



Quick Reference



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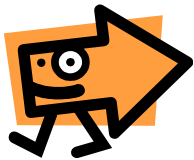
SAT Helpline for students:

866-756-7346

ACT Helpline for score reports:

319-337-1270

Principal: Louis E. Lavelly, Jr.



Completing Your College Application

Most colleges prefer/require an online application. You have a paper copy of your application or an online version to complete. Before you begin, however, read through the following hints and tips to make the process a success:

***Note the deadlines! Using the college deadline, add two more weeks for processing at the high school level.**

* If you did not have the SAT or ACT send a copy of test scores to this college or university, **you must request those from the testing agency.** Admissions offices will not accept test scores from the high school guidance office.

* Make a copy of the application to use as a rough draft.

* Make certain that you present yourself in the best possible light and include all achievements, activities, awards, etc. Be specific when you describe your interests, abilities and achievements.

* **Teacher recommendations should only be sent if the college requests them.** If they do not ask for them, they don't want them. If you need recommendations, teachers should be given at least two weeks to complete the letters, and all recommendations should be turned in to your counselor.

* Check the rough draft to verify that the information is complete and accurate and that the essays are well written, grammatically correct, thoughtful, logical and organized.

*Proofread again!

* **Make sure the school information is correct.** Refer to top of this page.

*Complete the official application. If you are using a paper application, use black ink and write neatly and legibly. Remember, this application is your introduction to the admissions committee.

*Make a copy of every application you send. Create a filing system having a file for each college so that mailings can be easily organized.



* **Notify your school counselor when you apply! Refer to Transcript Request Form.**



Senior Information



SPECIAL DATES

Progress Reports Sept. 18, Dec. 1, Feb. 19, May 4

Report Cards Oct. 30 Jan. 23, April 8, June 9

College Question Night Monday, September 29 6:30pm TRHS Media Center

College Application Day Friday, October 10

Senior Supply Assembly Friday, October 31

Senior Supply Orders Friday, November 7

Friday, November 7, 2014 3:45PM

Transcript Requests due to your counselor to guarantee they will be mailed before Thanksgiving Holidays.

Friday, December 5 2014 3:45PM

Transcript Request due to your counselor to guarantee they will be mailed before Winter Holidays.



Graduation Rehearsals

Rehearsal at TRHS - Date TBA

Rehearsal at Timmons Arena Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 9:00am

Students **MUST** attend both practices in order to participate in Graduation.

GRADUATION: Wednesday, June 3, 2015 9:00AM Timmons Arena :)

COLLEGE VISITS and ABSENCES

You are allowed 2 college visit days with administrative approval. Notify your teachers of the **upcoming** absence. Bring back a letter from the admissions counselor or visitation office of the college you visited stating the day and time of your visit. Turn this form into Mrs. Elledge in attendance. You are responsible to make up work missed.



NCAA FORMS

If you plan to play college athletics, you must register with the NCAA. Visit www.eligibilitycenter.org to register. Print out the two transcript request forms for your counselor (one to send now and one to send when you graduate).

Please Note: The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has very strict guidelines regarding credit for courses taken online, such as courses offered by the Greenville County and South Carolina Virtual School programs. Many online courses ARE NOT APPROVED by the NCAA. Before enrolling in any online class be sure to consult with your high school's athletic director and your school counselor to determine if the online course that you are considering is approved for credit by the NCAA..

SAT Test \$52.50

www.sat.org/register

Registration Deadline

Sept 12
October 9
November 6
December 29
February 13
April 6
May 8

Test Date

October 11
November 8
December 6
January 24
March 14
May 2
June 6

Official score reports are mailed about five weeks after the test.

ACT Test \$54.50 (test plus writing)

www.actstudent.org/start

* If you take the ACT more than one time, you only have to take the test with writing the first time. After the first test, apply for the ACT– no writing (\$36.50).

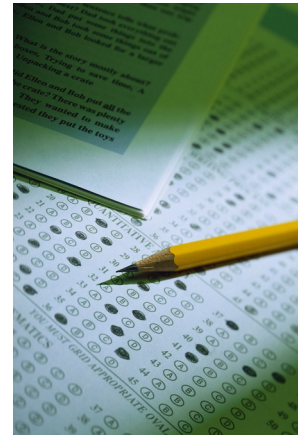
Registration Deadline

September 19
November 7
January 9
March 13
May 8

Test Date

October 25
December 13
February 7
April 18
June 13

Score reports are normally mailed within 3-8 weeks after the test date.



When Should I Submit My College Application?

Application deadlines vary from school to school so it is VERY important for you to check the website for the school(s) of your choice. Many of them will have a December 1st regular decision deadline, and some of those will have an earlier Early Decision or Early Action deadline. There are schools which have a rolling admissions policy which means they will accept applications most of the year until they are full. However it is to your advantage to submit your application as soon as possible so that you can begin receiving information concerning housing, financial aid and other important information from the college.

DO NOT wait to receive your SAT and/or ACT scores to submit your application. Those will be sent electronically by the testing agency (IF you indicated which schools when you registered) to the college, and the admissions staff will add the scores to your application file.

Key Points to remember:

*You must register online for the SAT or ACT. See your counselor if you do not have access to a computer.

*You must use our high school code **411985** when registering for either test.

*SAT and ACT allow 4 colleges to receive your scores for free at registration. If you want additional score reports or you have decided to apply to a college that you did not originally list, you must contact SAT or ACT. Additional SAT reports are \$11.25. Contact 866-756-7346 to order another copy of you SAT score report. Additional ACT reports are \$12.00.

