



## Information from Counseling Department – November 2021

### For Parents of Seniors:

#### **Parents of seniors – Apply free to colleges**

Every day of the year, students from families with low incomes can apply to most colleges at no charge using a fee waiver. **See your counselor if this applies to you.**

**Parents of Seniors - FAFSA and other Financial Aid Forms:** The 2022-2023 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You must complete the FAFSA online if you are applying for federal financial aid. It is recommended that every family fill out the FAFSA for a few reasons. First, all students are eligible for low-interest loans. Second, families have different financial situations from one year to the next, including sometimes having more than one student in college. Finally, some colleges look at whether a student has a FAFSA on file when they are considering students for scholarships. There are three categories of federal student aid: grants, work-study, and loans. Colleges typically have December through March priority deadlines for the FAFSA, so get your FAFSA completed and submitted as soon as possible.

**Scholarships from colleges:** Look on each of your colleges' websites for scholarships. You can find this information in the admissions section of a college's website. Many colleges use the application for admission to award scholarships, but some colleges require that you fill out an additional scholarship application for some or all of their scholarships. Typically, college scholarship applications are due between November and February.

**Local and National Scholarships (Not from a college):** To locate scholarship information in Naviance, from the home page, click on the "Colleges" tab, and scroll down to the bottom of the page. The "scholarship list" and "National Scholarship Search" are located here. Other helpful sites are [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org), [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com), [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com). Scholarship searches should be FREE. You should not pay for this service or to apply for a scholarship.

### For Parents of All High School Students:

#### **College Visits to BSM – These visits are open to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors**

College representatives are still visiting BSM this month. Information about the colleges visiting BSM will be updated daily on BSM's Naviance website. All visits are also listed [here](#).

#### **Upcoming College Fair Opportunities**

There are still some college fairs coming up, including an HBCU fair, a Jesuit Education Fair, and a National College fair. Some require that you register and may fill up, so check them out sooner than later at this link: [Upcoming Virtual College Fairs](#)

## Summer Enrichment Opportunities

The fall and early winter are good times to start thinking about enrichment opportunities for next summer. The BSM website has an extensive list of programs that colleges offer for high schools students. (Note that some of these may not be taking place in Summer 2022 due to Covid 19). Some programs, such as ones sponsored by Duke University and the University of Notre Dame, have started accepting applications or will start on December 1st. Please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) page of the BSM website for a complete list.

## 2021-2022 ACT Test Dates

[www.my.act.org](http://www.my.act.org)

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021
December 11, 2021 – BSM is a test center	November 4, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022
April 2, 2022 – BSM is a test center	February 25, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022

## 2021-2022 SAT Test Dates

<http://sat.collegeboard.org>

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
June 4, 2022 – BSM is a test center	May 5, 2022

