

College Handbook Wilson High



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Senior Year Calendar

August / September

- **Register** to take the **SAT/ACT** if you plan to apply to a 4 year college/university and have not already taken one of these, or if you are not satisfied w/your scores and wish to test again. Pay close attention to registration deadlines to avoid late fees.
- **Narrow down** your college list and add the colleges you are applying to, to the College tab in Naviance
- **Have conversations** about money and applying to colleges you can afford. Use the college's net price calculators to get ball park figures on affordability. FAFSA4caster will help determine federal aid.
- **Begin** your college application process – make sure to create a calendar of due dates and a list of items to complete for each school.
- **Attend** college visits @Wilson (register in Naviance – if the college is in your list, you will get an email announcing their visit)*
- **Attend a College Recommendation Letter Workshop** at tutor time in the College Center. **Required** for any senior applying to a college that requires a counselor recommendation letter.
- **Attend College Information/Financial Aid Night at Wilson** – All seniors considering college should attend w/their parents.

October

- **Complete and submit your FAFSA** as soon as possible www.fafsa.ed.gov. Application opens Oct. 1st.
- **Attend a College Recommendation Letter Workshop** at tutor time in the College Center. **Required** for any senior applying to a college that requires a counselor recommendation, attend one lunchtime session.
- Once you've attended the Letter of Rec. Workshop and finished your packet, schedule your "senior interview" with your counselor to request a recommendation letter **3 weeks prior to 1st deadline**
- **Senior Class Meeting**
- **National College Fair**

November

- Continue applying to college
- **Search for Scholarships** and apply – through search websites, the schools you are applying to, community organizations etc.
- Start your **OSAC scholarship** application process and continue to watch scholarship announcements on the daily bulletin and through any scholarship search engines you are using.
- Apply for the **Oregon Promise Scholarship** (Free/Reduced tuition at all community colleges in Oregon with a 2.5 GPA)

December

- Complete college applications this month – winter break is a great time to catch up.
- **Search for scholarships** and apply - through search websites, the schools you are applying to, community organizations etc.
- **Once you have applied to college remember to check your college email accounts for updates, requests for more information and next steps after you apply**

- Make sure your FAFSA is submitted successfully. You may need to make corrections or provide more documentation – check your FAFSA account to see.
- Watch for your **SAR (Student Aid Report)** which should come about 4 weeks after filing the FAFSA.

January

- **Continue to work hard** in all classes. Admission decisions can be altered if grades fall.
- If attending PCC - Apply for the **Future Connect Scholarship and PCC Foundation Scholarships**

February

- Complete and submit your OSAC application (2/15 to compete for the Early Bird Scholarship, 3/1 for regular submission).
- Stay the course; do not drop classes @ the semester. Colleges are watching!
- Continue to search for and apply for appropriate scholarships.*

March

- OSAC Deadline March 1st
- Watch for notifications of admission or denial from your colleges.
- Notify your counselor of any scholarships you are offered.

April –May

- College Decision Day Celebration and notification:
 - Notify colleges of your acceptance or rejection of their offers of admission and financial aid by May 1.
 - Make tuition and housing deposits once you have made your final decision. Tell your counselor which college offer you have accepted.
- Complete Wilson's 3 question graduation survey in Naviance (update scholarships and college results, send final transcript)
- Complete the PPS Exit Survey
- Take appropriate AP exams and request scores be sent to the college you will attend.
- Check dates for the Senior Assembly, Graduation, and sign up for the Senior All-Night Party.

Special Notes:

- Apply for the **Federal Free/Reduced Lunch Program** in the beginning of the year if you think you might be eligible. Keep the letter verifying your eligibility; it may be used for fee waivers for college entrance exams and college application fees.
- Register w/the **NCAA Eligibility Center** (formerly Clearinghouse) if you are interested in playing Division I or Division II college athletics and you have not done so. Use code 9999 to submit ACT/SAT scores directly to the NCAA and request transcripts through Naviance for the NCAA.

Enjoy this very special time – your time to shine!

*** On-going activities throughout the year.**

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The “No Grief” Application Process

Follow this schedule and you should be able to meet any November 30 or later deadline

☐ Fall Senior Year

- Finalize list of “**Colleges I’m Applying To**” in Naviance.
- Determine if any of your colleges of interest require the **Common Application and letters of recommendation (Secondary School Report)**
 - If they do, attend a “Letter of Recommendation” workshop in the College and Career Center where you will receive the Letter of Rec. packet to fill out.
 - Identify 2 teachers to write recommendation letters. Be sure to contact teachers and counselors for recommendations no later than **3 weeks prior to your first due date**.
 - Update and complete your **resume** in Naviance.
 - Fill out the Parent and Student Letter of Rec. surveys in Naviance
 - Once packet is completely filled out make appointment to meet with your counselor 3-4 weeks before your earliest application deadline. Don’t count days when school is closed, holidays, etc. **Be sure you have your resume, questionnaires, and Letter of Recommendation Packet complete before your appointment. *****
- Start your Common Application online if applying to private schools or a school that requires it (www.commonapp.org)
- Start **state school applications** – public colleges usually use an online application via their school website. It is usually shorter, requires less writing and **does not require letters of recommendation**.
- Begin essays (in Word, to be pasted into applications) and supplements for Common App. Schools

