Welcome Class of 2025

Planning Your Future

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Post Secondary Plans

- Trade School/Apprenticeships/Paid Internships

- College- 2 & 4 years

- Military Service

- Workforce

Get Organized

- **What type of application do you and/or the college prefer?** For example: SUNY/CUNY Application, Common Application, Common Black College Application, or an application specific to the college.
  - Obtain or initiate the application online.

- **Which colleges are you going to apply to?**
  - YOUR college list will transfer to "Colleges I'm Applying To" on Naviance from Common App

- **What types of deadlines are available?** For example; Early Action, Regular, or Rolling Admissions.
  - Which do you want to utilize?

- **What supplemental pieces are required?** For example, high school transcript, teacher recommendations, counselor recommendation, resume, portfolio, etc… this will vary by school.

Different Types of Deadlines

- **Early Action (EA)**

An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. When you apply early action, you get admission decisions from colleges earlier than usual. Early action plans are **not binding**, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action. Some colleges have an early action option called EA II, which has a later application deadline than their regular EA plan.

- **Early Decision (ED)**

An option to submit an application to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. When you apply early decision, you get an admission decision earlier than usual. Early decision plans are **binding**. You agree to enroll in the college immediately if admitted and offered a financial aid package that meets your needs. Some colleges have an early decision option called ED II, which has a later application deadline than their regular ED plan. *You can only apply ED for ONE school. If you are accepted under early decision, you must retract all other applications.*

- **Regular Admissions:**

Applying with the majority of students at this deadline. It is most commonly due early January or February, you will receive your notification by mid April.

- **Rolling Admissions:**

An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly.

College Board, (2023). College Admission Glossary. Retrieved September 18, 2023. https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/college-admission-glossary

Recommendation Letters

Preparing to ask a teacher/counselor :

1. **Ask in person** if he/she would be willing to write a recommendation for you. Be sure to ask, **giving plenty of time** to the person writing the letter. This request should be made weeks before the letter is needed for your applications.

2. Once the teacher has agreed, **ask what information is needed from you**. This may include a resume, **Letter of Recommendation Form,** Unofficial Transcript, any recommendation forms for any college that may not accept electronic applications, and date the letter is needed by. Bring your organized information to your recommender in a timely manner.

3. Understand that a LOT of time goes into writing a polished letter and some teachers write as many as 40-60 letters within a short amount of time during the fall semester. Make sure to acknowledge this effort.

4. Beacon teachers are very familiar with submitting the letters to Naviance. If you need your letter sent in a different method, inform the appropriate parties via email.

5. **Expressing gratitude.** Once you know your recommendation letters have been turned in, it is appropriate to handwrite a short thank you note for the time and effort given on your behalf. E-mails and typewritten notes are not as personal as a handwritten thank you.

College Essay

- Check applications for essay prompts.
  - For example, Common App has a set of prompts, specific colleges may have different instructions.

