



POST SECONDARY PLANNING

JUNIOR MEETING

Mrs. Graveen
High School Counselor

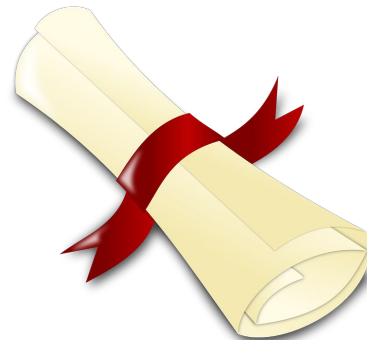
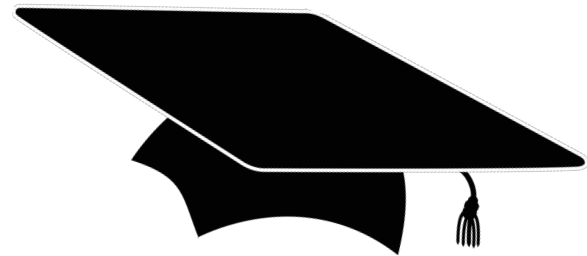
AGENDA

- **Review Graduation Requirements**
- **College Visits and Obtaining college information**
- **Understanding the College Application Process**
 - **Official transcripts**
 - **Letters of recommendation**
 - **Commonapp**
- **Financial Aid and Scholarships**
- **Helpful Resources**



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Social Studies
- Progression through Spanish V or flowchart based on entry level
- 1 year of P.E. and Health
- 1 year of Fine Arts
- Math progression through Calculus
- A total of 21.5 credits (Minnesota State Requirement)



MSA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students complete the Minnesota academic standards by taking a core course of study that equips them with the knowledge and skills they need for success in post-secondary education, highly skilled work, and civic life. In order to graduate, MSA students must complete the required MSA subject specific requirements as well as a minimum of 21.5 total credits to meet Minnesota state requirements.

Each year long course at MSA is equal to 1.0 credit and each semester course is equal to 0.5 credit. MSA does not weight any course grades or course credit, including Advanced Placement courses and dual-enrollment courses (PSEO). Each PSEO semester course earns 1.0 credit and each year long AP course earns 1.0 credit.

ENGLISH	
MSA Requirement 4 years of High School English which must include each of the following courses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┐ Literature & Composition ┐ World & British Literature ┐ American Literature QR AP Literature & Composition ┐ Research Writing (1 semester) ┐ Composition (1 semester)
MATH	
MSA Requirement Progression through Calculus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┐ Algebra II with Geometry ┐ Algebra III with Geometry and Trigonometry* ┐ Pre-Calculus ┐ Calculus QR AP Calculus
SCIENCE	
MSA Requirement 3 years of High School Science which must include each of the following courses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┐ Biology QR AP Biology ┐ Chemistry QR AP Chemistry ┐ Physics QR AP Physics
SOCIAL STUDIES	
MSA Requirement 4 years of High School Social Studies which must include each of the following courses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┐ Ancient World History and Geography ┐ Modern World History and Human Geography ┐ American History ┐ Political Science (1 semester) ┐ Introduction to Economics (1 semester)
SPANISH	
MSA Requirement Progression through Spanish sequence based on placement level. ➤ Please refer to Spanish flowchart for more information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┐ High School Spanish I* ┐ High School Spanish II* ┐ High School Spanish III ┐ High School Spanish IV ┐ High School Spanish V
FINE/VISUAL ARTS	
MSA Requirement 2 semesters of Fine/Visual Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┐ Band ┐ Choir ┐ Symphony ┐ Wind Ensemble ┐ Drawing/Painting ┐ Digital Photography I & II ┐ Sculpture & Craft/Ceramics ┐ AP Studio Art
HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
MSA Requirement 1 semester of High School Physical Education 1 semester of High School Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┐ Health (1 semester) ┐ Physical Education (1 semester)

