



WHAT TO EXPECT

AN SHS SEMINAR FOR 11TH GRADE PARENTS

01 MILITARY

Army, Navy, Air
Force, Marine
Corps, Coast Guard

02 TRADE OPTIONS

Apprenticeships,
Certificate & Associates
Programs, Technical &
Vocational Schools

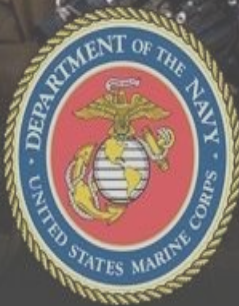
03 POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

2- and 4-Year
Colleges &
Universities

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

01 MILITARY

"Only 29% of today's youth are eligible – having the cognitive, physical, and legal requirements – for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces."



FACTS & STATISTICS

- **FIVE PERCENT** — Since 2017, 5% of SHS grads enlisted directly from high school. An additional 3% did ROTC programs.
- **MORE THAN COMBAT** — Only 12% of currently enlisted personnel are Combat Specialists. Only 14% of Officer personnel are Combat Specialists.
- **TWO ROUTES** — Enlisted **vs.** Officer

ENLISTED VS OFFICER

ENLISTED

In order to enlist, students will speak to a recruiter & report to MEPS where they will do the following:

- Take the ASVAB*
- Take a physical exam.
- Take the Oath of Enlistment.

OFFICER

Students interested in serving as an officer in the armed forces have varying options, most of which involve post-secondary education:

- Attend a Service Academy
- Attend a Military College
- An ROTC program
- OCS after College

- The ASVAB is offered **2x per year** at SHS for students between 10th & 12th grade.
- SHS has a **Test Prep for Your Future** course which includes ASVAB prep.
- **Branch recruiters** are active at lunch periods frequently.

A photograph of three men in a workshop or construction site. They are wearing hard hats and safety glasses. The man on the left is wearing a white hard hat and a green shirt. The man in the middle is wearing an orange hard hat and a blue shirt. The man on the right is wearing a white hard hat with a headlamp and a black shirt. They are gathered around a wooden frame on a workbench, looking at it intently. The background shows a large, well-lit workshop with various tools and equipment.

TRADE 02 OPTIONS

"While a shortage of workers is pushing wages higher in the skilled trades, the financial return from a bachelor's degree is softening, even as the price — and the average debt into which it plunges students — keeps going up."

FACTS & STATISTICS

- **EIGHT PERCENT** — Since 2017, 2.5% of SHS grads joined apprenticeship programs; 5.7% of SHS grads attended Certificate/Associate programs or a Trade or Technical school.
- **EMPLOYABILITY** — It's projected that there are going to be 31 million vacant positions based on Baby Boomer retirement estimations, with 74% of firms predicting a shortfall of qualified skilled trade workers.
- **THREE ROUTES** — Apprenticeship Program, Certificate/Diploma Program, Associate Program

I PROGRAM TYPES

CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

Programs anywhere from six months to two years that train students in a number of fields that translate directly to a job or have on-the-job training integrated into coursework towards earning a certificate or diploma signifying that a student is fully prepared to enter a field of work. Generally concentrated on relevant job training, rather than a broad or general curriculum. Typically offered at trade/technical schools.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

Programs where an individual gets paid to learn throughout the program with wage increase as they develop new skills. Individuals are provided structured on-the-job learning to prepare for their desired field in addition to classroom instruction; gain workplace-relevant skills under the supervision of an experienced mentor. In some cases there is the possibility of college credit without student debt.

ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS

Programs two years in length that combine hands-on & classroom instruction in a field with general education courses. Designed to make graduates as employable as possible by focusing on proficiencies employers want as well. Emphasize hands-on experience over time spent sitting in a classroom.

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology ¹³

Pennsylvania College of Technology ¹³⁴

The Apprentice School (VA) ¹²³

Williamson College of the Trades ³

Harrisburg Area Community College ¹³

York County School of Technology ¹

YTI Career Institute ¹

Kinsley University/Apprenticeship Program ¹²

Walton & Co. Welding Apprenticeship ²



03 COLLEGE

“Earning a college degree is all about opening up opportunities in life. It prepares you, both intellectually and socially, for your career and your adult life. The benefits of a college education include career opportunities like better paying and higher skilled jobs.”