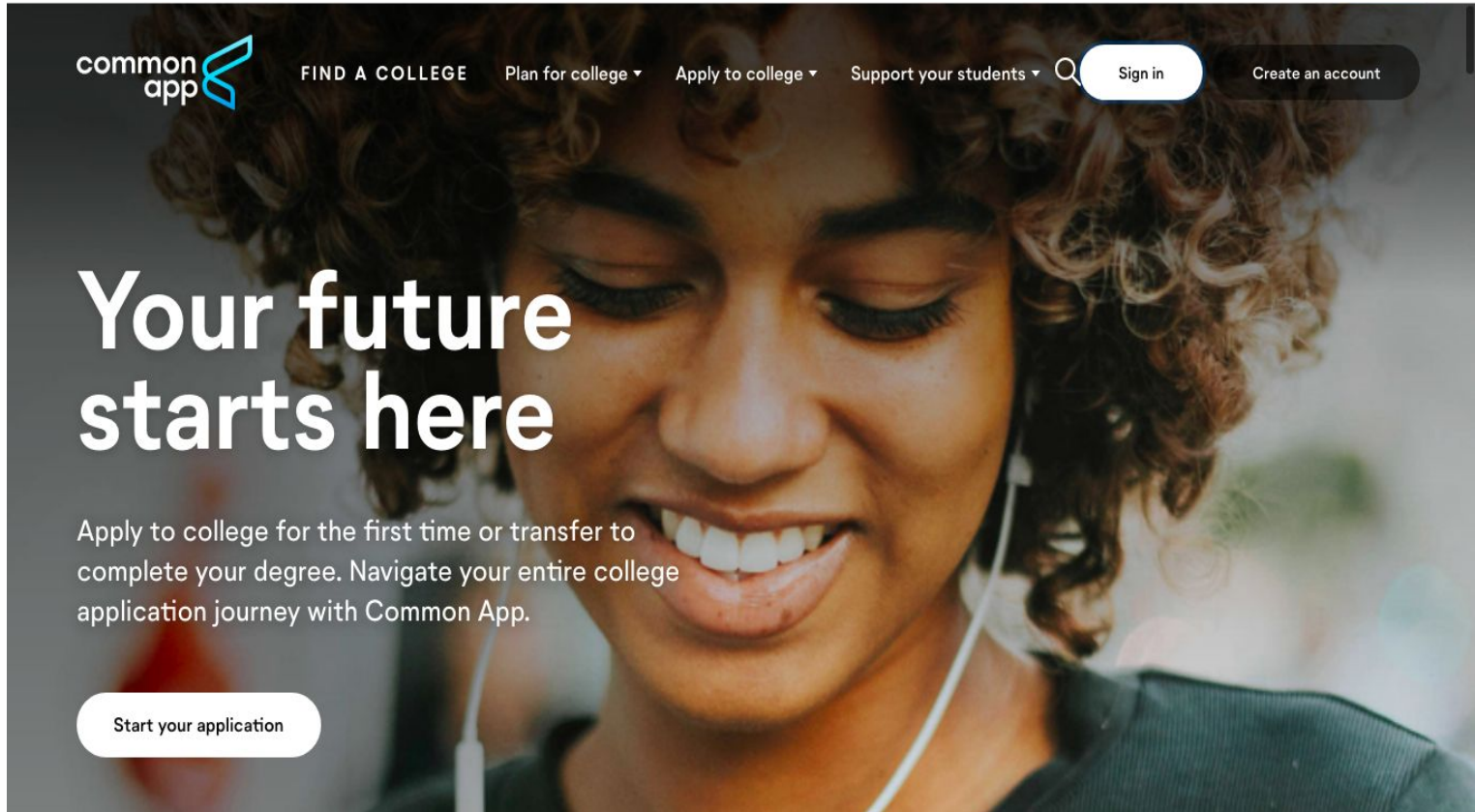- Proofread yourself and ask others to proofread and provide constructive criticism as well.
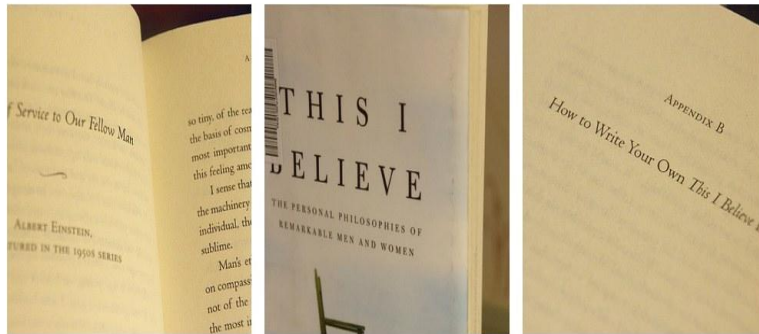
Applying to Dutchess Community College