☐ 2 weeks before application deadline

- Request official transcripts through Naviance be sent to your schools (cost \$1 each for initial transcripts)
- Order official test score reports through the testing websites (credit card required) **SAT** – www.collegeboard.org
ACT – www.act.org
- Complete and submit applications

☐ 1 week before application deadline

- Check status on Naviance to be sure items were successfully sent (if not yet sent, keep checking, and troubleshoot if necessary)

☐ After submitting your applications

- Watch your email and your new school accounts for messages from colleges
- Make sure you have all of your required documents in
- Complete the FAFSA form
- **Apply for the CSS Profile** if required by your school (only some schools require it)
- Search for scholarships and apply

☐ 3 weeks after application deadline

- Check status with each college to be sure items arrived and your application is complete

☐ 2 weeks after end of 1st semester grading period

- Check to see that 7th Semester Transcript has been sent to your college (this is called the Midyear Report on the Common Application); use your personal online account at the college to check this.

☐ Acceptance Notification from Colleges

- When you receive notification from your colleges of acceptance status, post decisions in Naviance
- Look for Financial Aid letters from your schools and compare packages

☐ Your Final Decision

- Enter into Naviance the college you will be attending

☐ Final Report, Final Transcript

- Will be automatically sent to the college you indicate you are attending in Naviance. Check your college online account status to be sure they have been received (if they require it).

The application process is your responsibility! Always be vigilant about the status of your applications. Check regularly and fix any problems with submission and receipt of materials. Typically the process runs smoothly, but there are issues that can arise.

*****If you apply to additional colleges after meeting w/your counselor, you MUST notify your counselor so recommendations and transcripts will be sent.**

The College Search

The challenge with the college search process is that there is no “one size fits all.”

The most important part of the college search process is gaining knowledge. This knowledge includes facts about the schools, but also includes the features, benefits and opportunities offered at each institution. One can never have too much information about a college. It is also important to obtain that knowledge from multiple sources: online, print, current student perspectives, alumni perspectives, admission offices, and social media. Never rely on only one source in information!

Naviance: Students can access Naviance through Wilson website.

Guest login: Any parent or other visitor may log on as a guest using the password “gotrojans” at <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/guest>, however you will not be able to see information specific to your student until you log in using his or her account (your student should know how to login). For Naviance account access, email [Sharon Dailey](#) in the Counseling Department.

College Board’s Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Navigator: <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

College Insight: <http://college-insight.org/>

Cappex: <https://www.cappex.com/>

College Confidential: <http://www.collegeconfidential.com/>

Niche <http://www.niche.com>

2016-17 Standard Student Budgets for Oregon Postsecondary Institutions

(all figures provided by institutions)

OREGON PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES (8)	Dorm or Off-campus?	Tuition & fees	Books & supplies	Room & board	Personal expenses	Transportation	Total Other Costs	TOTAL
Eastern Oregon University	Both	\$8,073	\$1,425	\$9,642	\$1,893	\$1,197	\$14,157	\$22,230
Oregon Health & Science University	Off-campus	\$21,684	\$970	\$13,104	\$1,404	\$2,538	\$18,016	\$39,700
Oregon Institute of Technology	Off-campus	\$9,625	\$1,250	\$9,206	\$2,106	\$1,477	\$14,039	\$23,664
Oregon State University	Both	\$10,366	\$1,551	\$11,037	\$2,550	incl pers	\$15,138	\$25,504
Portland State University	Both	\$8,337	\$1,263	\$12,831	\$1,500	\$957	\$16,551	\$24,888
Southern Oregon University	Both	\$8,523	\$999	\$13,440	incl trans	\$3,252	\$17,691	\$26,214
University of Oregon	Both	\$10,761	\$1,122	\$11,583	\$1,989	\$360	\$15,054	\$25,815
Western Oregon University	Both	\$9,426	\$1,350	\$9,798	\$1,988	\$994	\$14,130	\$23,556

OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGES (17)	Dorm or Off-campus?	Tuition & fees	Books & supplies	Room & board	Personal expenses	Transportation	Total Other Costs	TOTAL
Blue Mountain CC	Off-campus	\$6,193	\$1,038	\$8,625	\$1,398	\$1,305	\$12,366	\$18,559
Central Oregon CC	Off-campus	\$4,535	\$1,800	\$10,551	\$1,251	\$1,713	\$15,315	\$19,850
Chemeketa CC	Off-campus	\$4,230	\$1,350	\$8,022	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$12,372	\$16,602
Clackamas CC	Off-campus	\$4,413	\$1,800	\$7,500	\$1,050	\$1,800	\$12,150	\$16,563
Clatsop CC	Off-campus	\$4,995	\$1,432	\$7,599	\$2,316	\$1,929	\$13,276	\$18,271
Columbia Gorge CC	Off-campus	\$5,085	\$1,200	\$9,738	\$1,500	\$1,563	\$14,001	\$19,086
Klamath CC	Off-campus	\$4,628	\$1,800	\$6,813	\$2,283	\$600	\$11,496	\$16,124
Lane CC	Off-campus	\$5,122	\$1,365	\$7,704	\$1,620	\$819	\$11,508	\$16,630
Linn-Benton CC	Off-campus	\$4,917	\$912	\$7,707	\$1,413	\$1,716	\$11,748	\$16,665
Mt Hood CC	Off-campus	\$4,943	\$1,239	\$10,854	\$930	\$1,548	\$14,571	\$19,514
Oregon Coast CC	Off-campus	\$4,737	\$1,689	\$11,772	\$1,695	\$1,560	\$16,716	\$21,453
Portland CC	Off-campus	\$4,737	\$1,689	\$11,772	\$1,695	\$1,560	\$16,716	\$21,453
Rogue CC	Off-campus	\$5,100	\$1,200	\$8,721	\$1,431	\$1,335	\$12,687	\$17,787
Southwestern Oregon CC	Off-campus	\$5,850	\$1,500	\$8,100	\$990	\$1,200	\$11,790	\$17,640
Tillamook Bay CC	Off-campus	\$4,770	\$1,066	\$7,692	\$1,002	\$597	\$10,357	\$15,127
Treasure Valley CC	Both	\$5,400	\$2,175	\$7,071	\$1,350	\$2,130	\$12,726	\$18,126
Umpqua CC	Off-campus	\$5,049	\$1,800	\$7,980	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$12,480	\$17,529

OREGON INDEPENDENT COLLEGES (18)	Dorm or off-campus?	Tuition & fees	Books & supplies	Room & board	Personal expenses	Transportation	Total Other Costs	TOTAL
Birthingway	Off-campus	\$20,449	\$793	\$6,162	\$3,309	\$1,940	\$12,204	\$32,653
Concordia University (15-16)	Both	\$29,390	\$900	\$8,500	\$1,800	\$1,000	\$12,200	\$41,590
Corban University	Both	\$30,640	\$800	\$9,666	\$1,200	\$800	\$12,466	\$43,106
George Fox University	Both	\$33,730	\$950	\$10,528	\$1,250	\$800	\$13,528	\$47,258
Lewis & Clark College	Both	\$46,894	\$1,050	\$11,540	\$990	\$990	\$14,570	\$61,464
Linfield College	Both	\$40,070	\$900	\$11,320	\$1,070	\$750	\$14,040	\$54,110
Linfield, Portland Campus	Off-campus	\$40,310	\$1,500	\$10,700	\$1,700	\$2,000	\$15,900	\$56,210
Marylhurst University	Off-campus	\$20,835	\$2,475	\$12,000	\$1,950	\$1,500	\$17,925	\$38,760
Mount Angel Seminary	Dorm	\$20,780	\$1,000	\$11,765	incl pers	\$1,000	\$13,765	\$34,545
National University of Natural Medicine	Off-campus	\$9,105	\$1,100	\$17,730	\$3,573	\$2,700	\$25,103	\$34,208
Northwest Christian University	Both	\$27,930	\$900	\$8,650	\$1,170	\$1,170	\$11,890	\$39,820
Oregon College of Art and Craft	Off-campus	\$32,130	\$1,800	\$9,000	\$1,100	\$800	\$12,700	\$44,830
Pacific Northwest College of Art	Both	\$34,550	\$1,000	\$12,504	\$2,000	\$950	\$16,454	\$51,004
Pacific University	Both	\$41,054	\$1,050	\$11,822	\$960	\$720	\$14,552	\$55,606

Reed College	Dorm	\$52,150	\$1,050	\$13,150	\$900	incl trans	\$15,100	\$67,250
University of Portland	Dorm	\$42,664	\$864	\$12,394	\$912	\$706	\$14,876	\$57,540
University of Western States	Off-campus	\$10,272	\$1,110	\$10,461	\$2,130	\$2,400	\$16,101	\$26,373
Warner Pacific College	Both	\$22,710	\$1,006	\$8,900	\$1,430	\$900	\$12,236	\$34,946
Willamette University	Both	\$47,368	\$952	\$11,600	\$1,848	incl trans	\$14,400	\$61,768

NOTE: These "standard" undergraduate student budgets are for informational purposes only. They are based on full-time enrollment at 15 credit-hours/term and do not include insurance, loan fees, nonmandatory fees, or special program-specific fees. Actual budgets will vary from these "standard" budgets, depending upon program of study, courseload, dependency status, and housing situations. (For certain programs, courseloads may be restricted to less than 15 credit-hours per term.)

OSAC, August 2016

Oregon Public University

2017-18 Undergraduate Admission Requirements

High school graduation required, plus the following subject requirements with a grade of C- or better:

4 English, 3 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 Foreign Language

A D is considered the same as an F; one D might be overlooked in a class that is not listed above

	EOU	Oregon Tech	OSU	OSU Cascades	PSU	SOU	U of O	WOU
GPA	2.75 GPA	3.0 GPA	3.0 GPA	3.0 GPA	3.0 GPA	3.00 GPA	3.0 GPA	3.00 GPA
Additional Materials			Insight Resume	Insight Resume			Essay	Letter of Rec.