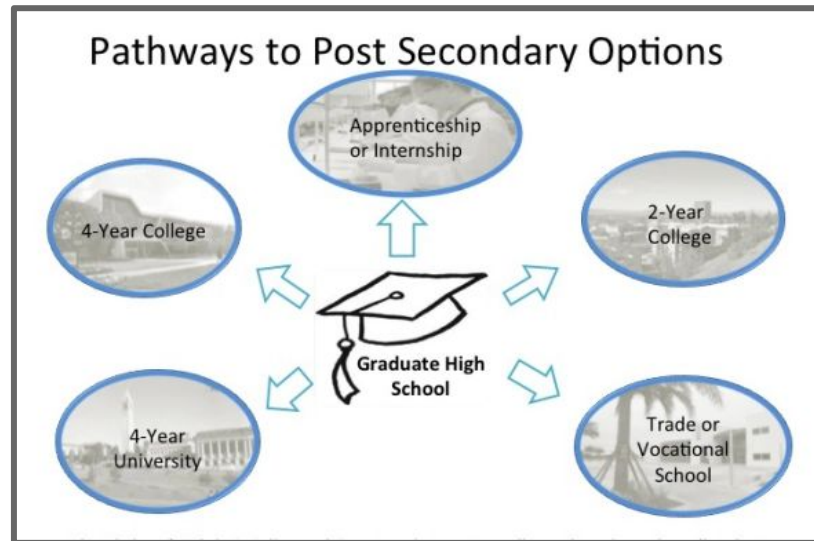
* Considered high school course at MSA, high school credit will be earned for this course when taken in grades 8-9.

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POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

- 4 year College or University
- 2 year Community College
- Vocational-Technical School or program
- Gap year
- Military
- Workforce



★ **ALL REQUIRE PLANNING!**

MINNESOTA PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK 2020

- June 22– June 26, 2020
 - An opportunity to check out private colleges in Minnesota
- Registration opens April 1, 2020 → <https://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/mpcw>
 - Colleges include:
 - Augsburg College
 - Bethany Lutheran
 - Macalester College
 - Hamline University
 - Gustavus Adolphus College
 - St. Olaf
 - University of St. Thomas
 - And many more...



COLLEGE VISITS TO MSA

- MSA hosts college visits throughout the fall
- Students in grades 10–12 have the opportunity to meet with admissions representatives
- Receive general information about the college
- Ask questions
- Many colleges keep tally of student contact
- Many of the college representatives are the ones reviewing your applications