- [Dutchess Community College](#)
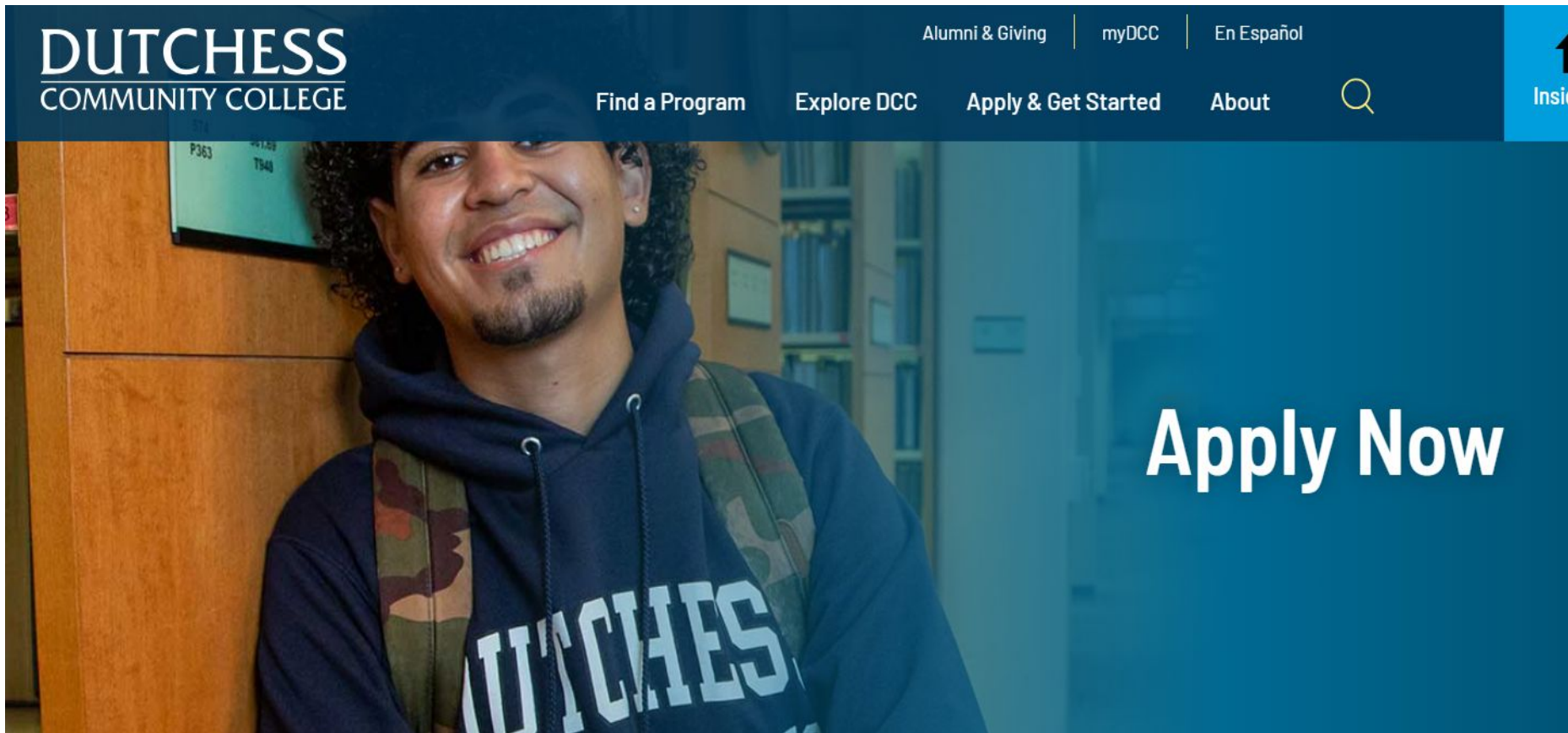
Common Application

- [Common App](#) & [Common Black College Application](#)

★ USE A **_PERSONAL_** EMAIL

Create A Common App Account

Let's get started!

Welcome to Common App! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

Already have an account? Go to the login page.

First year student ❓

Transfer student ❓

Education professional ❓

Parent or other adult ❓

Need Help?   System Requirements   Accessibility Information   Terms of Use

Privacy policy (updated October 1, 2020)

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Create your account

Email Address *

Re-type Email Address *

Password *

✕ 10-32 characters
✕ At least one upper case
✕ At least one lower case
✕ At least one number
✕ At least one special character
✕ No space characters

Re-type Password *

✕ Passwords must match

First/given name *

Please enter your name exactly as it appears on official documents

Last/family/surname *

Choose Beacon HS

Add a College

Dashboard | My Colleges | Common App | College Search | Financial Aid Resources

College Search

Application Requirements

College or City Name

Bing

Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

More filters

2 results

Sort by: College Name ▾

SUNY Binghamton University
Binghamton, NY - USA

Penn State
University Park, PA - USA

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SUNY Binghamton University

Contact Info

Add to My Colleges

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Email: admit@binghamton.edu
Address: Undergraduate Admissions PO Box 6001
Binghamton, NY 13902
USA
Links: College Website · Virtual Tour · College Navigator

Application Deadlines

Fall 2022
First Year
Early Action - 11/01/2021
Regular Decision - 01/15/2022

Other Deadline Information

Early Action applicants who complete by the Early Action deadline will receive their decisions no later than January 15.
Applicants who complete by the regular deadline will receive their decisions no later than April 1.
Please see our website for more info.

Application Information

FERPA

Complete FERPA

Release authorization

The next screen will ask you two important questions about your release of and access to your educational records under FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond. We encourage you to learn about FERPA by reading our FAQ. We also suggest discussing FERPA with your counselor, parent, guardian, or other school official to be better informed about your rights.

1. How does FERPA relate to your college application?
- FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.

2. In a moment, you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to review confidential letters of recommendation. What should you know about this waiver?
- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

3. Still unsure how to respond?
- That's OK. Many students are. Before you move on, take a moment to discuss your decision with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. For more information about FERPA, visit the Help Center.