All institutions conduct comprehensive reviews of applicants who do not meet the minimum required GPA. Reviews include: Course rigor, standardized test results, writing sample or essay review, non-cognitive factors, and other indicators that predict potential success in college.

SAT or ACT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Early & Priority Application Deadlines	2/1/2017	3/1/2017	11/1/2016	2/1/2017	12/1/2016	2/15/2017	11/1/2016	3/1/2017
Regular Application Deadline	9/1/2017	9/1/2017	2/1/2017	9/1/2017	9/1/2017	Rolling Admission after 2/15/2017	1/15/2017	Rolling Admission after 3/1/2017
Scholarship Priority Dates	2/1/2017	3/1/2017	2/1/2017	2/1/2017	12/1/2016	2/15/2017	1/15/2017	3/1/2017
Annual Tuition	\$8,073	\$9,625	\$10,366	\$10,366	\$8,337	\$8,523	\$10,761	\$9,426

How do the ACT and SAT Differ?

The SAT assesses students in the areas of **Evidence-Based Reading & Writing** (EBRW) and **Math** (M). There is also an optional essay in its own section. The ACT tests students in **English** (E), **Math** (M), **Reading** (R), and **Science** (S). On the ACT there is also an optional essay.

The ACT's sections are broken down as follows:

- English: 75 questions/45 minutes
- Mathematics: 60 questions/60 minutes
- Reading: 40 questions/35 minutes
- Science: 40 questions/35 minutes
- Optional Writing: 1 essay prompt/40 minutes

The required sections of the ACT take 2 hours and 55 minutes. If you opt to take the optional Writing (essay) section, you will add an extra 40 minutes to the end of your test. The key concepts tested on each section of the ACT are as follows:

- English: Usage/Mechanics and Rhetorical Skills
- Mathematics: Pre-Algebra and Elementary Algebra, Intermediate Algebra and Coordinate Geometry, and Plane Geometry and Trigonometry
- Reading: Arts and Literature and Social Studies and Sciences
- Science: Data Representations, Research Summaries, and Conflicting Viewpoints
- Optional Writing: Ideas and Analysis, Development and Support, Organization, and Language Use and Conventions

The SAT's five sections proceed as follows:

- Reading Test: 52 questions/65 minutes
- Writing and Language Test: 44 questions/35 minutes
- Math Test - No Calculator (Multiple Choice + Student Produced Response): 20 questions/25 minutes
- Math Test - Calculator Permitted (Multiple Choice + Student Produced Response): 38 questions/55 minutes
- Optional Essay: 1 prompt/50 minutes

The required sections of the SAT take 3 hours to complete. If you opt to take the optional Essay section, you will add an extra 50 minutes to your test-day experience. The key concepts tested on each section of the SAT are:

- Reading Test: Command of Evidence, Words in Context, and Analysis of Social Studies/Science
- Writing and Language Test: Same as Reading Test + Expression of Ideas and Standard English Conventions
- Math Test - No Calculator (Multiple Choice + Student Produced Response): Linear Equations and Systems, Quantitative Skills, and some Geometry and Trigonometry
- Math Test - Calculator Permitted (Multiple Choice + Student Produced Response): Same as first Math Test + Manipulation of Complex Equations
- Optional Essay: Must prove that you are focused, organized, and precise in your reading, analysis, and writing

SAT / ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines 2017-18

Wilson CEEB Code 380937

SAT

Fee without essay: \$45

Fee with essay: \$57

Register online at www.collegeboard.org

SAT & Subject Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	August 15, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27 ^h , 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25 th , 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28 th , 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25 th , 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

*Online and phone only, paper deadlines are 4 days earlier

ACT

Fee without writing: \$42.50

Fee with writing: \$58.50

Register online at www.act.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late fee required)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Sept. 23- Oct. 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

Portland Area SAT/ACT Preparation Classes and Resources

- Khan Academy SAT online practice, www.khanacademy.org
- Portland Community College SAT/ACT classes, www.ed2go.com/portlandcc/SATPrepPdx
- Saturday Academy SAT/ACT classes, www.saturdayacademy.org, 503-200-5858
- Portland Tutoring Collective SAT/ACT individual & group tutoring, www.tutoringportlandmetroarea.com/, 503-575-7084, 360-268-8540
- College Bound Test Prep In-person, small group SAT/ACT coaching. Contact Stephanie Short (503) 591-0228 or Sarah Gardiner (503) 259-9990.
- Huntington Learning Center SAT/ACT, www.huntingtonlearning.com, 503-533-5700 (Portland), 503-590-6800 (Beaverton)
- SAT/ACT prep classes, www.kaptest.com/college, 800-527-8378
- Jason Hildreth, Jesuit HS Math instructor offers in-person or online SAT math prep classes. <http://prep4math.com> KAPLAN
- Lake Oswego Community School SAT classes, www.losdcommunityschool.com (choose High School Enrichment link)
- Multnomah County Library www.multcolib.org, search
- 'LearningExpress Library' for SAT practice tests, 503-988-5123.
- MyPlan.com Features various websites for online practice: www.myplan.com/education/colleges/college_resources2.php North Avenue Education
- SAT/ACT tutoring, 503-468-6905, info@northaveeducation.com Oregon Episcopal School SAT test prep summer camp. Kati Stenstrom, 503-416-9254
- The Princeton Review SAT/ACT tutoring & online practice, 800-2738439, www.princetonreview.com
- SAT classes & tutoring, Kathleen Petersen. www.satpreppdx.com 503-697-0717
- PowerScore SAT/ACT classes & online prep, www.powerscore.com, 800-545-1750
- St. Mary's Academy SAT classes, 503-228-8306
- Sherwood Test Prep SAT classes, www.sherwoodtest.com, 866-837-8773
- Stumptown Test Prep SAT/ACT tutoring, www.stumptowntestprep.com, 503-246-4211
- Sylvan Learning Center SAT/ACT programs, www.sylvanlearning.com Testing Companies www.collegeboard.com, www.act.org

