
The Rules of the Road To College



Essential information from your North Shore
HS Counselors

Class of 2025 Google Classroom

Not in it? Join it! We keep seniors up to date and on track through information provided here.

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2025

North Shore Counseling
Class of 2025

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Join

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Class code

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Upcoming

No work due soon

Announce something to your class



Joanne Fawcett
Sep 6

Beginning and ending , students can apply to up to five SUNY campuses with no application fee. This includes all campuses, no matter which application vehicle the student uses. The SUNY 2025 application is expected to be available beginning August 1st.

Please remember that students can submit their application during the free application week period, but supplemental materials such as transcripts and letters of recommendation may be submitted after November 3rd.

Our virtual presentations, including how to apply to SUNY and financial aid information sessions are in full swing this summer and we will add many more events this fall. All student programming can be found at suny.edu/studentevents.

First Stop: Common App

- Your Common App account will become the link between the college and your high school information. www.commonapp.org
- Even if you don't plan to apply to a school via the Common App, you must have an account to electronically link your high school information to colleges.
- Write down your username and password in multiple spots-you will need it often!



Tip

Your Common App will ask for a lot of background information. Look it all over first, collect the information you need, and then fill it out.

How the first-year Common App works

A quickstart guide for students using the first-year Common App.



1 Add colleges

Get started by adding colleges to your list. You can find colleges to apply to in the College Search tab of your Common App account. The College Search tab also has information and links to help you research each college. More than 1,000 colleges use Common App! Go to commonapp.org/explore to start exploring.

2 Stay organized

Each college has its own set of specific requirements and supplements. When it comes to tracking this information and staying organized, we're here to help! Use the "Requirements Grid" and each college's "College Information" page to find this information.

To start your college application checklist, check out our "My College Requirements" worksheet at commonapp.org/ready.

3 Complete and submit

Answering all the questions in the Common App tab is a great way to start your applications. For each college you will:

- Answer college specific questions
- Invite and manage recommenders
- Complete other supplements (if applicable)

After all these sections are complete, you are ready to submit your application! Submission is simple: review, pay (if applicable), and submit.

How does my application get there?

When you submit we combine your responses from the Common App and college specific questions, as well as any supplements, into one form. Your counselor, teachers, and other recommenders complete their reports and evaluations separately.

As recommenders submit their forms, they will be sent to the college to be added to your application.

Second Stop: Add a College

- In your Common App, go to the College Search tab along the top of the page.
- Type the name of your college into the search bar.
- In the Results List, click on the + button beside the college name. You will know that the school has been added to your My Colleges page when the button changes from “Add” to “Remove.”



Tip

Not using the Common App to apply? Add a college to it anyway to enable the link to Naviance. You don't have to submit it, and there is no harm to your application process.

College Search

[Application Requirements](#)

College or City Name

adelphi

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

[More filters](#)

13 results

Sort by: College Name ▾

**Adelphi University**

Garden City, NY - USA

[× Remove](#)**Cairn University**

Langhorne, PA - USA

[+ Add](#)**Chestnut Hill College**

Philadelphia, PA - USA

[+ Add](#)**Drexel University**

Philadelphia, PA - USA

[+ Add](#)

Need help?



How do I find colleges that are a good fit for me?

Planning for college doesn't have to be stressful. There are many free tools that can help you explore majors [Read more](#)

How do I search for a college?

The **College Search** tab allows you to find the Common App member colleges that interest you. [Read more](#)

Third Stop: Complete Education Section

- In your Common App, go to the Common App tab along the top of the page, then pick Education from the list on the left.
- Fill out the section.
- Most of you entered high school in September 2021. You will graduate June 2025.

Common Application Education Section Answers

High School: North Shore Senior High School

Date of Entry: September 2021

Graduation Date: June 2025

Senior Class Size: 198

Class Rank Reporting: None

GPA Scale Reporting: 100

Cumulative GPA: See Your Transcript - report weighted GPA

Current Courses: Semester System - input your senior year courses



Dashboard

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Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School

Current or most recent secondary/high school *

North Shore High School

450 Glen Cove Ave

Glen Head, NY 11545-1100

Instructions and Help



Why can't I find my school in the high school search screen?