FACTS & STATISTICS

- **STILL VIABLE** — Since 2017, 11.3% of SHS grads went directly to a 2-year institution; 64.8% of SHS grades went directly to a 4-year institution.
- **ENROLLMENT STILL HIGH** — 14.67 million students are expected to enroll in public universities in the US during 2021, while 5.24 million will go for private ones.
- **COMMITMENT** — In 2018, the attrition rate between 1st- and 2nd-year college students was 24.5% meaning nearly a quarter of all freshmen do not return their sophomore year!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?



VISIT SCHOOLS

On-campus visits and open houses are returning; Be sure to visit your top schools of interest if possible.



BEGIN RESEARCH

Naviance and BigFuture are primary resources that we encourage families to use for their research.

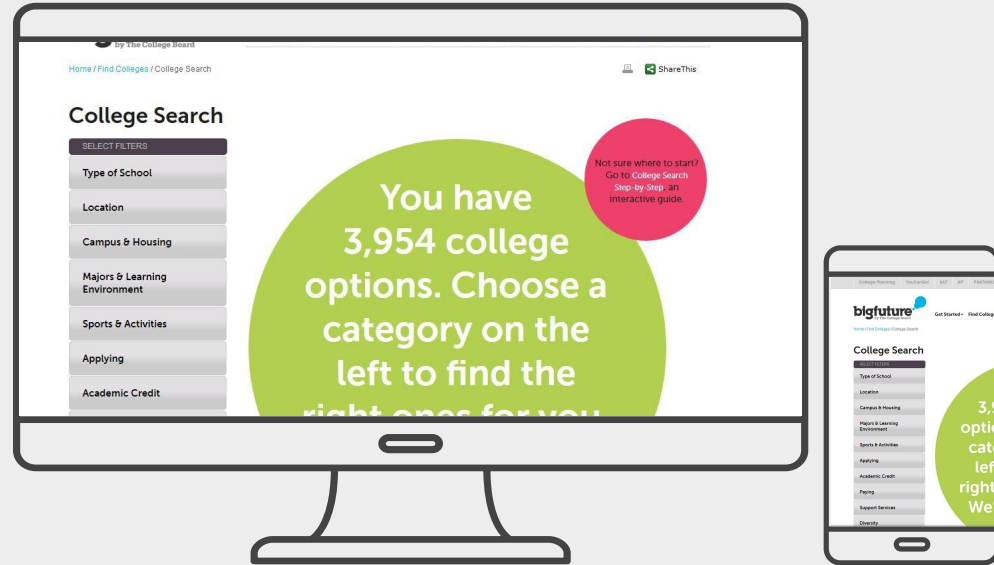


BEGIN PREPARATIONS

Students can begin the 1st steps for their applications; asking for letters of recommendation and reviewing essay prompts.

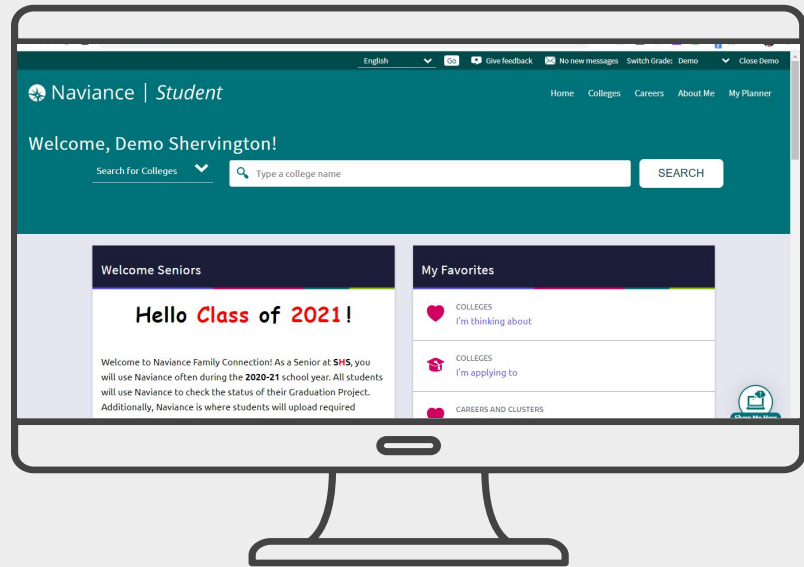
RESEARCHING COLLEGES: TOOLS | BigFuture

- A **free** tool provided by the College Board which can be linked to students' accounts.
- Is **comprehensive**, containing admissions information and profiles for nearly 4000 post-secondary institutions.
- **Up-to-date** with information drawn from the College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges (ASC).
- Can be used as a part of the College Board's Opportunity Scholarship Program as an 11th grader and 12th grader.



