
Applying to College

Go over these general college application requirements with your mentee. Note that the college application process is not the same for every college.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO APPLY TO COLLEGES

Application Forms

Students can now apply in writing or electronically for college application forms. Many college web sites have easy-to-understand application instructions.

Application Fee

The average college application fee is around \$25. Some colleges charge up to \$60 and others do not have any application fees. This fee is usually non-refundable, even if you are not accepted. **Many colleges offer fee waivers for applicants from low-income families. If you need a fee waiver, see the guidance Counselor.**

High School Transcript

An official at your high school fills out this form. If it comes with your admission materials, you should give it to the guidance office to complete as early as possible. Some colleges send this form directly to your school after receiving your application.

Admission Test Scores

At many colleges, you have to submit SAT I/II or ACT test scores. Many colleges require admission tests because they are a standard way of measuring a student's ability to do college-level work.

Letters of Recommendation

Many private colleges ask you to submit one or more letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other adult who knows you well. When asking someone to write such a letter, be sure to do so well before the college's deadline.