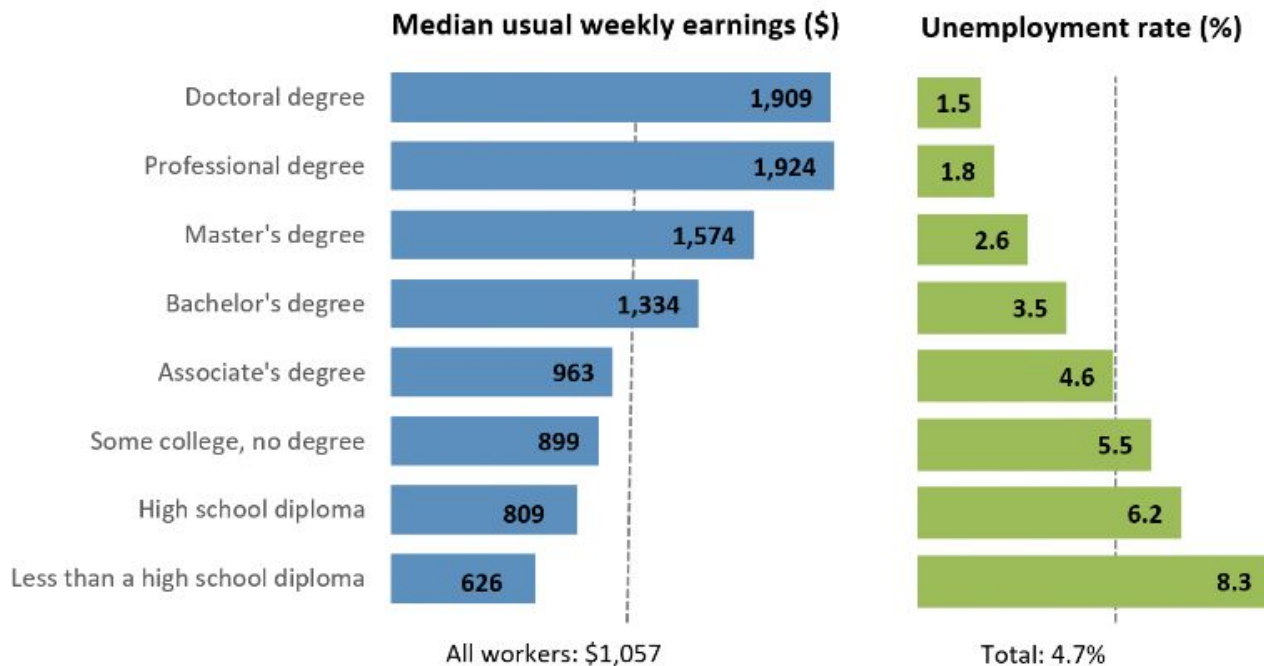
Explore interests,
careers, and colleges
through YouScience

The screenshot shows the YouScience careers page with the following details:

- Page Header:** apps.youscience.com/careers/
- Navigation:** All Careers, Saved Careers (5)
- Filters:** Filter by Educational Investment (All, 0-3yrs, 4yrs, 5yrs), Sort by Fit Type (Overall Fit, Aptitude Fit, Interest Fit)
- Career Grid:**

Genetic Counselor	Instructional Coordinator	Audiologist	Psychiatrist
Edu. Investment: 6+YRS, Proj. Openings: 1200, Avg. Salary: 73k	Edu. Investment: 6+YRS, Proj. Openings: 25k, Avg. Salary: 65k	Edu. Investment: 7+YRS, Proj. Openings: 6800, Avg. Salary: 77k	Edu. Investment: 7+YRS, Proj. Openings: 12k, Avg. Salary: 194k
●●● Strong Overall Fit	●●● Strong Overall Fit	●●● Strong Overall Fit	●●● Strong Overall Fit
★ Save Career	★ Save Career	★ Save Career	★ Save Career
- Additional Career Cards (partially visible):**
 - Informatics Nurse Specialist: Edu. Investment: 4+YRS, Proj. Openings: 192k, Avg. Salary: 90k
 - Engineering Professor: Edu. Investment: 7+YRS, Proj. Openings: 14k, Avg. Salary: 104k
 - Physician Assistant: Edu. Investment: 6+YRS, Proj. Openings: 50k, Avg. Salary: 99k
 - Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation Physician: Edu. Investment: 7+YRS, Proj. Openings: 12k, Avg. Salary: 194k