☑ I have read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.*

Continue

Release authorization

FERPA Form

☑ I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*

Please select one: *

◉ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

◯ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☑ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.**

Signature *   Date *

Student Applicant   _____ 📅

(e.g. August 1, 2002)

Back   **Save and Close**

Completing the Application

- Enter all of your personal information.

- Be sure that all of the sections are complete.

- If there is anything you are unsure of, such as your Social Security Number, save and go back to it later.

Naviance Login

- Naviance Login

Linking Your Accounts

List of "Colleges I'm Applying to"

- The colleges chosen in Common App will show up in Naviance which will allow the counselors/teachers to submit your letter of recommendation, transcript, etc.

Financial Aid - FAFSA

FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is FREE!! Tax information is utilized to complete the form. Most students will complete the **2025-2026** FAFSA. The form will be available approximately in December and deadlines vary by State. FAFSA® Application

Both parent/guardian and the student need to make an account using two separate emails on FSAID in order to Log In

- Every student should complete this process, even if you do not think you will qualify for need-based aid. Colleges often use this to identify you for Merit based scholarships, some colleges require this as part of the application.

A Better 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024–25 FAFSA form is now available. We've started sending submitted applications to colleges and states. Learn more about 2024–25 FAFSA updates.

2024–25 FAFSA® Form

Start New Form   Access Existing Form

Need to access last year's form? Edit a 2023–24 FAFSA Form

FAFSA Dates

The 2025–26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available to the public on or before **December 1, 2024**. However, a limited number of students will be able to access the FAFSA between October 1 and December.

Each college and career/trade school may have its own deadline for the FAFSA. Students can check with the school they're interested in attending for more information.

CSS Profile

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APPLY WITH CSS PROFILE

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Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to more than $10 billion in nonfederal aid to thousands of students.

Sign in to Fall 2025/Spring 2026

Sign in to Fall 2024/Spring 2025
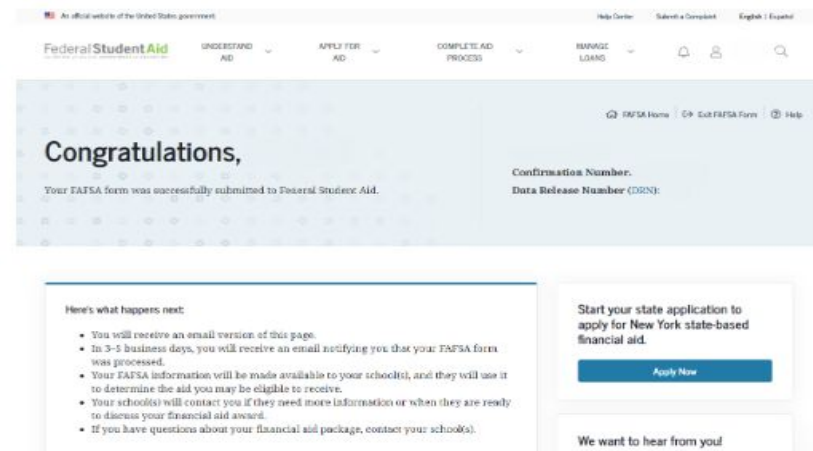
Financial Aid – New York State

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

- If you attend a college in New York State, public or private, you may qualify for TAP.

- Visit their website <u>NYS</u> to see if your school is on the list.

- You can apply through the FAFSA.

Apply through the FAFSA

The easiest way to apply for TAP is through the FAFSA. Make sure you have completed your FAFSA!

New York State (NYS) residents attending NYS schools can link directly to the TAP application from the FAFSA submission confirmation page.

Federal Student Aid   UNDERSTAND AID   APPLY FOR AID   COMPLETE AID PROCESS   MANAGE LOANS

⌂ FAFSA Home   ⤢ Exit FAFSA Form   ⑦ Help

Congratulations,

Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

Confirmation Number.
Data Release Number (DRN):

Here's what happens next:
- You will receive an email version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an email notifying you that your FAFSA form was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

Start your state application to apply for New York state-based financial aid.

Apply Now

We want to hear from you!

Didn't Apply for TAP through the FAFSA? You Can Still Apply

If you exited the FAFSA before completing the TAP application – and you filled in your New York State address and a New York State college on the FAFSA – HESC will automatically receive your information in about three days. HESC will then send you an email or postcard with directions to complete the TAP application online.

Received this notice from HESC? Apply now.