When searching for your high school within your

Common App, you may not

[Read more](#)

Fourth Stop: FERPA Agreement

- In your Common App, go to the My Colleges tab along the top of the page, then pick the first college from the list on the left.
- Click on the college and then click on Recommenders and FERPA.
- Complete the section, and in the pop up screen, **WAIVE** your rights to see your letters, and “sign” by typing your full name.



Tip

We recommend waiving your right to view your letter because school policy prevents you from seeing them until after graduation, and it shows colleges you trust your recommenders.

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University

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and
FERPA

Recommenders & FERPA

✓ FERPA Release Authorization

[View Details](#) ^

You have authorized the release of all requested records. You have also waived your right to review your recommendations and supporting documents.

[View Release Authorization](#)

Fifth Stop: Naviance Matching

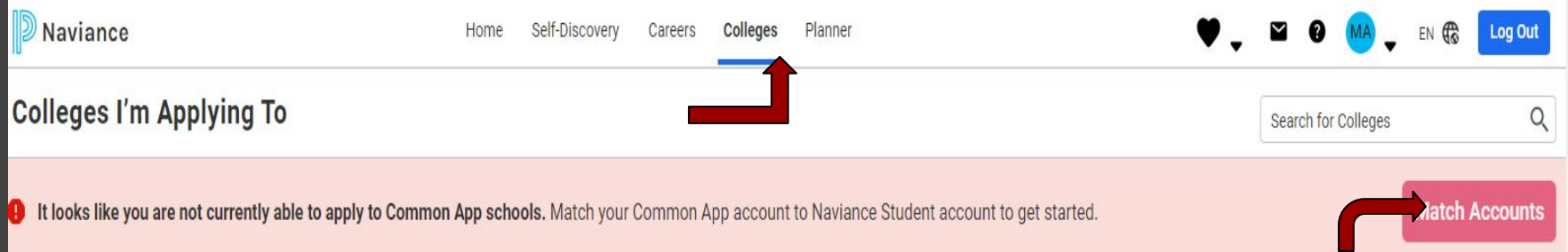
- Sign into Naviance. Click on the “Colleges” tab, then “Colleges I’m Applying To”, located to the right. Click on the “Match Accounts” button in the pink banner.
- A new tab will open in your browser to the Common App website
- Enter the username and password you used to create your Common App account
- Check off the “I agree” checkbox to authorize the connection, then click “Connect”
- You will then be redirected back to Naviance
- Click the plus sign in the blue circle on the top right of your list to add colleges not on Common App. Change any deadlines that didn’t correctly transfer to Naviance.



Tip

This step is ESSENTIAL!
We can't send out anything on your behalf until this is complete. Here's a link to a video tutorial:
<https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1>