RESEARCHING COLLEGES: TOOLS | NAVIANCE

- Allows for **collaboration** between student, parent, and counselor accounts; all parties can contribute to and be on the same page for the research process.
- Is connected to **RepVisits** which will allow students/parents to receive automated emails when representatives from schools of interest visit SHS.
- Uses **scattergrams** which provide unique data points on admissions exclusive to past SHS acceptances/denials/deferrals/etc.



RESEARCHING COLLEGES: INFO |

Admissions Requirements

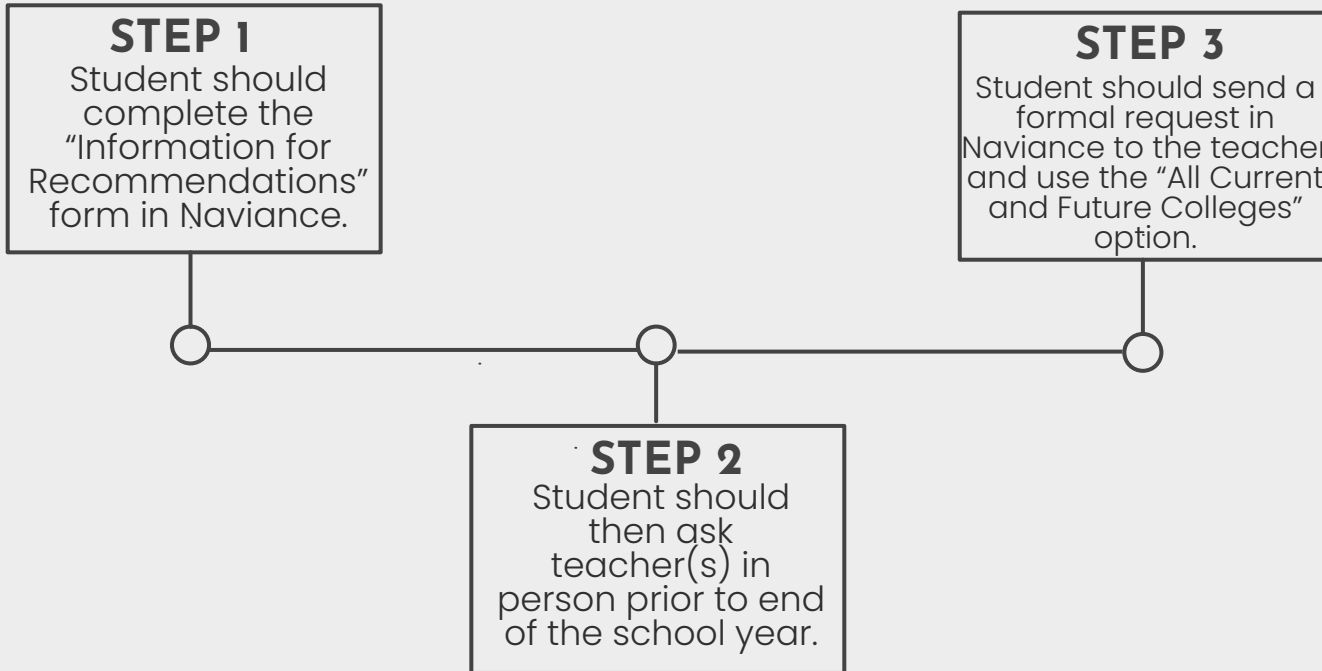
- SAT/ACT Score Cutoffs
- **Test-Optional Policy**
 - <https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>
- HS Course Requirements
 - ***Ex; 4 Years of Science or Math***
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- AP Score Requirements
- Application Types
 - Common Application vs Direct

Personal Preferences

- **Degree/Major**
- **Cost**
- **Graduation Rate/Attrition Rate**
- Distance/Location
- Networking Opportunities
- Size
- Prestige
- Student Life/Diversity/Student Services
- Public/Private
- Athletics

BEGIN PREPARATIONS

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



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ESSAY/PROMPT RESPONSES

- Many colleges and universities require an essay as part of the college application. The goal of these essays are for students to provide information about themselves not previously included in the application (beyond your activities, grades, and test scores).
- These essays can also be adapted for scholarship applications; it is important to begin working on your essay(s) early to allow for adequate time to have teachers/parents/counselors review and give feedback for the best possible essay.
- The Common Application -- better known as The Common App - process can involve as many as four or five essay and prompt opportunities.