Gustavus Adolphus College



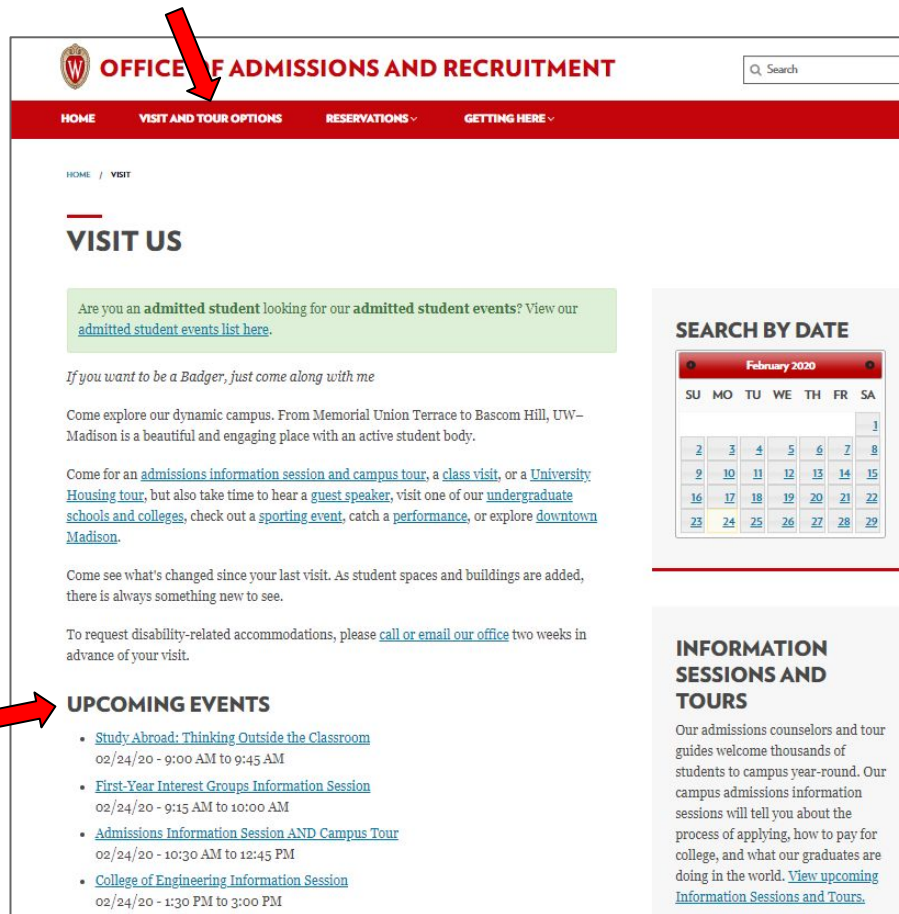
University of Minnesota-Duluth



St. Benedict and St. John's

COLLEGE RESEARCH

- Virtual campus tours
 - <https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/>
- In person campus tours
- College website
- Meet with an admissions rep



OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND RECRUITMENT

HOME VISIT AND TOUR OPTIONS RESERVATIONS GETTING HERE

HOME / VISIT

VISIT US

Are you an **admitted student** looking for our **admitted student events**? View our [admitted student events list here](#).

If you want to be a Badger, just come along with me

Come explore our dynamic campus. From Memorial Union Terrace to Bascom Hill, UW-Madison is a beautiful and engaging place with an active student body.

Come for an [admissions information session and campus tour](#), a [class visit](#), or a [University Housing tour](#), but also take time to hear a [guest speaker](#), visit one of our [undergraduate schools and colleges](#), check out a [sporting event](#), catch a [performance](#), or explore [downtown Madison](#).

Come see what's changed since your last visit. As student spaces and buildings are added, there is always something new to see.

To request disability-related accommodations, please [call or email our office](#) two weeks in advance of your visit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Study Abroad: Thinking Outside the Classroom](#)
02/24/20 - 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM
- [First-Year Interest Groups Information Session](#)
02/24/20 - 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM
- [Admissions Information Session AND Campus Tour](#)
02/24/20 - 10:30 AM to 12:45 PM
- [College of Engineering Information Session](#)
02/24/20 - 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

SEARCH BY DATE

February 2020

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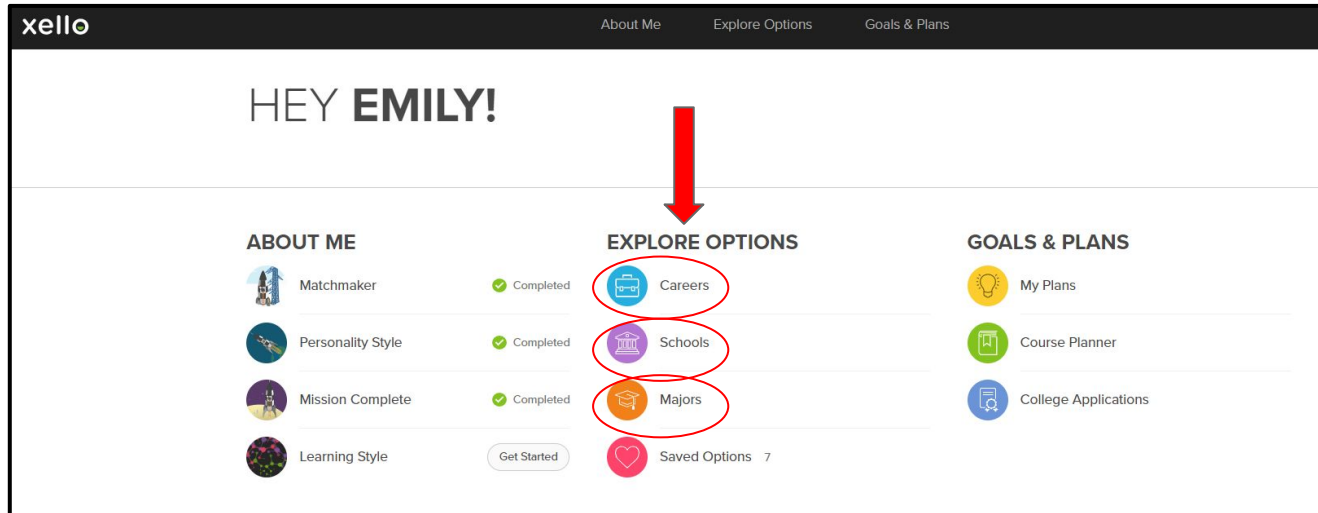
INFORMATION SESSIONS AND TOURS

