



Instructions for Today

Must Do's and Tips

1. Apply Online - Find the Websites You Need

- [Common Application](#) – for participating colleges
- [CUNY application](#)
- [SUNY application](#)
- Individual college websites - check with your counselor if you are unsure

2. Complete College Applications

- Fill in all required information
- Ask for help if you need it

3. Complete Information Correctly

- Legal name, not nickname

4. Check off the Additional Items Needed to Submit or Confirm After Today

- Essays
- Transcripts
- SAT or ACT scores
- Recommendation letters
- Application fee or fee waiver

5. Print Copy of Application Confirmation Pages

- Create a college application folder and save all application confirmation pages

6. Register for FSA ID

- FSA ID – needed to apply for financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form – the FAFSA
 - Most grants, loans, and scholarships require the FAFSA, so it's very important!
- Get a FSA ID at: fsaid.ed.gov

7. Take Home the *I Applied! What's Next?/Complete Your FAFSA Flyer*

- Keep track of what happens next and prepare for the FAFSA

8. Follow-up!

- Submit any additional items from #3 to your colleges

9. Submit your FAFSA soon – it is available now at fafsa.gov.

Congratulations! You are on your way to college!