

# North Rose Wolcott High School

## Checklist for Seniors Applying to College

Below is a checklist for seniors applying to college in the Fall. Please reach out to Mrs. Beresford or Mr. Van Laeken for assistance.

### September-October

- Begin working on college applications, make sure to check your college's application deadlines**-Students typically use the Common App, SUNY App or community college online applications
- Participate in your senior interview with your counselor**-Counselor will review graduation requirements and post high school plans
- Letters of recommendation**-Talk to your teachers, employers, coaches, counselor and community leaders about writing you a letter of recommendation
- Application essays**-write a rough draft of your college application essay. Ask an English teacher for feedback and editing.
- Financial aid application**-Work with your parents to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Families will need to have access to tax returns
- SAT/ACT**-review testing requirements for the colleges you are applying to and register for SAT/ACT if necessary
- Finalize schools interested in applying to**
- Continue to research colleges, college fairs, virtual tours, sign up for Fall Open Houses when applicable**-to determine if colleges fit your needs and future plans
  
- Rochester Area College Fair**

### November-December

- Finalize & submit applications**-have a teacher or counselor review your application for errors and content before officially submitting
- Research college application fee waivers**-students may qualify for application fee waivers based on financial need
- Pay attention to early decision deadlines**-many early decision deadlines are November 1st or 15th
- Check in with your letters of recommendation** -verify that your letters of recommendation have been submitted
- Have English teacher proofread your application essays before submitting applications**
- Scholarship searches and other forms of financial aid**-search for local, regional and national scholarships. Fastweb.com and Scholarships.com are useful websites

- ❑ **If applying to community colleges, make sure to confirm in the counseling office after your application is complete for your transcript to be submitted**

### **January-February**

- ❑ **Continue to look for scholarships and other aid**-apply for Dollars for Scholars, research institutional scholarships, etc.
- ❑ **Deadline to submit college applications**-many application deadlines for four year colleges are in February. May be your last chance!!!!
- ❑ **At this point FAFSA needs to be finalized and submitted to your colleges of interest**-make sure your FAFSA application is submitted, this is how you qualify for Federal and New York financial aid.

### **March-May**

- ❑ **Receive letters for acceptance and make your final decision**-Compare colleges, dig a little deeper to help you make the best choice. Ask questions, create a list of any questions you still have about the colleges you're considering
- ❑ **Compare financial aid packages and discuss options with parents**-evaluate financial aid packages to determine the affordability of your different college choices
- ❑ **Make deposit to chosen college**-pay a deposit, typically in May, to hold a seat at your college of choice
- ❑ **Make sure to check email for college correspondences**-monitor your email for information about housing, orientation, registering for classes, etc.

### **Useful Websites**

Common Application-[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

SUNY Application- <https://www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/>

Collegboard(AP & SAT)-[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Scholarships Search-[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) & [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

ACTs-[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid-[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

Information about New York Financial Aid-[www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov)

# College Transitions Workshops

Fall 2021

## High School Computer Lab

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class Period</b>	<b>Topics Covered</b>
September 30	6th Period	Overview of Calendar, SAT/ACT Dates & Registrations, introductions to Common Application, SUNY & 2 year applications
October 7	7th Period	Overview of application process & requirements, common application details
October 15		RAC visit
October 21	2nd Period	Common App/Application Support
October 28	8th Period	Financial Aid Overview, Breakdown of money for college, application support time
November 4	3rd Period	FAFSA & TAP, application time
November 18	4th Period	Scholarship information and search, application support time
December 2	6th Period	Wrap up college related details and applications with supporting documents