Our admissions counselors and tour guides welcome thousands of students to campus year-round. Our campus admissions information sessions will tell you about the process of applying, how to pay for college, and what our graduates are doing in the world. [View upcoming Information Sessions and Tours](#).

XELLO



- College and Career Platform
 - Use it to explore interest areas and strengths
 - Use it to explore college and career information - search hundreds of college and careers
 - Request transcripts and organize college application information

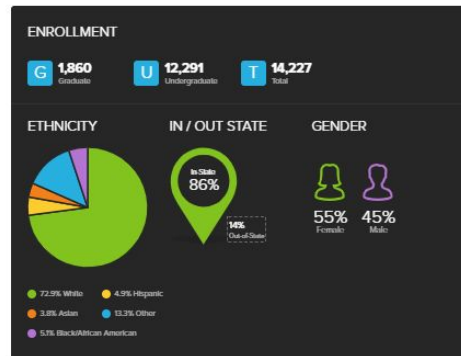


XELLO CONT...



More than 15,000 students enroll at Minnesota State University (MSU) in Mankato each year. What draws so many students here? There are a lot of reasons to consider MSU. Chief among them is the university's mission to encourage students to go beyond what they think is possible. The school strives to help students develop the knowledge and skills they need to make a difference in the world.

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CAMPUS SETTING



CAMPUS HOUSING



When does being good with numbers make you a superhero? Companies of all sizes need advice about their finances. Of course, learning the ins and outs of accounting won't give you actual super powers. But you can seem like a hero to those who need to fix their books or make more of a profit. A major in accounting equips you to help companies make big decisions about money.

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TYPICAL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR

Each college that offers this major will have different requirements and specific courses. But you can expect to learn about these types of subjects:

- ✓ Accounting Standards and Procedures
- ✓ Accounting Principles
- ✓ Auditing Basics
- ✓ Statistics
- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Contract Administration
- ✓ Business Ethics
- ✓ Tax Concepts
- ✓ Economics
- ✓ Calculus

Some colleges require you to get some field experience before you graduate.

SCHOOLS

THAT OFFER THIS MAJOR:



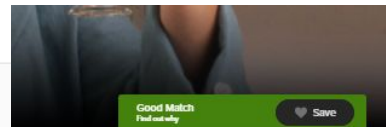
Minnesota (53)

RELATED CAREERS

	Insurance Underwriter \$42,260 - \$122,840
	Appraiser \$24,000 - \$100,000
	Forensic Accountant \$45,000 - \$150,000
	Auditor \$43,650 - \$122,840
	Financial Manager \$62,620 - \$208,000

RELATED MAJORS

Accounting and Business/Management
Accounting and Finance
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping
Actuarial Science
Auditing
Finance, General
Taxation



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SIMILAR CAREERS

	Nurse Practitioner \$74,840 - \$145,630
	Physician Assistant \$66,590 - \$146,260
	Doctor \$92,000 - \$500,000
	Allergist \$92,000 - \$300,000
	Massage Therapist \$18,000 - \$72,000

CAREER CLUSTER



They encourage people to take an active role in maintaining their health.

