

HAMBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING TIMELINE FOR SENIORS

12th

Fall

- Use the [HAHS Counselors Webpage](#). LOTS of helpful information is available online. Mrs. Fink, HS Counselor Secretary, is also a valuable resource!
- **HAHS Senior Student Presentations:** September in English class. Check for uploaded ppt on Counselor webpage> College & Career TAB.
- **Senior Parent College Presentation** Thursday, 9/5 @ 6:30pm. Slides will be available on Counselor webpage.
- Dual Enrollment and AP registration deadlines. Check your emails, listen in Advisory, ask your AP teacher.
- **Apply to a 4-8 schools prior to Thanksgiving.** Find schools by using popular college match websites: www.collegeboard.org, www.petersons.com, www.cappex.com, www.educationplanner.com, <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/> (apply to a variety of schools including good match, safety, and reach)
- Register for a Digital SAT www.sat.org / test is only offered online. Students must make arrangements to use their school-issued laptops with the Bluebook SAT test software.
- **Complete application(s) and send all required documents (may vary with each college):**
 - **Application:** Complete online application through college website OR Common Application.
 - **Application Fee:** \$\$ Pay online for each application (fee waivers for free/reduced lunch students).
 - **Transcript:** Go to www.parchment.com to request official transcripts!!! *Do not email your counselor.*
 - *If applying with Common Application, Parchment is not required. Transcripts will be sent by counselor in the Common App.*
 - **Recommendations:** Make your request in person and then follow up with the completed Teacher or Counselor Recommender form, at least two weeks prior to the due date.
 - **Is SAT/ACT required?** Know the requirements for your Major. Some majors still require a test.
 - **Essay/Personal Statement required?** Make it exciting, put in time & effort, have it proof-read.
 - **Portfolio? Writing Sample? Interview?** Know the requirements for your Major.
- **Check resources and free internet sites for information on scholarships and grants** (www.cappex.com, www.hasdhawks.org and www.pheaa.org). Do not pay for scholarship information. Ask colleges about scholarships for which you may qualify. Mrs. Fink updates the **scholarship page on our website** often.
- **Plan college visits in person or participate virtually.** Return the pink College Visit form to excuse attendance on days that you miss school, located in Main Office.
- **Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA** <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> in October 2024.
- Complete the CSS Profile if your school requires it. Visit <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>
- Male students: you must register for selective service on your eighteenth birthday to be eligible for federal and state financial aid.
- **ASVAB Exam:** Military entrance exam and career inventory for students. October 18, 2024-in school
- Take a full, challenging courseload and keep working on your grades. Make sure you have taken the credits necessary to graduate; 24 credits in specific content areas. Also State Grad Requirements (Keystone, ACT 158)
- Continue to participate in extracurricular and volunteer activities. Demonstrate initiative, creativity, commitment, and leadership in each.

Still undecided?

- Consider an apprentice program: Carpenter Union (Lebanon & Allentown #167), Electrical (IBEW Local 743), Elevator Union (Local 84), Finishing Trades/Drywall (Council 21), Fire Sprinkler Union (#692), Ironworkers Union (Local 489), Plumbers (Local 524), Roofers (Local 30), Sheet Metal (Local 19-Hamburg location)....to name a few
- ROTC scholarship applications are due by December 1.
- Check your email and admissions offices to ensure that you have provided all required materials to the college.
- Complete any remaining applications before winter break. Make sure you apply to at least one college that you know you can afford and where you know you will be accepted.
- **Follow up by phone or e-mail and contact the colleges directly to make sure that they have received all application information, including recommendations and test scores.** Keep in mind materials do take a few weeks to process as 'received' at the school.
- **Esther Ludwig Scholarship Application- If you have an 85% cumulative GPA or higher, be sure to complete application by January deadline. 80% cum GPA or higher for students attending 2-year trade/technical school.**

- Compare the financial aid packages from the colleges and universities that have accepted you.
- **Make your final college choice and send your deposit by May 1.**
- Make sure FAFSA is fully complete and do not forget to apply to PHEAA, PA State Grant system.
- Complete follow-up paperwork for the college of your choice (scheduling, orientation session, housing arrangements, and other necessary forms).

HELPFUL WEBSITES

HS Counselor Webpage - <https://www.hasdhawks.org/domain/183>

College Score Card career and college resources - <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

Education Planner college search, financial aid, & careers - www.educationplanner.com

FAFSA and financial aid resources and information- studentaid.gov

PA State Grant, PHEAA- www.pheaa.org

SAT, AP (Collegeboard)- www.sat.org

Smart Futures Career Portfolio - www.smartfutures.org

TIP!! Parents & Students should add Financial Aid, College, and Scholarship Social Media Accounts for up-to-date information, opportunities, and deadlines!!!

Congratulations! You are about to begin the greatest adventure of your life.
Be sure to visit the High School Counselor page at www.hasdhawks.org often. Good luck.