This listing is for your convenience and is not meant to serve as an endorsement of the programs listed.

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Naviance Family Connection at a Glance

Family Connection from **Naviance** is a Web-based service designed especially for students and parents. It is a comprehensive website that you can use to help make decisions about courses, colleges, and careers. Family Connection also provides up-to-date information that's specific to our school. It also lets us share information with you about up-coming meetings, news, and events, as well as other Web resources for college and career information. It is the system all Wilson students use to apply to colleges. Get to know it and check it often.

Activate Your Account

Use the personalized registration code to logon to <http://connection.naviance.com/wilsonor> and set up your Naviance account as a new user. You can also access Naviance from the Wilson HS Home Page. Remember to enter your email address and establish your password as your student ID #.

Selected Software Features to Explore

Feature	Description	How to Access
<i>Résumé</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record your high school activities, awards, volunteer experience, etc. Rearrange your information into multiple printable versions of a résumé that you can use to present to potential employers or colleges in the future 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>About Me</i> tab Click the <i>Résumé</i> hyperlink under the <i>Interesting Things About Me</i> section
<i>Explore Interests</i>	A career interest survey about interest in types of work activities. Use the results to explore suggested occupations; examine the education, training, and skills required [and where to obtain them], as well as wages typical for these occupations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Careers</i> tab Click the <i>Career Interest Profiles</i> hyperlink under the <i>What Are My Interests?</i> section
<i>Do What You Are</i>	A personality survey. Use the results to explore suggested college majors and careers based on your preferences and strengths.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>About Me</i> tab Click the <i>Personality Type</i> hyperlink under the <i>Interesting Things About Me</i> section
<i>College Search</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set search criteria to yield a list of colleges to explore. Save your search to access/modify later. Click on the various tabs of the college profile (<i>general</i>, <i>admissions</i>, <i>financial aid</i>, <i>majors and degrees</i>, and <i>student life</i>) to learn more information. Add colleges you're interested in to your <i>My Colleges</i> list for future reference. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>College Search</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section
<i>Maps</i>	Groups of types of colleges by location. Click on a college to view its profile.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>College Maps</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section
<i>Scholarship List</i>	College and local organization-sponsored scholarship opportunities updated weekly. Database lists entries by name, deadline, award amount, merit or needs-based and application requirements; click on a column header to sort entries. You can also browse by category to yield a search list relevant to your interests.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>Scholarship List</i> hyperlink under the <i>Scholarships & Money</i> section
<i>Summer Enrichment Opportunities</i>	This database not only lists entries by type (international, college-sponsored, high school-sponsored, & special interest) but also allows you to browse by special interest as well as search by keywords like the name, location, etc. Learn about program dates and costs (if available), any requirements, and the sponsor's website for more information and the application.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>Enrichment Programs</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section
<i>Application History</i>	Summary of WHS application results (admit, deny, enroll), by year.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>College Lookup</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section After looking up and selecting a college, the <i>Application History</i> table appears in the middle of the page.
<i>School Statistics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical summary of WHS application outcomes (number admitted, denied, etc.) by application decision plan (i.e. regular and early decision) by college. Historical average GPA and SAT scores for admitted applicants, by college. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>College Lookup</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section After looking up and selecting a college, click on <i>School Stats</i> hyperlink located beneath the college's contact information. Two tables are displayed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Outcomes</i> <i>GPA and Test Scores</i>
<i>Graph</i>	<p>Historical application results (admit, deny, waitlist) represented in a scattergram (i.e. graph); applicant average GPA appears on the y-axis and applicant average SAT scores on the x-axis.</p> <p>N.B.: For an applicant to be represented on a scattergram for a given college, three things must be present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> an application result (accepted or denied) a GPA a test score 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab Click the <i>College Lookup</i> hyperlink under the <i>College Research</i> section After looking up and selecting a college, click on <i>Graph</i> hyperlink located beneath the college's contact information.
<i>College Compare</i>	Compare your GPA and test scores to the average GPA and test scores of WHS admitted students for colleges you are considering. School averages are displayed in green when your numbers are higher and in red when your numbers are lower	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab. Click the <i>Colleges I'm Thinking About</i> hyperlink from the <i>My Colleges</i> section.