Many of the methods used in this field have been around for centuries. The ancient Chinese art of acupuncture is one example. Thin needles are inserted in the skin all over the patient's body. It sounds painful, but it's usually relaxing. The practice treats anything from allergies and arthritis to migraines and depression. Check out the acupuncturist profile if you'd like to learn more about this career.

Naturopaths are trained in many areas. They may offer several services, or they may focus on one area. Some of these services include:

- acupuncture
- botanical or herbal medicine
- water therapy
- lifestyle counseling
- clinical nutrition
- soft tissue and joint manipulation

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS IN 10 STEPS



1. Select 3-6 colleges that you are most interested in
 - Target School- Also called a “core” school, a target school is one that you really, really, *really* want to attend, and where your stats match their admissions standards.
 - Reach School- Think about a reach school as that dream school. You know, the Princeton (Joel in *Risky Business*) or the Harvard (Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*) that you would love to attend.
 - Safety School- A SAFETY school is what it sounds like: a school where you are very confident that—barring some sort of catastrophe—you are going to be accepted.
2. Go to their websites and click on their admissions tab
3. Generate a list of application materials requested for each college and their deadlines
4. Ask 2-3 people to write you a letter of recommendation
5. Complete the application- usually online → Commonapp
6. Request official scores from ACT/Collegeboard (if needed)
7. Request an official transcript from counselor
8. After Oct. 1st, complete the FAFSA
9. Wait for notification from colleges, call to confirm all materials have been received
10. Make a college decision by May 1st

COLLEGE PLANNING TERMS



Early Decision (ED) - 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.

Early Action (EA) - 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.

Regular Decision (RD) - The vast majority of students who apply to a given institution will do so through Regular Decision, and they can apply Regular Decision to as many schools as they would like. While the application submission deadlines will vary between institutions, Regular Decision deadlines typically fall in early January, and offers of admission are sent out in late March or early April.

Rolling Admission - 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.

FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal privacy law that protects the privacy of student education records. All educational institutions that receive federal funding must comply with FERPA.

ACT/SAT

- You will be taking the ACT at MSA on **Tuesday, March 24th, 2020!** (FREE)
- Many colleges request that an official ACT score report be sent through ACT.org
- Make sure updated score reports are sent to colleges

ACT website:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/sending-your-scores.html>





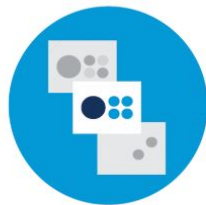
NEW FIRSTS
FOR STUDENTS
TAKING THE **ACT** TEST

ACT UPDATES

- Option for online testing- results in as quick as 2 days
- Section retesting- can retake just one subject test
- Superscoring- Allows easy superscore option