Contact www.actstudent.org for additional score reports.

***Colleges will not accept test scores from your school counselor.**

*Greenville Technical College does not require a SAT/ACT score for admissions. (Is required for some scholarships).



Money Matters

Fee Waivers

If you receive free/reduced lunch, you are eligible for a SAT/Act fee waiver. You can receive a maximum of 2 fee waivers for each test. If you are eligible and use a SAT fee waiver, you are also eligible to receive up to 4 college application fee waivers. See your counselor for information and paperwork.

Financial Aid

There is no paperwork you can do for financial aid now. The FAFSA form must be completed based on 2014 taxes. You can't submit this form until after January 1, 2015. We advise that you complete your taxes as soon as you can after January 1.

***Don't stress. We will host a Financial Aid Night here at TRHS where financial aid officers from area colleges will assist us with the most up-to-date information on financial aid. This meeting will be scheduled **for February 2015**.

*** If you choose to research your options early, one valuable website is www.collegeboard.org Click on "College Planning" and then on "Pay for College" where you will find valuable information about financial aid and college costs.

DO NOT PAY FOR FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING!! There are many scams targeting senior parents. Financial aid information is **free** from high schools and colleges.

Scholarships

1. TRHS

The Guidance Department distributes scholarship information in a variety of ways. First all scholarships are sent on a continuous basis to all seniors via the district student email system. We will also distribute a "Scholarship Update" once a month. The "Scholarship Update" will include all active scholarships and will be emailed to seniors and posted on our school website. Lastly, the guidance department has established an area in the guidance office where all active scholarship are filed and copies are made available.

2. STATE Scholarships

SC Hope Scholarship

* Full-time students attending a four-year institution may receive up to **\$2,800** (including \$300 book allowance) toward the cost-of-attendance during the first year only. Half will be awarded in the fall semester and half in the spring semester.

*Students eligible to receive the SC HOPE Scholarship for up to two terms based on initial college enrollment.

*Students who receive the SC HOPE Scholarship and earn a 3.0 LIFE GPA and 30 credit hours by the end of the first year may receive the LIFE Scholarship for the second year of college. AP credit and dual enrollment count toward these 30 hours.

LIFE Scholarship

*Must not be a recipient of the SC HOPE Scholarship, Palmetto Fellows Scholarship or Lottery Tuition Assistance during the academic year. (Ask about enhancements)

Initial Eligibility Requirements for Students Attending Four-Year Institutions:

First-time, full-time entering freshmen attending an eligible SC Institution must meet two of the following three criteria to qualify for the LIFE Scholarship:

1. Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA based on the SC Uniform Grading Scale;
2. Minimum 1100 SAT or 24 ACT ; and
3. Rank in the top 30% of the graduating class

Initial Eligibility Requirements for Students Attending Two-Year Institutions:

1. Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA based on the SC Uniform Grading Scale.

Award Amounts:

Full-time students attending an eligible SC four-year institution may receive **up to \$5,000** (including a \$300 book allowance) toward the cost of attendance each academic year.

Full-time students attending an eligible SC two-year institution may receive **up to the cost of tuition** and fees plus a \$300 book allowance. (Will not pay for remediation courses).

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

COUNSELORS WILL NOTIFY ALL ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES IN NOVEMBER.

* **For early awards,** applications must be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education by December 2014. In order to be eligible to apply for early awards, students must meet all of the criteria in either #1 or #2 below:

1. Score at least 1200 on the SAT (27 ACT) by the November test administration of the high school senior year, earn a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA on the SC Uniform Grading Scale at the end of the junior year, and rank in the top six percent of the class at the end of either the sophomore or junior year; or

2. Score at least 1400 on the SAT (32 on the ACT) by the November test administration of the high school senior year and earn a minimum 4.0 cumulative GPA on the SC UGS at the end of the junior year, without regard to class rank.

***For final awards,** applications must be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education by June 2015. In order to be eligible to apply for final awards, students must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Score at least 1200 on the SAT (27ACT) by the June national test administration of the senior year, earn a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA on the SC UGS at the end of the senior year, and rank in the top six percent of the class at the end of the sophomore, junior or senior year;

2. Score at least 1400 on the SAT (32 ACT) by the June national test administration and earn a minimum 4.0 cumulative GPA on the SC UGS at the end of the senior year, without regard to class rank.

Award Amounts

*Freshman students may receive **up to \$6,700** during the first academic year toward the cost-of-attendance

*Sophomores, juniors and seniors may receive **up to \$7,500** each academic year toward the cost-of-attendance. (Ask about enhancements)

Lottery Tuition Assistance

Eligibility Criteria

*Must file the FAFSA each year

*Enroll in minimum of six (6) credit hours each term as a degree -seeking student in a certificate, diploma or associate's degree program

Awarding Process

*Must first apply federal grants and the SC Need-based Grant toward the cost-of-tuition

*Students may receive up to \$75 per credit hour if enrolled in part-time and up to \$900 if enrolled full-time toward the cost-of-tuition



Important Points To Remember

*State scholarships can only be used in South Carolina.

*There is no application for State scholarships except for the Palmetto Fellows. The college where you are admitted is responsible for the awards process.

*LIFE and HOPE are based on FINAL GPA.

For more information:

1-877-349-7183

www.che.sc.gov

Brochure available on website.