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit www.nacacnet.org

Admissions Options

Saving Early = Saving Smart!

Watch Your Money Grow With Your Child

WHY

It's never too early to start saving money for college. Here are a few reasons to start saving now:

Rising College Costs

- Be prepared to handle rising college costs by saving early and consistently! Visit www.finaid.org/calculators to get an estimate of what college will cost by the time your child is ready to attend.

Benefit of Savings

- No matter how little you save, every cent makes a difference in affording your child's higher education. Develop realistic savings goals and save regularly by placing aside a set amount at a set time. For example, if you save \$14 per week (two dollars a day) in an account that earns 1% interest, you will accrue more than \$12,400 at the end of 17 years.

Less Debt, More Investment

- Many families have to rely on student loans to cover college costs. Saving for college now can reduce your need for a loan in the future. Earn interest by opening a savings account today versus paying interest on a loan later. The best graduation gift you can give your child is to help him or her leave college debt-free!

HOW

Choosing the Right Savings Plan

- Prepaid tuition and college savings plans (known as 529 plans) offer tax-free withdrawals for college expenses. To learn more about these plans and decide which one is right for you, visit www.collegesavings.org.

Determining Your Child's Eligibility for Federal Student Aid

- The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides more than \$150 billion in federal aid in the form of grants, work-study programs, and loans to students who qualify. Visit StudentAid.gov/eligibility to learn about eligibility for federal student aid, and StudentAid.gov/fafsa/estimate to estimate the total amount of aid your child could receive if he or she applied to college today.

For more information about federal aid for college, visit StudentAid.gov

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Your College or University is the best source for financial aid:

- **Need based.** Some colleges only provide financial aid if the student has “demonstrated need” as determined by the FAFSA and the college’s own formula (even a family income over \$200,000 may qualify for some aid).
- **Merit based.** Some colleges offer merit-based scholarships in addition to need-based ones. Some merit scholarships require a **separate application**; others don’t (they automatically consider you when you apply to the college).
- Research your college’s Financial Aid web pages to find scholarships.
- Also see a list of each college’s scholarships at www.meritaid.com (click “View the Directory” under “Search by College Name”). Go to the college’s website to see out how to apply for them.

Outside Scholarships:

- **Choose carefully which ones to apply for.** It takes time to research & apply for these. Many students are competing for each scholarship, and the amounts may be small compared to the cost of college. Don’t forget, *your college is the best source of financial aid*, but outside scholarships can help.
- **When to apply.** Most scholarships are only available to high school seniors, but some organizations also invite younger students to apply, especially employers (see below). Deadlines for applying range throughout the year, with a number starting in August or September. Plan ahead!
- **Tips for choosing outside scholarships to apply for:**
 - How many awards will be given?

How much is the award? Is it one time only, or renewable for all 4 years of college?

- How many people might apply? (Is it just students at your school? In your state? Anyone in the U.S.?)
- Do you meet all the qualifications? Will you be one of the top applicants?
- How much time will it take? (Estimate time needed for filling out application, preparing résumé, getting recommendations, writing an essay, etc.) Do you have enough time before the deadline?

How to find Scholarships:

- **Use Scholarship search websites: Big Future, Fast web, College Net, Scholarships.com**
 - Student enters profile information and receives emails about scholarships for which he/she may be eligible. Thousands of students may be competing for these scholarships.
 - Resist commercial offers which may come up on their website—just say “No Thanks.” Do not participate in scholarship searches which charge fees.
- **OSAC Scholarship Application.** Many scholarships offered by Oregon businesses and organizations are gathered into this one application, *including most scholarships specific to Wilson High School students*. Deadline: March 1.
- **Oregon Promise.** If you are attending a community college in Oregon and have a 2.5 GPA it will give you significantly reduced tuition.
- **Student Aid on the Web.**
 - Use the Financial Aid and Scholarship Wizard at www.studentaid.ed.gov to search for scholarships. Tons of other information about financing your education is on this site.
- **Employer & Membership Organizations.** Many employers, unions, professional organizations, and other membership organizations offer scholarships for dependents of their employees/members. Check carefully. You may need to apply in the junior year for some of these.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Grants

Awarded based on financial need. The student is not required to repay.

- Federal
- State
- College or University

Loans

Must be repaid to the lender including interest.

Education loans are available for both parents and students.

- Federal
- State
- College or university
- Private lenders

Federal Work-study

Provides students with the opportunity to work part-time and earn money for college related expenses such as books and supplies. Not deducted from the school bill.

- Federal

Scholarships

Typically awarded based on academic, athletic, or other talent.
The student is *not* required to repay.