Section Retesting



Superscoring



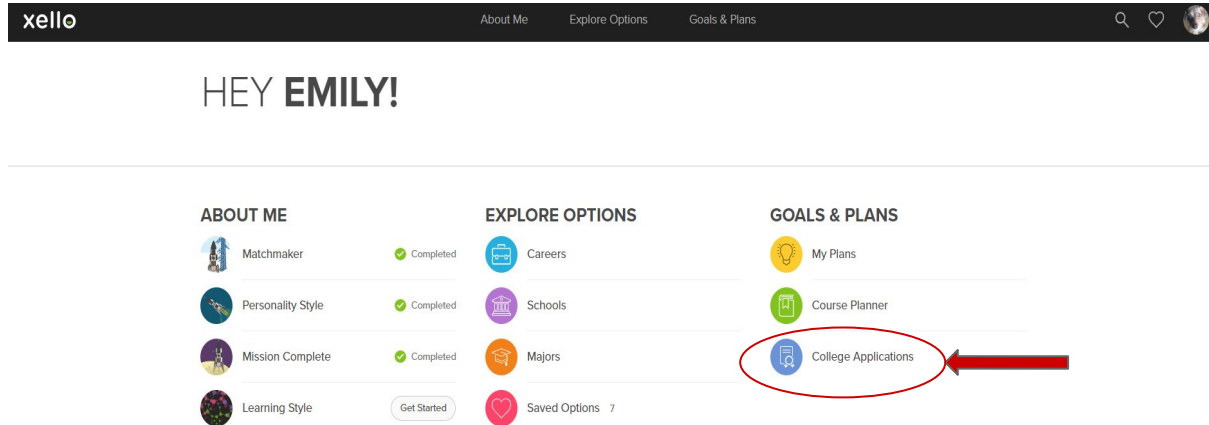
Faster Results with
Online Testing

For more information, [click here!](#)

REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT



- You do not need to do anything for college applications through the Commonapp!
- For all other transcript requests for college applications...
→ **USE XELLO**

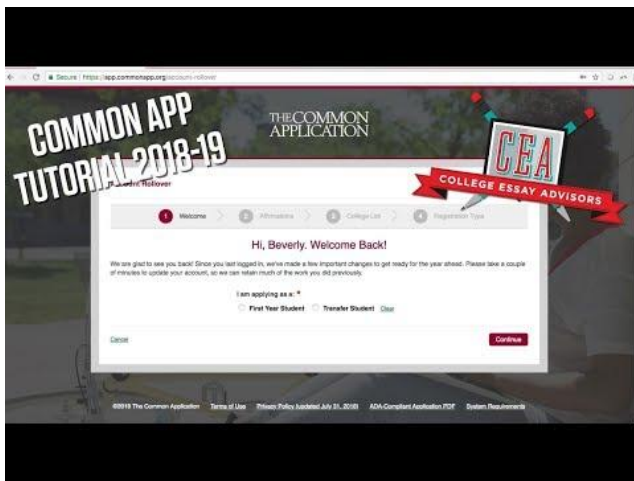


COMMONAPP

THE COMMON
APPLICATION

- Undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of more than 700 member colleges and universities in 49 states.
- Allows a common application to be filled out once online and submitted to all schools, with the same information going to each school. The Common Application also allows the student to submit and track other components of his or her application such as supplemental questions, recommendation letters, application fees, and school forms.
- <http://www.commonapp.org/>

Tutorial Video:



- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hamline University
- St. Olaf
- St. Cate's
- UMD
- U of M-Morris
- U of M- Rochester
- U of M-Twin Cities
- University of St. Thomas
- UW-Stevens Point
- Marquette
- UW-Madison
- Washington University, St. Louis
- University of Chicago
- And many more...

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



TIPS:

- Colleges often ask for **2-3 recommendation letters** from people who know you well. These letters should be written by someone who can describe your skills, accomplishments and personality.
- Make sure to give your references at least **1 month before** your application deadline to complete and send the letters.
- **Read each college application carefully!** Schools often ask for a letter of recommendation from an academic teacher, sometimes in a specific subject area. Otherwise, consider other adults such as an employer, a coach, a mentor, a volunteer coordinator, etc.
- Many teachers write many letters of recommendation throughout the year. Even if they know you well, **provide each recommender with a “brag sheet” or resume that highlights your academics as well as extra-curricular activities.**
- **Waive your right to view recommendation letters** on your application forms. Admission officers will trust them more if you haven't seen them (FERPA).
- Once you've decided which college to attend, **write thank-you notes**. Tell your references where you're going and let them know how much you appreciate their support.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in-your-high-school-record/how-to-get-a-great-letter-of-recommendation>

BRAG SHEET/RESUME

- Highlights your accomplishments
- Provide to counselor as well as anyone writing you a letter of recommendation
- Provide at least 3 weeks prior to deadline
- Can scan and email to recommenders or hand deliver
- Also located on Counseling webpage under College Applications

GO AHEAD
BRAG
A LITTLE

Brag Sheet

Please fill out this form as accurately and completely as possible. This form should be provided to each of your recommenders at least 3 week prior to the deadline. Your counselor and teachers will use this information in recommending you for scholarships, college admission, and other honors/awards. Feel free to also attach a resume.