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2021



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

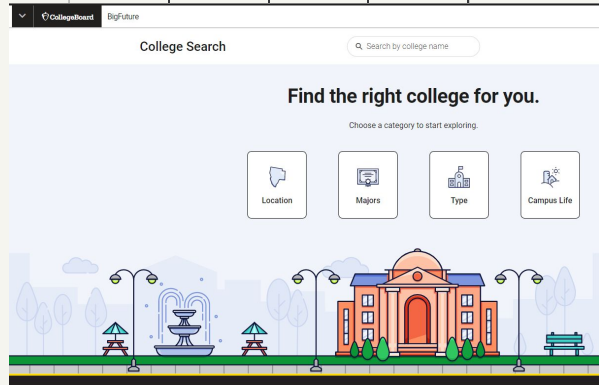


A Strong Senior Year

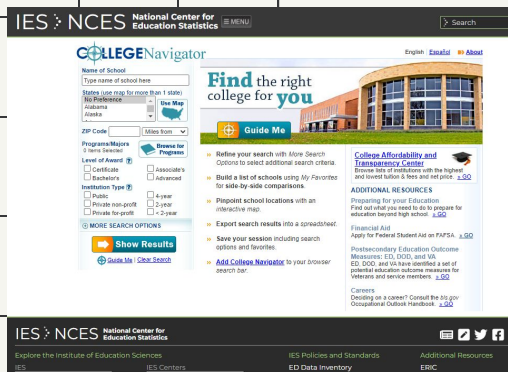
- **Take rigorous classes**
- Build a solid GPA
- Develop strong work habits
- Be involved in extracurricular activities
- Take on leadership roles
- Explore interests
- Volunteer
- Study for SAT/ACT + take exams



Search for Schools



- College Board BigFuture
- College Navigator
- Think About:
 - Private or Public
 - Location
 - Majors
 - Acceptance data
 - Extracurriculars
- CCC Website
 - College Search Options



Make a list

Next Steps



Meet w/ Hailey

**Ask questions, get ideas,
explore interests, discuss
majors, etc.**



Compare Schools

**Average admitted GPA, pros
and cons of campuses, other
admission requirements**



Visit Campuses

**During spring or summer
break**





Campus Visits

- Sign up for scheduled tours
- Attend information sessions
- Have prepared questions
- Visit with an admissions counselor
- Visit with a department
- Sit in on a class
- Visit with a coach
- Ask students questions
- Keep notes/pick up a brochure/newspaper
- Have lunch on campus



Consider:

What do you like/dislike about the campus?

What are the students like?

Do you see yourself fitting in with this student body?

When To Apply

- Summer after junior year / fall of senior year
 - Begin to solidify choices to 4-8 schools
 - Keep track of deadlines
 - Fee waivers- see Hailey
 - Consider athletics & NCAA
- CCC Resources
 - [College Process / Helpful Tools and Guides](#)
 - Resume Template
 - Organization Chart
 - Comparison Chart



What Colleges Look At



Academic Profile

- Transcripts
- SAT/ACT
- Class rank
- **Senior year courses / rigor**
- Grades (GPA)

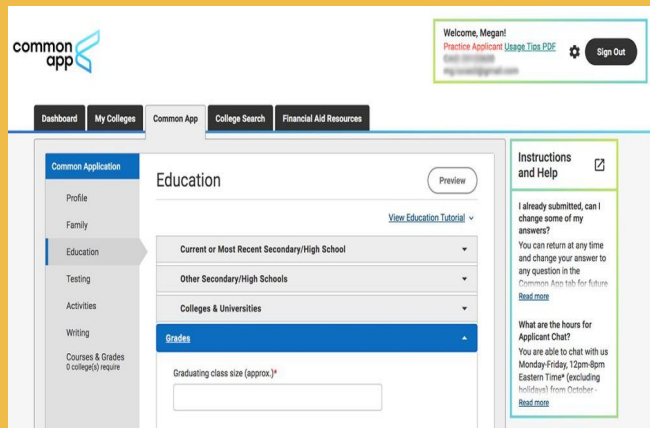


Personal Profile

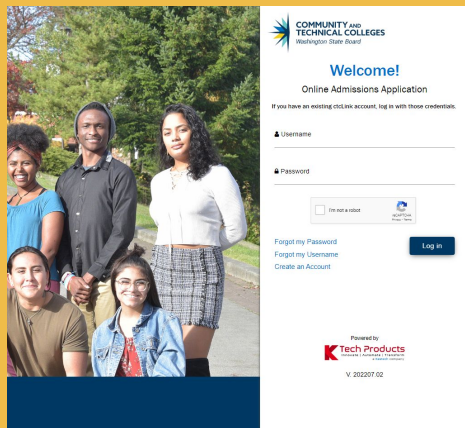
- Essays
- Recommendations
- Resume
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Honors and awards
 - Travel
 - Work experience
 - Community service
 - Hobbies
- Site visit
- Interview



