



College and Career Readiness – 11th Grade

*Crittenton Services of Greater
Washington*

Preparation for Juniors

- ❑ Build a resume
- ❑ Plan in person college tours on weekend and during the summer
- ❑ Decide on and register for the SAT and/or ACT. Take practice tests to prepare!
- ❑ Choose scholarship opportunities to pursue
 - ❑ Mark important dates and deadlines on calendar
- ❑ Narrow down colleges being considered
- ❑ Understand the difference in Early Decision and Early Action

Application Deadlines

- ◇ Early Decision: BINDING
- ◇ Early Action: NON-BINDING
- ◇ Rolling admission: You can apply at anytime, but apply ASAP
- ◇ Regular admissions: Be aware of the final deadline for each school

Action Item: Start to make a list of deadlines for schools you know you will be applying to.

What is Included in a College Application?

- ❖ An application *Submitted by you*
- ❖ An essay *Submitted with application*
- ❖ Letters of recommendations *Sent by your school separately through Naviance or by mail*
- ❖ Official transcript *Sent by your school separately through Naviance or by mail*
- ❖ Test scores *Sent by you through College Board.com and ACT.org*
- ❖ Resume *Submitted with application*
- ❖ Application to specific major, program, or scholarship *Sometimes a separate application*
- ❖ Some schools have required or optional interviews

How to Apply

- ❖ School specific application

- ❖ Many schools still have applications through their own website

- ❖ Common application

- ❖ Create one profile and fill out one application to send to multiple schools
- ❖ Pay each application fee
- ❖ Each school has a few extra school specific questions

- ❖ Coalition App

- ❖ Similar to Common app, but less schools accept the Coalition (UMCP)

- ❖ The Common Black College Application

- ❖ 55 HBCUs accept the CBCA (Morgan State, Norfolk State, Virginia State)



Scholarships

Where can I apply for scholarships?

- ❖ www.fastweb.com
- ❖ www.tuitionfundingsources.com
- ❖ www.petersons.com
- ❖ bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- ❖ www.college-scholarships.com/free_scholarship_searches.htm
- ❖ www.NextStepU.com/Scholarships
- ❖ www.studentscholarships.org/
- ❖ www.unigo.com/scholarships
- ❖ cheapscholar.org
- ❖ www.cappex.com/scholarships
- ❖ www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/financialaid/scholarshipupdates
- ❖ [MCPS College & Career List of Scholarships Opportunities](#)
- ❖ [MCPS College & Career List of Scholarship Opportunities - Minorities & Unique Populations](#)
- ❖ [Maryland College Application Campaign \(MCAC\) List of Scholarships](#)