Matching Accounts



Naviance

Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner

Colleges I'm Applying To

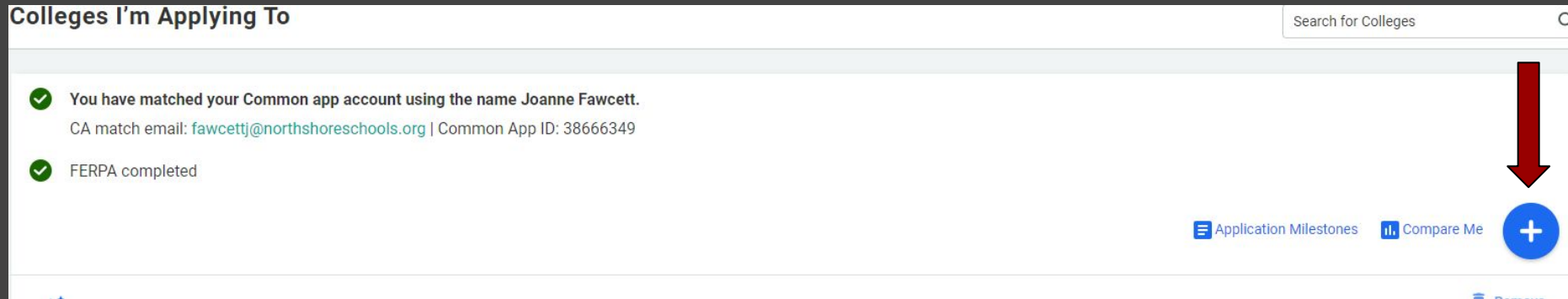
Search for Colleges

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

A red arrow points from the 'Colleges' tab to the 'Match Accounts' button.

Adding Colleges not on Common App



Colleges I'm Applying To

Search for Colleges

- ✓ You have matched your Common app account using the name Joanne Fawcett.
CA match email: fawcettj@northshoreschools.org | Common App ID: 38666349
- ✓ FERPA completed

Application Milestones Compare Me

+

A red arrow points down to the '+' button.

Sixth Stop: Request your Recs

- In Naviance, go to “Colleges I’m Thinking About”, and then to Letters of Recommendation on the left
- Click on Add Request, then Select a Teacher. Some colleges allow only one letter, so enter the colleges carefully. Ask for help if you need.
- Click “General Request”
- Include a thank you message and details if needed. Then, click Submit Request.
- Repeat for additional teachers.



Tip

Only request your North Shore teachers via Naviance, please! All outside recommenders should be invited through the Common App or another source. We do not send outside recommender letters.

Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel

Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

fusco, theresa

2. Select the recommendation request type:*



General request

Select this if you are ready to request a recommendation without selecting a specific college



Specific request

Select this if you are requesting a recommendation for specific colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

Thank you so much for agreeing to write my letter! I will let you know my deadlines and I will follow up with you throughout the process. Please let me know if you need anything from me. You can email me at fawcettj@northshoreschools.org.

Seventh Stop: Finish Your Apps

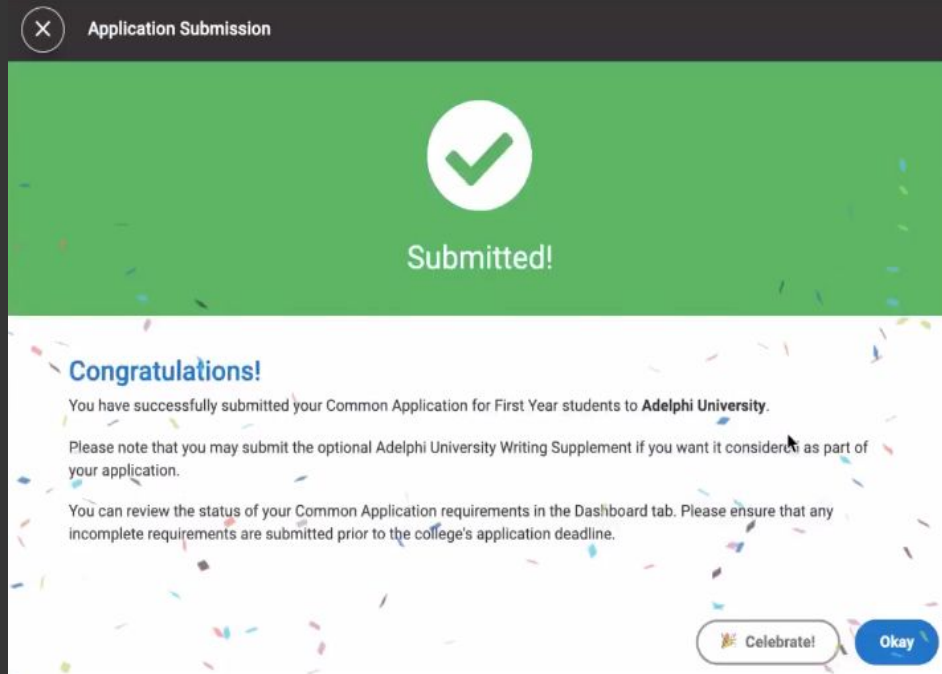
- Go back to your Common App account and click on Common App.
- Work your way down the left hand tabs starting with Profile, completing every section. Pay attention to the red asterisks--those are required answers.
- Next, go to My Colleges, click on each college and work your way down the left hand tabs.
- When you get to Review and Submit, read the PDF to proof it, and follow through the submission instructions.