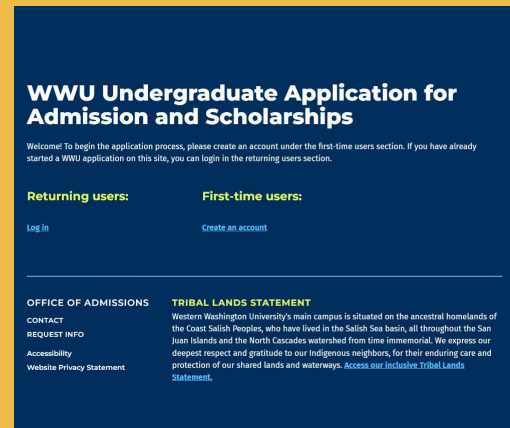
Common App, Community/Tech College App, or Institution-Specific



The screenshot shows the Common App user interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. A welcome message for 'Megan' is displayed with links for 'Practice Applicant', 'Usage Tips PDF', and a 'Sign Out' button. The main content area is titled 'Education' and includes a sidebar with links for Profile, Family, Education (selected), Testing, Activities, Writing, and Courses & Grades. The Education section has dropdown menus for 'Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School', 'Other Secondary/High Schools', and 'Colleges & Universities'. Below these is a 'Grades' section with a 'Graduating class size (approx.)' input field. A 'Preview' button is visible. On the right, there's an 'Instructions and Help' section with a checklist icon and text about returning to the app to change answers, chat with support, and find application hours.



The screenshot shows the 'Welcome!' page for the Community and Technical Colleges Online Admissions Application. It features a large image of four diverse students. The page includes fields for 'Username' and 'Password' with a 'Log in' button. Below the password field is a checkbox for 'I'm not a robot' and a 'Forgot my Password' link. A 'Create an Account' link is also present. The footer mentions 'Powered by Tech Products' and 'V. 202207.02'.



The screenshot shows the 'WWU Undergraduate Application for Admission and Scholarships' page. It has a dark blue background with white text. The main heading is 'WWU Undergraduate Application for Admission and Scholarships'. Below it, a welcome message states: 'Welcome! To begin the application process, please create an account under the first-time users section. If you have already started a WWU application on this site, you can login in the returning users section.' There are two sections: 'Returning users:' with a 'Log in' link, and 'First-time users:' with a 'Create an account' link. At the bottom, there are two columns: 'OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS' with links for 'CONTACT', 'REQUEST INFO', 'Accessibility', and 'Website Privacy Statement'; and 'TRIBAL LANDS STATEMENT' with a paragraph about Western Washington University's commitment to Indigenous neighbors and a link to 'access our Inclusive Tribal Lands Statement'.



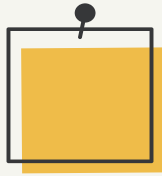
Guaranteed Admission Program

- Our school partners with universities
- 3.0 GPA, CADR courses, and sign permission form
 - **Central Washington University**
 - **Eastern Washington University**
 - **The Evergreen State College**
 - **Washington State University**
 - **Western Washington University**



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Types of Financial Aid

Gift Aid

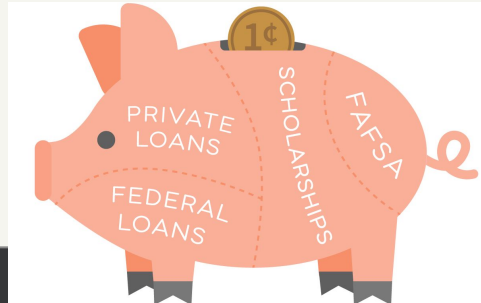
- Scholarships (local, college, other)
- Scholarship Search Options
- Grants
- Do not have to be paid back

Work-Study

- Earn while you learn

Loans

- Have to be paid back (with interest)
- Offered with financial aid package, through your college's Financial Aid Office
- Private or Federal
- Family loans





Local Scholarships

- Spring of senior year
- FHHS Common Scholarship App
- Due in April
- Announced at graduation
- Best chances of getting a scholarship!!