Post-Secondary Resources

- ❖ www.hasdhawks.org > Select High School > hover over RESOURCES > Counselors
 - **Counseling Department Page** (College Resources, Upcoming events, Financial Aid, Scholarships)
 - **Mrs. Wyles-Herbert** HS Counselor last names A-K
 - **Mrs. Machamer** HS Counselor last names L-Z
 - **Mrs. Fink** HS Counseling Office Secretary
 - **Mrs. Shannon Del Conte** Career Specialist, located in the Library shadel@hasdhawks.org

College/Career

- ❖ www.berkscareerpathways.com - Helpful resources for choosing a career
- ❖ www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org - The college application process & search
- ❖ www.cappex.com - Complete college search including scholarship info
- ❖ <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/> Career and college resources
- ❖ www.collegeweeklive.com - Visit colleges during their on-line open house
- ❖ www.commonapp.org - The Common Application, College apps
- ❖ www.educationplanner.org - College search, fin aid, and more
- ❖ www.ncaa.org - NCAA college athletic eligibility
- ❖ www.onetonline.org – National career exploration & job analysis
- ❖ www.pacareerzone.org – Career Exploration with PA outlook
- ❖ www.passhe.edu - PA State System of High Ed (Kutztown, Bloom, Ship, etc)
- ❖ www.petersons.com – College, Career, Scholarship search
- ❖ www.roadtripnation.com – Interactive website detailing careers through interviews
- ❖ www.smartfutures.org - Career and college search, portfolio
- ❖ www.todaysmilitary.com – Military careers and information

SAT/ACT/ASVAB

- ❖ www.sat.org - SAT prep and registration, college search (same as collegeboard.org)
- ❖ www.act.org - ACT registration and prep
- ❖ www.kaptest.com - Kaplan test prep for SAT, ACT, etc.
- ❖ www.khanacademy.org - **FREE** SAT, ACT Test prep; also all school subjects
- ❖ www.march2success.com - FREE test prep for ASVAB- Military entrance exam

Financial Aid/Scholarships (Apply in Senior Year)

- ❖ [HS Counselor webpage](#)- Financial Aid & Scholarships tab for scholarships advertised through HAHS
- ❖ fafsa.gov – FAFSA. Apply for Federal Aid (application opens in December 2023).
- ❖ <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>– Financial aid resources and information/also scholarship search
- ❖ www.pheaa.org – PA State Grant program (apply in addition to FAFSA)
- ❖ <https://bccf.org/scholarship-opportunities/> – Berks Co. Community Foundation Scholarships
- ❖ www.scholarships.com – Scholarship search engine

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Step 1: Log in or Register



1. Sign in at www.parchment.com
2. Click **Sign Up** to log in or register your account

Step 2: Add your school to your Profile



1. Click Get Started
2. Add your High School

Step 3: Provide Consent



1. Complete the waiver form.
2. Complete the Transcript Authorization form by entering a Registration Code, or eSigning the form

Step 4: Add Destinations



1. Select Destinations such as colleges, NCAA, Common Application, or yourself
2. Review Destinations

Step 5: Payment



1. Provide debit/credit card payment if there are any fees

Step 6: Track Order



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2024 TEST DATES

**AUG
24****OCT
5****NOV
2****DEC
7**

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES

AUG 9**SEP 20****OCT 18****NOV 22**

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES*

AUG 13**SEP 24****OCT 22****NOV 26**

2025 TEST DATES

**MAR
8****MAY
3****JUN
7**

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES

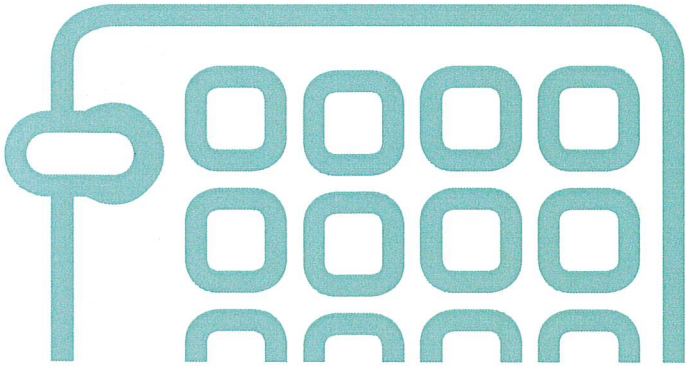
FEB 21**APR 18****MAY 22**

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES*

FEB 25**APR 22****MAY 27**

Visit sat.org/whytake for more information.

Test dates and registration deadlines may change. Check sat.org for updates.



TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico



2024|2025

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	October 18
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22	December 6
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 31
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Test Information Release for the 2024–2025 testing year will occur in September, December, and February. See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

www.act.org


New enhancements and updates occurred last year to the FAFSA form and process.

Applications are planned to open in October 2024 for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Do not complete the online form until you see the **2025-2026 FAFSA Form.**

1st – Both Parent and Student will need to create an FSA ID (electronic login and signature)

2nd – Log in to complete the FAFSA, Click *Start a New Form* 2025-2026 FAFSA

 You will be redirected back to your FAFSA® form after you have completed this process.