Tip

Have your essay and short answers checked by a teacher, counselor, family member, or writing center fellow. Feeling stuck? Come see us!

Congratulations! The confetti means you've just applied to college! But keep going for each college you've chosen. They are individual submissions.



Tip

**YOU'RE NOT TOTALLY
DONE YET, BUT
YOU'RE CLOSE!**

You'll request your supporting documents to finish this process off.

Eighth Stop: Application Processing Form

- North Shore's form is REQUIRED for all students. We cannot send your high school transcript, letters of recommendation, and other essential documents without it.
- If you haven't linked your Common App and Naviance, we cannot accept this form.
- Please read and follow all instructions on the form, and give it to your counselor at least two weeks before your deadlines.



Tip

You MUST speak with your counselor as you submit your form to us, either in person or by email.

Please write legibly on the form.

If you want us to **MEET** our deadlines,

NORTH SHORE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING CENTER
College Application Processing Form

Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____ Email: _____ Counselor: _____

NOTE: YOU MUST ENTER YOUR COLLEGES and/or LINK YOU COMMON APP TO NAVIANCE *BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM*
**Please allow at least 2 weeks prior to your college deadline date to allow time for processing....*

	Name of College/University (City and State)	Name of Specific Program/College	ED, EA, REA, Priority, Rolling, Regular	Application Deadline	Did you submit this app? Yes/No	Type of Application: Common App, SUNY, CUNY, School Specific, Coalition	Office Use: Date sent
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Letters of Recommendation:
Please confirm with your teachers that they have what they need to submit your letter of recommendation.

*** Please remember **NSHS** does not report official test scores. You are responsible for sending SAT, ACT, AP and IB scores to colleges

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ PARENT SIGNATURE _____

You have to **BEAT** your deadlines!

Ninth Stop: Send your Scores

- Find out if your colleges require test scores by checking the school's website for their admissions test policy. These scores are **not** on your North Shore transcript. You must request them.
- Log into your College Board and/or ACT account. For SAT, look under your SAT score, click View Details and follow the instructions under Score Sends. For ACT, click the Send Your Scores link and follow the instructions.
- Pay the fee to send the scores and keep a receipt of your submissions.



Tip

Your test score accounts are privately held by you, so your counselor will not have your login information. If you need assistance, utilize the help found on their sites.

Find Colleges and Scholarship Programs

☒ Search for Colleges and Scholarships ☐ Show My Previous Selections

Start by typing the college or the scholarship name. Avoid typing "college" or "university" - it will take you longer to locate specific college and programs.

Name: State:

[More Search Options](#)

[Clear Search](#) or

All available Recipients

COLBY COLLEGE, WATERTOWN, ME

Your Selected Recipients:

Sending SAT scores

Sending ACT scores

Send Your Scores

[What are the fees?](#)

Only one test date is reported on a score report. Select the test date you want to report. You will then be asked to list where you want the scores from that test date reported and pay the total amount due for the Additional Score Reports (ASRs) you request.

[How do I report scores from more than one test date?](#)

Test Date	Test Location	Test Option
<input type="radio"/> June 2015	National	ACT PLUS WRITING
<input type="radio"/> The test date I want is not listed here.		