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ESSAY/PROMPT RESPONSES

- **Personal Essay Prompts**

The Common App provides 7 different prompts; these essay prompts can be found at <https://www.commonapp.org/apply/essay-prompts>.

- **Additional Information & COVID-19 Essay**

A 650-word limit option where you can include extra information that would not fit elsewhere in your Common App

- **College Specific Questions**

Some colleges have questions that they want answered with an essay as part of their application. You can find the prompts here:

<https://appsupport.commonapp.org/applicantsupport/s/writing-requirements>

- **Writing Supplements**

Some colleges - usually a select few with strict admissions standards - will use an additional/separate writing supplement. When using the Common App, some colleges only request this based on how you answer other questions for that school. You can find more information about writing supplements on the Common App Dashboard.

LOOKING AHEAD **SENIOR YEAR**

**COLLEGE APP BOOT CAMP – AUGUST 3RD, 4TH, or 5TH, 2021 @
TBD**

INDIVIDUAL SENIOR MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT – OCTOBER 12TH, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT – NOVEMBER 11TH, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

|LOOKING AHEAD **SCHOLARSHIPS - LOCATIONS**

CHEGG

<https://www.chegg.com/scholarships>

SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/>

UNIGO

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

FASTWEB

<https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>

SCHOLARSHIPS.COM

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

JLV COLLEGE COUNSELING

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/all-scholarships-2>

BIG FUTURE

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

CAREER ONE STOP

<https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>

LOOKING AHEAD

SCHOLARSHIPS - TYPES

Related to Major

Some scholarships are limited to students that are going to pursue a particular major. These scholarships can be offered by a college's department for that major or professional organizations/companies that are affiliated with the major.

Skill Related

Some scholarships are limited to students that possess certain skills or abilities. This can include athletic ability, musical talent, artistic talent, etc. These scholarships are often offered on the basis that your skill provides the college something that it needs or wants.

Related to Employer

Some scholarships are limited to students who are employees, the child or relative of an employee, or the child of a deceased or retired employee of an organization that offers a scholarship.

Cultural Identity Related

Some scholarships are limited to students that are members of certain demographics. This can include being a certain race, gender, orientation, ethnic heritage or ethnicity, or religion. These scholarships can be offered by independent organizations affiliated with the group or, in some cases, colleges.

Special Circumstances

Some scholarships require you or a family member to meet "special circumstances" to qualify. Unfortunately, these "special circumstances" may often come in the form of adversity beyond the control of the applicant such as the applicant, a parent, or family member dealing with or surviving a serious or ongoing ailment or unfavorable situation.

Related to Institution

Some scholarships depend on what the school/institution itself is willing to provide you. Often, general information about most school's merit-based options are available but these scholarships may also be need-based as well. As a result, they will frequently differ by school.

From Local Organizations

Some scholarships are offered by nonprofit or charitable community-based organizations or local benefactors. Their purpose is to help students obtain their post-graduation goals. These scholarships can fall into many of the other kinds of scholarships listed.

Disability Related

Some scholarships are limited to students with pre-existing disabilities. This can include physical disabilities, visual impairments, cognitive disabilities, specific-learning disabilities, hard of hearing/deafness, or a speech disability, among others. These can come from a wide range of sources including government agencies, disability advocacy groups, and other private entities.

FAFSA, Scholarships, and More!

Thursday, April 22

Register Now



Hi, Matthew,

Join us this Thursday, April 22, for **Real Talk: Paying for College Edition**. This event will cover the FAFSA®, scholarships, how to review your financial aid offers, and more! Whether your student is just beginning their college planning journey or they know where they'll be attending school in the fall, Real Talk is the place to get pertinent questions answered.

Attendees will have an opportunity to connect with some of the best financial aid officers in the country and get their questions answered in real time!

[RSVP today](#) and spread the word.

Real Talk is a college exploration initiative designed to connect Black students and their families with colleges across the country.

Real Talk: Paying for College Edition

Register Now

Date

Thursday, April 22

Time

7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT

Sincerely,

College Board

<http://bit.ly/SHSCBReg>

QUESTIONS



Online Participants: Ms. Koons - *<http://bit.ly/SHS-WTE>*

Military Interest: Dr. Molin - Room 101

Trade/Career Interest: Mr. Sterner & Dr. Bell - Room 100

College Interest: Mr. Shervington & Mrs. Bowden - Room 103