

# 2010/2011 College Application Fact Sheet

## Important Dates

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**-Registration deadline for the December 11<sup>th</sup> ACT

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**-Registration deadline for the November 6<sup>th</sup> SAT

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**-All teacher recommendations should be in your file

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**-SUNY/CUNY applications should be completed and handed in to guidance

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**-All other applications should be completed and handed in to guidance

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How many colleges should I apply to?**

The average number is 6. Two "reach" schools, two "target" schools, and two "safety" schools.

### **When is the best time to apply?**

The earlier you apply the better chance you have at being accepted.

### **Is it better to apply by paper application or online?**

It is recommended that you apply online so that deadlines are met and paperwork won't get lost.

### **What do I send to the colleges and what does Guidance send to the colleges?**

You send your application, essay, application fee, and official test scores. *Make sure ALL sections of your application are complete with signatures.* After we receive your *Transcript Request Form* (At least 2 weeks before application deadline), the guidance department will then send your transcript, recommendations, and school report if needed.

### **How can I receive the best recommendations possible?**

The best way to ensure you are going to get a great recommendation is to ask a teacher early in the year to write your recommendation. A data sheet or resume helps them write a more detailed and colorful recommendation.

### **What is an official transcript?**

This is a record of all classes completed during high school with your grades.

**What are official test scores?**

These are your SAT or ACT test scores sent directly from the test website.

**How do I register for the SAT's and send my scores to colleges?**

You register and send your SAT scores at [www.Collegeboard.com](http://www.Collegeboard.com)

**How do I register for the ACT's and send my scores to colleges?**

You register and send your ACT scores at [www.actstudents.org](http://www.actstudents.org)

**How many times should I take the SAT or ACT?**

Most students take the SAT or ACT twice, or you can take one of each.

**How do I apply to a SUNY school?**

Applying to a SUNY school is a two step process. First fill out the main SUNY application at [www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu). This application is sent to the main application center, and then distributed to each college you apply to. On this application you can apply to as many SUNY colleges as you would like for a \$40 fee per college. After applying with the main application, you must go back into the SUNY website and fill out a supplemental application for each school you applied to. The easiest way to find these supplemental applications is to type "supplemental application" in the search engine on the website.

**How do I apply to a CUNY school?**

There is one application for CUNY schools. This application is at [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu). You can apply up to 6 CUNY schools on this application for a fee of \$65 for all six schools. CUNY Honors Colleges require an additional application.

**What is The Common Application?**

The Common Application is an application that can be filled out once, and can be sent to certain schools that accept that Common Application. The application can be found at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). If you choose to apply using The Common Application, make sure that your schools accept the Common Application. There are various parts to this application that must be given to guidance and to the teachers that are recommending you.