Last Stop: Celebrate and Watch

- Keep a watchful eye on your email inbox for messages from your colleges. Many ask you to set up portals to track your application status, and often, it's where they notify you of decisions. Follow those instructions!
- Mark your calendar for about three weeks from submission so you remember to follow up on everything you sent. You can use the college portals or phone the admissions offices.
- Congratulate yourself on a job well done!



Tip

Colleges do not contact your counselor for your missing forms, so you need to be sure to keep track of everything.

— Wait, where are we going again?

Create and complete a Common App.

Match your Common App to your Naviance account.

Meet with your counselor to hand in your processing form

Remember to send your supporting documents.

Fall Events

NCA College EXPO - Oct 1st 5-8pm, Adelphi University Gymnasium

- Students can meet with college representatives in a small virtual setting.
- [NCA College Expo Flyer 2024](#)

Senior College Parent Night - September 28th 7pm High School Theatre

- Director of Counseling, Dan Doherty, will provide an overview of the college process and answer any questions parents may have.

Financial Aid Night - October 29th 7pm - Virtual

- Molloy College Financial Aid Counselor will review how to complete the FAFSA and answer any financial aid questions.
 - FAFSA application will be available by Dec. 1, 2024
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College Visits

College reps are returning to North Shore in-person!

College Visits 2024

Register on Naviance

Check with your teacher

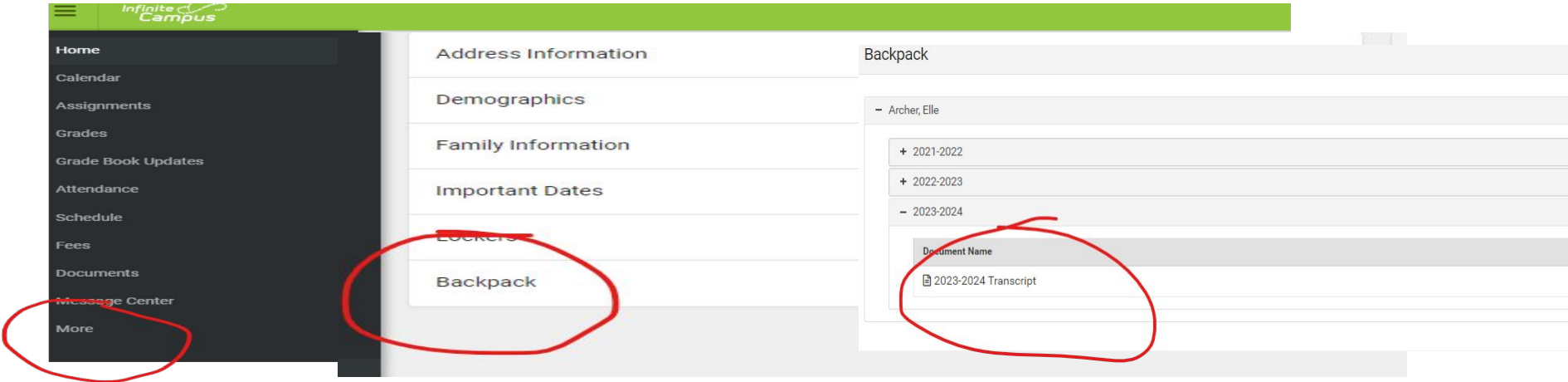
Come with questions!

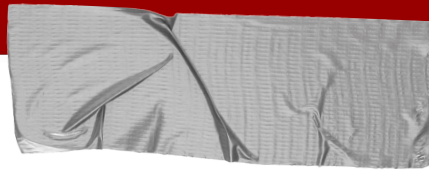
Mini College Fairs: Sept. 16th 1-2:30 and Oct. 7, 11-2:30
outside cafeteria

Transcripts

Transcripts are available on the Infinite Campus portal

Click - More - Backpack - 2023-2024





Good luck!

Your counselor will be with you every step of the way on your journey beyond North Shore. Reach out often, ask for help, let us know how it's going! It's been a long road, but we want to help you enjoy rest of the ride!

North Shore Counseling Department

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