- College or university
- Civic or religious
- Businesses or corporations

WUE Colleges Information Summary

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program allows students from western states to attend public colleges and universities in other Western states without paying the full out-of-state tuition. *Contact the college for the most accurate and up-to-date information.*

A few tips:

- Not all public schools in a state participate in the WUE program, and not all majors at the schools are available to WUE students. But nonparticipating schools and programs may offer other assistance to reduce costs for out-of-state students. Check the websites of the colleges for nonresident student financial assistance.
- Some schools only offer the WUE program for students entering as freshmen, not transfers.
- Applying for the WUE scholarship sometimes requires a separate application, and sometimes is automatic. Ask the college's admissions office for correct procedures.
- Apply early! Many schools have limited slots for WUE students. Early fall is best.
- There are other public universities in many of these states which don't participate in the WUE program. They may also have financial assistance for nonresidents.
- Another possibility for paying in-state tuition is to establish residency in the state (generally not allowed while on the WUE scholarship program). Check the state's rules for residency, including years required to qualify as a resident. For many states it only takes one year.

Participating States:

Alaska	Idaho	Oregon
Arizona	Montana	South Dakota
California	Nevada	Utah
Colorado	New Mexico	Washington
Hawaii	North Dakota	Wyoming

Source: WUE website, www.wue.wiche.edu. See website for more details and the latest information.

NCAA Eligibility Center F.A.Q.'s

Student-athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to be eligible to play NCAA Division I or II sports in college. Athletes playing in Division III do not have to register.

What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?

The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies whether prospective college athletes are eligible to play sports at NCAA Division I or II institutions. It does this by reviewing the student-athlete's academic record, SAT® or ACT scores, and amateur status to ensure conformity with NCAA rules.

What are NCAA Divisions I, II, and III?

The NCAA is the governing body of many intercollegiate sports. Each college regulated by the NCAA has established rules on eligibility, recruiting and [financial aid](#) and falls into one of the three membership divisions (Divisions I, II and III). Divisions are based on college size and the scope of their athletic programs and scholarships.

When should students register?

The NCAA recommends that student-athletes register at the **beginning of their junior year** in high school, but many students register after their junior year. There is no registration deadline, but students must be cleared by the Eligibility Center before they receive athletic scholarships or compete at a Division I or II institution.

How do students register?

Students must register online at the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#). They will have to enter personal information, answer questions about their course work and sports participation outside of high school and pay a registration fee.

Can students have the registration fee waived?

Students who have received a waiver for the SAT or ACT are eligible for a waiver of the registration fee. The student's counselor must submit confirmation of the student's test fee waiver. Go to the [NCAA Eligibility Center High School Portal](#) for more information.

What records does the Eligibility Center require?

Students should arrange to have you send their high [school transcript](#) as soon as they have completed at least six semesters of high school. The transcript must be mailed directly from their high school. They must also arrange to have their SAT or ACT test scores reported directly by the testing company to the Eligibility Center. Students can arrange this when they register for the tests.

You are responsible for sending in students' final transcripts and proof of graduation at the end of their senior year.

How often can students update their athletics participation information? Students can update the information on the athletics participation section online as often as they want (and should update it regularly),

up until the time when they request a final certification of their status. At that point — usually three to four months before enrolling in college — students must finalize their information.

NCAA Eligibility Center F.A.Q.'s (continued)

What are the NCAA academic eligibility requirements?

- Complete a certain number of high school core [courses](#) (defined below).
- Earn a certain minimum grade point average in these core courses.
- Earn a certain minimum score on the SAT or ACT.
- Graduate from high school.

For more information, see the NCAA's *Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete*, in the [Publications section of the NCAA website](#).

What are core courses?

This is the name that the NCAA gives to high school courses that meet certain academic criteria specified by the association. Students must complete a certain number of core courses for NCAA Division I and II eligibility.

How are high school courses classified as core courses?

All participating high schools submit lists of the courses that they offer that meet NCAA core-course criteria. If approved, the courses are added to a database that the NCAA Eligibility Center maintains. You can check this database or view a list of approved core courses on the [NCAA Eligibility Center High School Portal](#) to see whether your student-athletes are enrolled in courses that will count toward NCAA eligibility. It is often the counselor who provides the NCAA with the list of your school's core courses and updates it annually. The NCAA may ask for more information before approving a core course.

What are the NCAA amateurism eligibility requirements?

To play sports at an NCAA Division I or II institution, the student athlete must follow NCAA amateurism rules about receiving a salary or prize money for athletic participation, playing with a professional team and other areas. For more information, see the *Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete*.

Keep in mind the best way for students to prepare for a future in college athletics is to complete the approved core courses and earn appropriate grades in them. Indeed, more students fail to qualify to play NCAA sports because of lack of appropriate course work than for low test scores. Make sure you are enrolled in the courses on your high school's core-course list, and also know the eligibility requirements of the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#). Then make sure you are taking the necessary courses, earning the necessary grades and doing anything else you must to stay on track for NCAA eligibility.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Core Courses

- **NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses.** See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.
- **NCAA Division II currently requires 14 core courses.** Division II will require 16 core courses for students enrolling on or after August 1, 2016. See the breakdown of core-course requirements below.

Test Scores

- **Division I** uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core grade-point averages.
- **Division II** requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the following four sections: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT scores are reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.

Grade-Point Average

- **Be sure** to look at your high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website (www.eligibilitycenter.org). Use the list as a guide.
- Only courses that appear on your school's List of NCAA Courses will be used in the calculation of the core grade-point average. Use the list as a guide.
- **Division I** core grade-point-average requirements are listed on the sliding scale (www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- **Division II** core grade-point-average requirement is a minimum of 2.000.
- Remember, the NCAA grade-point average is calculated using NCAA core courses only.