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Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

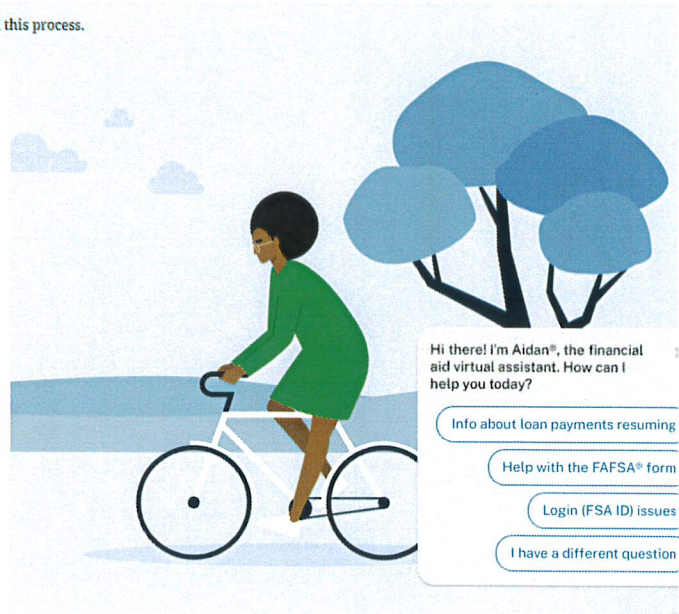
[Get Started](#)

Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note* (MPN)
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

What You'll Need



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An official website of the United States government.

Help Center English | Español

FederalStudentAid.gov FAFSA Loans & Grants Repayment Loan Forgiveness Log In | Create Account

Get Money to Pay for School

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

2024-25 FAFSA Form

[Start a New Form](#) [Edit Existing Form](#)

Need to access last year's form? [Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form](#)

Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In

Some states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!

School Year State of Residence [Find Deadlines](#)

[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)

Who Should Complete This?

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs, which includes scholarships, grants, loans, and Federal work-study.

How Long Will it Take?

1 hr

It takes most people less than an hour to complete, including gathering any documents or data needed.

What Do I Need?

- Verified StudentAid.gov account
- Social Security Number
- Parent or spouse contributor email addresses
- Income and asset information, if required



Home > Understand Aid > Types of Financial Aid > Finding and Applying for Scholarships

Find and apply for as many scholarships as you can—it's free money for college or career school!

Start researching early, and meet deadlines, and you may be on your way to scholarship success.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>

Scholarships are gifts. They don't need to be repaid. There are thousands of them, offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, communities, religious groups, and professional and social organizations.

What kinds of scholarships are available?

Some scholarships for college are merit-based. You earn them by meeting or exceeding certain standards set by the scholarship-giver. Merit scholarships might be awarded based on academic achievement or on a combination of academics and a special talent, trait, or interest. Other scholarships are based on financial need.

Many scholarships are geared toward particular groups of people; for instance, there are scholarships for women or graduate students. And some are available because of where you or your parent work, or because you come from a certain background (for instance, there are scholarships for military families).

A scholarship might cover the entire cost of your tuition, or it might be a one-time award of a few hundred dollars.

How do I find scholarships?

You can learn about scholarships in several ways, including contacting the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend and checking information in a public library or online. But be careful. Make sure scholarship information and offers you receive are legitimate; and remember that you don't have to pay to find scholarships or other financial aid. Check out our information on how to avoid scams.

Try these free sources of information about scholarships:

- the financial aid office at a college or career school
- high school Counseling Office
- the U.S. Department of Labor's [FREE scholarship search tool](#)
- [federal agencies](#)
- your [state grant agency](#) PHEAA <https://www.pheaa.org/>
- your library's reference section
- foundations, religious or community organizations, local businesses, or civic groups
- organizations (including professional associations) related to your field of interest
- ethnicity-based organizations
- your employer or your parents' employers

When do I apply for scholarships?

That depends on each scholarship's deadline. Some deadlines are as early as a year before college starts, so if you're in high school now, you should be researching and applying for scholarships during the summer between your junior and senior years. But if you've missed that window, don't give up! Look at scholarship information to see which ones you can still apply for now.

How do I apply for scholarships

Each scholarship has its own requirements. The scholarship's website should give you an idea of who qualifies for the scholarship and how to apply. Make sure you read the application carefully, fill it out completely, and meet the application deadline.

How do I get my scholarship money?

That depends on the scholarship. The money might go directly to your college, where it will be applied to any tuition, fees, or other amounts you owe, and then any leftover funds given to you. Or it might be sent directly to you in a check. The scholarship provider should tell you what to expect when it informs you that you've been awarded the scholarship. If not, make sure to ask.

How does a scholarship affect my other student aid?

A scholarship will affect your other student aid because all your student aid added together can't be more than your cost of attendance at your college or career school. So, you'll need to let your school know if you've been awarded a scholarship so that the financial aid office can subtract that amount from your cost of attendance (and from certain other aid, such as loans, that you might have been offered). Then, any amount left can be covered by other financial aid for which you're eligible. Questions? Ask your financial aid office.