San Juan Island Service Scholarship

- 80 hours of community service = \$1000
 - 3 hours have to be for SJISS
- Must volunteer for at least 3 non-profits/community organizations on SJI
- App to register / track hours





School-Specific Scholarships

- Financial Aid Office
- Sometimes the admission application automatically applies your student for scholarships, but not always
- Call or email the financial aid office





State Scholarships

- Scholarship Search Options on CCC Website
- I recommend WashBoard.org
- College Bound Scholarship = FULL TUITION for public schools in WA!!!
- Only WA State residents apply = better chances for your student!





National / International Scholarships

- Scholarship Search Options on CCC Website
- College Board Opportunity Scholarship
- RaiseMe.com
- Hardest to get (more people apply)





Submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- Submit early (October 1 of senior)
- Required for federal and state aid
- Used by public and private colleges
- Needs to be done every year
- WASFA (WA Application for State Financial Aid) for undocumented students





FAFSA Cont.

- Based on prior-prior year's taxes
- Use IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- FAFSA determines Expected Family Income (EFC)
- Lower EFC = better chance of gift aid
- Most everyone qualifies for loans
 - Subsidized: US Dept. of Ed. pays interest while in school
 - Unsubsidized: You pay interest while in school



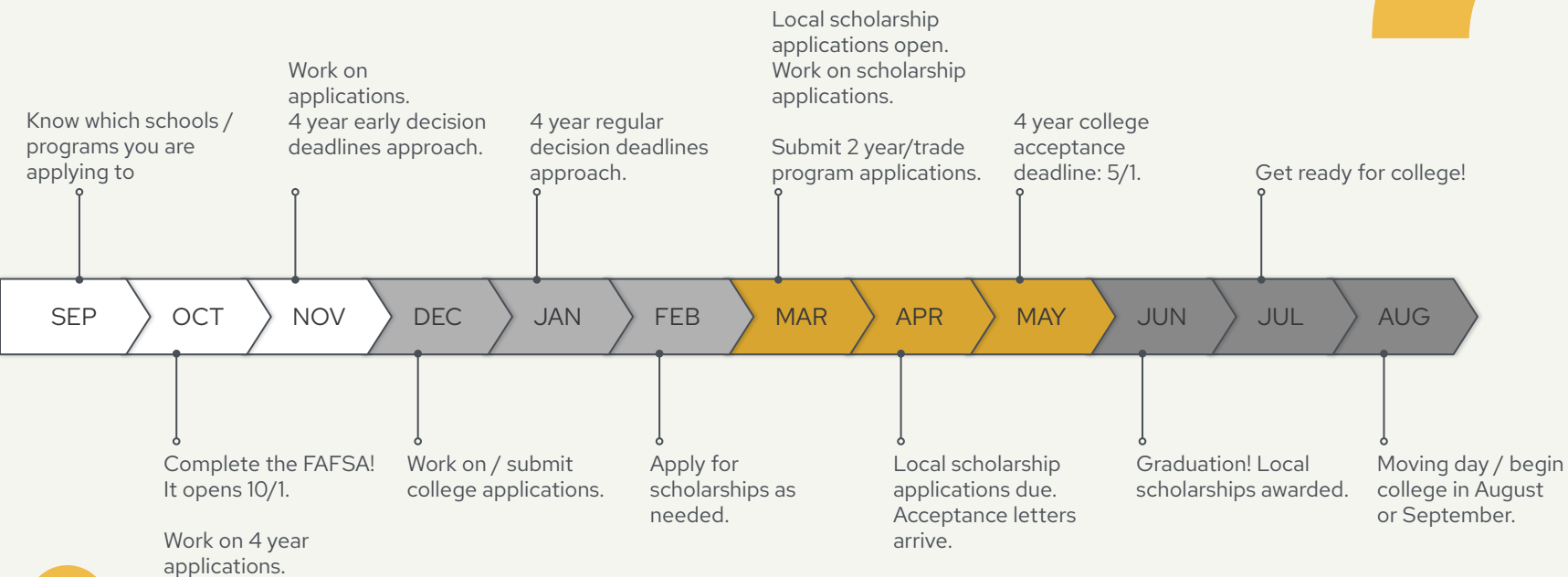


CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service)

- Through College Board
- Non-federal aid
- Considers income and expenses
- Required at many private colleges and some public
- Completed in the fall



Senior Year Timeline



Action Items In a Nutshell



Online research

Search for colleges
online

Visit Colleges

Visit schools your child
is interested in

Apply

In the fall of senior year

Apply for Financial
Aid

FAFSA/CSSP October of
senior year and
community scholarships
in the spring

A Few Last Things

- WUE Program
- Field Trip Opportunities
- Start now, do a little at a time!
- Essay writing workshop in the summer w/ Ms. Saarie

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Thank you!

Any questions?

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