DIVISION I

16 Core Courses

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II

16 Core Courses (2013 and After)

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 3 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

Tips for Visual & Performing Arts Students

Students who wish to study visual or performing arts have some unique challenges and options during their college search.

A Difference of Degree:

Prospective arts majors have two degree options: A Bachelor of Arts (BA) with a major in the arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) for artists/performers or Bachelor of Music (BM) for musicians. The BA is the typical liberal arts degree—students who major in English, history, and other humanities majors also earn BAs. The BFA or BM degree is more focused and intense.

Types of Colleges:

Conservatories and stand-alone arts schools offer an immersion-type experience for students earning BM or BFA degrees. All of the students you meet at this type of school will be artists, and the atmosphere is often highly competitive. Some larger universities offer BFA/BM degrees as well as BA degrees in the arts. You may find somewhat self-contained music or arts schools within the larger university. In this atmosphere, you could pursue the more specialized degree while still keeping the door open to taking a few liberal arts courses (which would be unavailable at specialized music or arts schools). In addition, a university-based arts program might give you the option of pursuing a double degree, such as a BM in music and a BA in history. (A double degree would likely require more than four years, however.)

The Application Process:

In addition to completing a typical college application, students in the visual or performing arts should prepare a portfolio or audition. Each arts program has different requirements, so you should contact the schools as early as possible to obtain their portfolio or audition requirements. Although your portfolio or audition is an important part of the application, arts programs definitely consider your academic record and test scores.

Assessing Your Abilities:

If you're interested in pursuing an arts major and career, now is the time to seek objective opinions of your abilities in the field. Young musicians can ask for honest advice and evaluation from high school ensemble and private teachers, or get outside assessment from musicians at a local symphony, dance company, theatre, etc. Visual arts students can receive portfolio evaluations and college information at one of the National Portfolio Days sponsored by an association of arts schools and art departments at universities. For more information, talk to your school counselor or art teacher or visit www.portfolioday.net/

Other Considerations:

Location, facilities, reputation & philosophy.

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Read the full article at www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/PVA-College-Fairs/pva/Pages/PVATips.aspx

Wilson High School

Useful Websites for College, Career, Scholarships

School

Portland Public Schools
Wilson High School

www.pps.k12.or.us
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

Careers

Naviance
Career Information System (CIS)
Careers & salary ranges
My Future
Career Information
Salary and Growing Occupations
US Department of Defense
Career Pathways

<https://connection.naviance.com/fc/signin.php?hsid=wilsonor>
<http://oregoncis.uoregon.edu> (User name: 1Wilson Password: WHS12)
www.bis.gov/oco/home.htm (Occupational Outlook Handbook)
www.myfuture.com (Offers career planning advice, easy to read)
www.careers.org (Huge site with tons of links to career resources)
www.acinet.org (Info on salaries, job openings, fastest growing careers, etc.)
www.todaymilitary.com (Military jobs and career information)
www.pcc.edu/pactec/pathways (Discover career pathways)

College Admissions

College Board
ACT
Naviance

www.collegeboard.com (SAT I/II registration, practice tests, college planning)
www.act.org (Register for ACT and practice, tips, college planning)
www.wilsonhs.com (Click on the Naviance link for college planning, college search, order transcripts, scholarships)

Big Future
Peterson's
Common Application
College Navigator
Princeton Review
NCAA
NCAA Eligibility Center
College Guide
Number 2

bigfuture.collegeboard.org
www.petersons.com (SAT/ACT prep software)
www.commonapp.org (Online application)
<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> (National Center for Education Statistics)
www.princetonreview.com (College search, SAT/ACT, career information)
www.ncaa.org (National Collegiate Athletic Association information)
www.eligibilitycenter.org (Formerly known as "The Clearinghouse")
www.mycollegeguide.org
www.number2.com (Free SAT/ACT prep)

Financial Aid and Scholarships

FAFSA
CSS Profile
Career Information System (CIS)
Oregon Student Assistance Commission
Federal Financial Aid
Financial Aid
Big Future – College Board
Educaid
Salliemae
Fastweb
Petersons
Hope & Lifetime Learning Tax Credit
To file scholarship scam complaints

www.fafsa.gov (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid-online)
<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp> (Supplement for private schools)
<http://oregoncis.uoregon.edu> (User name: 1Wilson Password: WHS12)
www.osac.state.or.us (Online application for Oregon student scholarships)
www.finaid.org (Federal financial aid information)
www.studentaid.ed.gov (General information)
bigfuture.collegeboard.org
www.educaid.com (Learn how to save money for college)
www.salliemae.com (Financial Aid 101 – the entire process)
www.fastweb.com (Free scholarship search)
www.petersons.com (Free scholarship info.)
www.irs.gov
www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

www.thewashboard.org
www.scholarshipexperts.com
www.collegeplan.org

Great web site for scholarships in the Northwest
Financial aid scholarship search. Best results.
Pacific NW Scholarship Guide. Local scholarship sources.