

# 2021 Senior Year Checklist: Applying to & Paying for College

1. Refer to the [SSC website](#) often for college and scholarship information
2. When applying to colleges, scholarships, FAFSA etc. It is recommended that you use a personal/professional email address. (examples: gmail, yahoo) Do this so you will still have access after graduation.
3. Continue to check your school email often for information from counselors and senior year details
4. Explore colleges and careers, and apply to colleges with your Xello account. Log in in the Powerschool “Applications” icon or go directly to [Xello.world](#) with your PowerSchool login
5. Apply to colleges and universities (you may do this directly in Xello)
  - o Sign up with Ms. Romero to see college reps virtually (see the [SSC website](#) for dates)
  - o Visit colleges and go to college fairs virtually or in person
  - o Apply online on the college website or the [Common Application](#)
  - o Pay fee if applicable – fee waivers available for eligible students
  - o Most college applications are available in August
  - o Some require essays or letters of recommendation
  - o Submit by October 31 (Halloween) to meet common/popular college deadlines!
6. **College entrance exam (SAT/ACT)**
  - o Most colleges are test optional for admission due to covid19
    - **most colleges will not require SAT/ACT scores. Check with your college**
  - o If you take the SAT/ACT, scores should be sent to colleges/universities from CollegeBoard or ACT. You have 4 free sends every time you register for an SAT or ACT
  - o Sign up via the Google form sent your email - Deadline is Oct 5
7. Send high school transcript to colleges/universities
  - o Go through [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)
  - o Ask Ms. Romero in SSC with any questions and for your registration code to create an account (jromero@shps.org)
  - o If you have taken college classes while in high school, you need to send your college transcript to the colleges to which you are applying
8. Apply for Free \$\$\$. Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - o Available October 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). or in your Xello account. Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - o Student *and* parent/guardian need FSA IDs to electronically sign application. (*Need Social Security Number*)
  - o Required by colleges!
  - o Goal to have it submitted by October 31st (Halloween) of senior year!
9. Scholarships
  - o Local scholarships are listed on our website. Many are due in February and March.
  - o College scholarships are listed on the college websites
10. Decision Day! – May 1
  - o May 1 is when universities need to know if you plan on attending, or not.
11. Info on commencement, graduation cap/gown/etc. are in school email announcements and senior meetings/assemblies throughout the school year.
12. Questions? Find lots of tips and helpful instructions at our [website](#)

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