

Senior College & Career Presentation

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What do you need to do be doing now?



Sign up and take college admission test(s).



Narrow down the list of schools you want to apply to.



Start completing applications.



Register for NAIA or NCAA if you plan to be a college athlete.

Deadlines are important!



College applications for the 2026-27 school year have opened. The time to start applying is now.

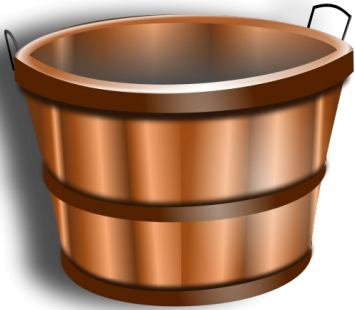
- Prior to applying check admission requirements on individual university websites.



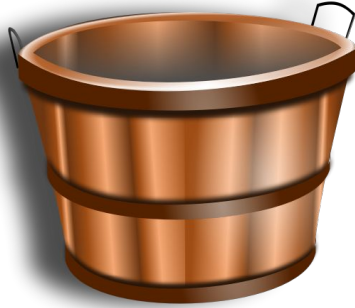
We encourage seniors to aim to complete all of their college applications (3-7 on average) by **Halloween** of their senior year.

- Meet or beat almost every deadline out there (Nov. 15 and Dec. 1 are big deadlines nationwide).
- Make sure that you are meeting the automatic scholarship deadlines.
- Housing applications are opening early at some colleges! Some as early as October 1 so make sure you are doing your research about deadlines for your particular college of choice.

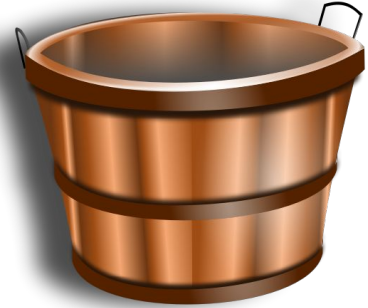
College Buckets



REACH SCHOOLS



**PROBABLE/TARGET
SCHOOLS**



**BACK-UP/SAFETY
SCHOOLS**

The College Search - choosing a school that is right for you

1. Identify the criteria that is most important to you.
 - Location, size, majors, diversity, cost, activities, etc.
2. Identify & research schools that fit your criteria.
 - Check out the college's website
 - Meet with reps at FZN
 - College fairs, college events in the area, visit campus, talk to alumni
 - Look for search options on the FZN counseling website
3. Decide where to apply
 - On average, students apply to 3-7 schools
 - Too many applications = more stress
 - Narrow down your options: two "safe" schools, two "reach" schools, two "realistic" fits

ACT/SAT



ACT tests taken after college applications have been filled out may count towards additional scholarship opportunities. Ask the college's admission office about this.



Some schools are test optional but many still require an ACT score for scholarship purposes.



Register online:

- ACT: www.act.org
- SAT: www.collegeboard.org



Consider sending scores to colleges.
(4 free now or pay \$18.50 per test date later)



Talk to your counselor about Fee Waivers if on Free or Reduced lunch.



We will offer the ACT on October 16, the ASVAB on October 9 and the ACT Work Keys test on October 8. Check your email! Deadline to register is September 6!

A+ PROGRAM

If you want to sign up for the A+ program you must sign up by September 10! No seniors will be accepted after this date.

In order to qualify for A+, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Complete 50 hours of eligible service
- Have a 95% or higher attendance percentage
- Score proficient or higher on the Algebra I EOC exam.

If you have any questions, please see Dr. Moyer or Ms. Meetre.

Upcoming College Fairs

- College Fairs:
 - October 26, 2025**
 - St. Louis National College Fair**
 - St. Louis University, 1:00-4:00
 - Go to our counseling website for the link to register.
- Look for additional dates on our counseling website throughout the year.

College Planning Workshop

- COMING SOON! Tuesday, September 9
6:30-8:00 at Ft. Zumwalt North High School
- College Planning 101
- AP vs. College Credit

Filling out applications



Applications are available on each university's website.



Check out Common App www.commonapp.org

- Apply to 150+ schools nationwide with one application



Talk to your counselor about fee waiver opportunities!



Once you submit an application you must request an official transcript to be sent..

Scholarship Opportunities:

- Apply, Apply, Apply! There are a lot of opportunities available.
- Check each university. They will have automatic scholarships and scholarships that may require additional applications.
 - Check out university websites for scholarship information.
- **Check the NHS Counseling website for community based scholarship opportunities. Also, make sure you read Mrs. Bacon's weekly emails regarding the latest scholarships.**

Grow Your Own Teacher

- Forgivable loan for \$4,000 per semester for a four year university. Forgiven after you've taught in FZSD for 4 years.
- You must complete your degree in a high needs area to be a participant. High needs areas include special education, speech language pathology, industrial technology, HS science, HS math and English Language Development.
- Deadline to apply is OCTOBER, 2025
- See Ms. Hunn for more information.

FAFSA

- The FAFSA is a federal aid form that must be completed if you are going to college.
- The FAFSA becomes live on October 1, 2025.
- Our department will send out FAFSA assistance emails. These webinars will help families with instructions on how to complete the FAFSA.
- Visit [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to complete the form. Do not use any other sites. There are a lot of places that are scams for completing the FAFSA.

College Athletics

- Make sure you are eligible to play by checking NCAA or NAIA websites.
 - NCAA: <http://eligibilitycenter.org>
 - NAIA: <http://www.playnaia.org>
- Talk with your current coaches
- Make sure the college has your major
- Check out the FZN Counseling website for a packet of information on this topic.

MILITARY



There are many paths to take if you are considering the military; make sure you look at all branches before deciding on your future (career, pay off college, etc.)



Military recruiters stop by FZN at lunch or you can visit the recruitment offices nearby.



The ASVAB test is the test required by the military. The test will be given at North in October 9.

Are you eligible for a Zumwalt Apprenticeship?

- <https://sites.google.com/fz.k12.mo.us/apprenticeship/home>
- Get hired now at Merric, Fixture Concepts, National Cart, Quest Specialty Products, Patterson Mold and Tool, Seyer Industries, Component Bar Products, AVMATS
- SEE YOUR INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS!

Building a Resume



Resumes are used for admissions and scholarships

Stay/Get involved in activities



- Art, Athletics, Community Service, Leadership, Theatre, Music, etc.
- Start putting a resume together now so you have this information available when applying to schools and for scholarships.



Ask teachers to be a reference for you.

Check out the counseling
website & the Canvas
Class!

<https://bsieve9.wixsite.com/fzncounseling>

St. Charles Community College

BE READY Program

If you plan to attend SCCC upon graduation, please let your counselor know so we can enroll you in this program.

A lot to think about...

- There is a lot to work on so please plan ahead. The last thing you want to do is miss a deadline.
- Your counselor is here to help you through this process. Counselors will be calling you down in the coming weeks to discuss your plans in more detail and to answer questions. Start thinking of questions you have!