The Application Process Begins with Creation of Your HescPIN

HESC Fact Sheets

Higher Education Services Corporation (2023). Retrieved September 18, 2023 Higher Education Service Corporation

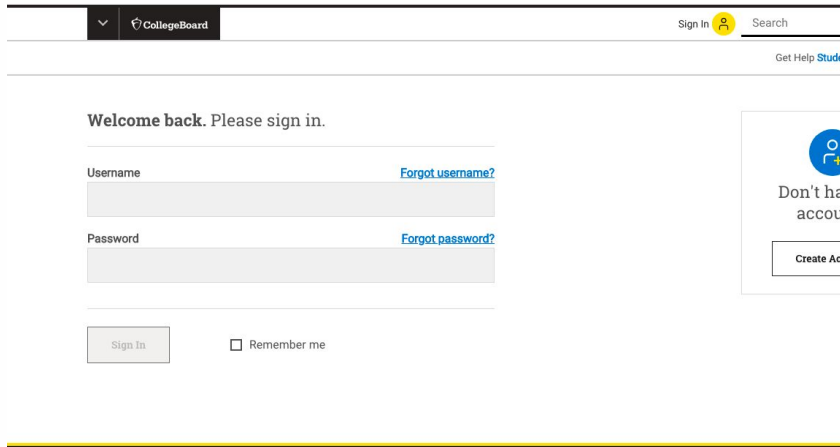# Individual Scholarships

Remind App or text @awards2025 to 81010

Do your research! There is money out there through community organizations, employers, college endowments, etc.

Some helpful places to search are Naviance, The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, Fastweb and the specific college financial aid office and website.
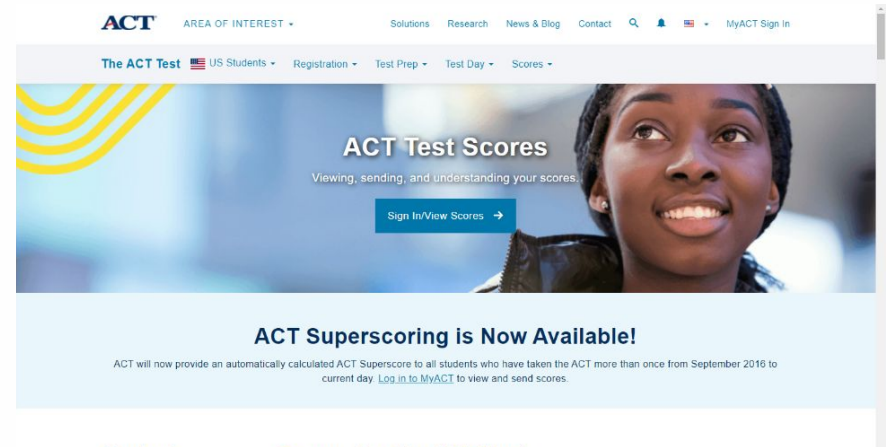
SAT & ACT

- You submit your scores when you complete your information for testing, or after testing through your account.

Collegeboard Log In for SAT   ACT Registration

SAT Upcoming Dates:
November 2nd @ BHS deadline Oct. 18
December 7th **not** @ BHS deadline Nov. 22
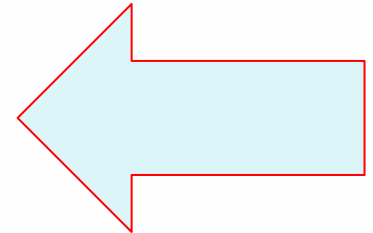
Exploring Careers/Majors

Upcoming Activities

- Financial Aid Night- Sept. 26th @ 6:00pm- BHS

- **SUNY Free Apps Weeks - October 21st - Nov. 3rd (Apply to up to 5 campuses for FREE)**

- College Panel- Oct. 10th @ 6:00pm - BHS

- DCC College Fair- Oct. 15th @ 6pm - Falcon Hall- Poughkeepsie Campus

- SUNY College Fairs- Visit SUNY College Fairs for dates, registration, and details (Sept. 30th NYC)

- CUNY College Fair- Visit CUNY College Fair

- DCC Instant Admissions Day- TBD

- Check BHS Guidance website for future events

Useful Websites

- Common App
- Common Black College Application
- Dutchess Community College
- College Board
- FAFSA® Application
- Fastweb -- Scholarships
- Unigo -- Scholarships
- FSAID Log In
- NYS -- HESC, New York State, TAP
- SUNY - The State University of New York
- The ACT
- The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley - Home
- The SAT

Thank You

- Questions?

- The more organized you are and the earlier you complete the tasks, the more stress free and fun this process will be.

- Keep the momentum going. REMEMBER colleges see which courses you are taking senior year, and many request mid-year and/or first quarter reports to be sure that you are keeping your grades up to your potential.