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial) (Preferred Name)

Date of Birth: _____ Career Goal: _____

Future Plans

Check any of the following which apply

Name of schools being considered

<input type="checkbox"/>	4-year college/university	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-year college	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

Paid Work Experiences (Please indicate self-employed ventures, i.e., lawn mowing, babysitting, etc.)

<u>Job/Employer</u>	<u>Duties/Responsibilities</u>	<u>Dates</u>

Volunteer Work Experiences (Church, hospital work, etc.)

<u>Volunteer Location</u>	<u>Duties/Responsibilities</u>	<u>Dates</u>

**Those who write your letters of recommendation work very hard to make sure you sound awesome, please thank them for writing your letter!*

FINANCIAL AID



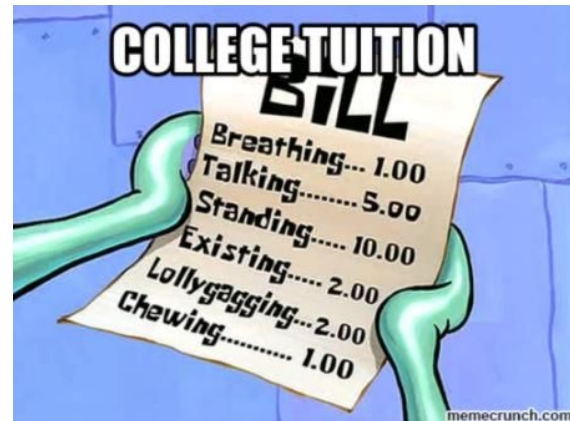
- The FAFSA can be completed starting Oct. 1st of senior year
- FREE
- Many colleges require that the FAFSA is completed before they consider students for scholarships and additional aid.
- Uses prior, prior year income and tax returns.
- Some colleges may also request the CSS profile.

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

SCHOLARSHIPS

Where to find scholarships:

- The College/program (Merit, Academic based)
- Local (Tozer, Woodbury Chamber of Commerce, 3M (parent employer), etc.)
- National/Corporation level (Coca-cola, etc.)



Watch for local scholarship information to your MSA email from Mrs. Graveen. Scholarships are usually available senior year, winter/early spring.

UW-Eau Claire Scholarships →

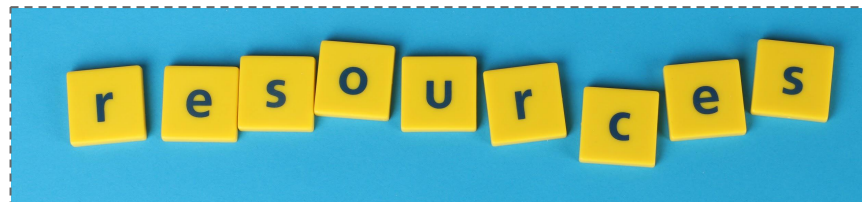
[Browse our incoming student scholarships](#)

Click on the categories below to see details about our scholarships.

Automatic Scholarships (freshmen)	+
Scholarships to apply for (freshmen)	+
Transfer Scholarships	+
Diversity Scholarships	+
International Scholarships	+

HELPFUL COLLEGE PLANNING RESOURCES

- **Counseling Department** on MSA website!
- FAFSA4caster → <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1>
- BigFuture → <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- CollegeNavigator → <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- AP Credit Policy Search → <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies?excmid=SM058-ST-1-tw>
- Transferology → <https://www.transferology.com/>
- ***Your counselor! (Mrs. Graveen)*** 😊



HANDOUTS

- Letter of Recommendation “Brag Sheet”
- Graduation Requirement Check Form



QUESTIONS?

If at any time during your post-secondary planning you have questions, do not hesitate to send Mrs. Graveen an email or stop by her office!



"Opportunities don't just happen, you create them."

~ Chris Grosser