

The College Admissions Process: The Homeschooled Student's Guide

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Workshop Outline

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| I. Timeline | D. Build an Application Timeline |
| A. Before High School | IV. Financial Aid |
| B. Freshman Year (9 th Grade) | A. Scholarships & Grants |
| C. Sophomore Year (10 th Grade) | B. Educational Loans |
| D. Junior Year (11 th Grade) | C. Work Study |
| E. Senior Year (12 th Grade) | D. FAFSA |
| II. College Selection Process | V. Words of Advice |
| III. College Application Packet | A. Academic Preparation |
| A. College Interview | B. Spiritual Preparation |
| B. Fine Art Majors | C. Emotional Preparation |
| C. NCAA - College Athletics | |

Recommended Resources

General HSLDA Links

- Home School Legal Defense Association: www.hsllda.org
- HSLDA's Homeschooling Thru High School webpages: www.hsllda.org/highschool
- Watch these short informative high school videos to learn more about high school at home: <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/videos.asp>
- To sign up for free monthly *Homeschooling Thru High School* email newsletters: <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/newsletter.asp>
- For HSLDA members: contact Diane Kummer, Stacey Wolking, Joyce Blankenship, and Carol Becker—HSLDA High School Consultants—at highschool@hsllda.org or phone 540-338-5600

E-books & Recordings

- *Develop a High School Plan* provides information to help you chart your way as you consider course options for your teen: <https://store.hsllda.org/develop-a-high-school-plan-pdf-download-p831.aspx>
- *Simplify Recordkeeping and Transcripts* covers in-depth details on both recordkeeping and transcripts: <https://store.hsllda.org/simplify-your-recordkeeping-and-transcript-pdf-download-p848.aspx>
- *High School at Home: Turning Possibilities into Reality* <https://store.hsllda.org/11-7-2015-high-school-at-home-turning-possibilities-into-reality-symposium--recorded-event-p817.aspx>

Planning

- "Your Teen's High School Plan: An Opportunity to Customize" https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2018/March-your-teens-high-school-plan.asp?utm_source=HSLDA%20email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter
- "The Pros and Cons of Different Course Options" <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2017/july.asp>

Transcripts & Recordkeeping

- "High School Recordkeeping: Let's Simplify the Process" <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2016/February.asp>
- "Transcript Preparation: You Can Do This!" <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2016/november.asp>
 "Three Proven Methods to Evaluate High School Credits" <https://hsllda.org/content/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7642>
 "Streamline the Grading Process" <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2016/october.asp>
 "Let's Calculate a Grade Point Average" <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2016/May.asp>
- Fast Transcript Service: <http://store.hsllda.org/high-school-transcript-service-p262.aspx>

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- Sample Transcript Forms: <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts>
- "The Inside Track on Lesson Planning" <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2016/september.asp>
- "Making the Most of Both Electives and Extracurricular Activities"
<https://hslida.org/content/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7512>
- "Let's Be Honest about Honor Courses" <https://hslida.org/content/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7595>
- Course Descriptions Examples: <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/academics.asp#CD>

Honors

- National Honor Societies (for homeschoolers): <https://hslida.org/highschool/academics.asp#nationalhonorsocieties>
- "High School Awards: Showcase Your Teens' Specialties"
<https://hslida.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2017/February.asp>
- "The Heart of Volunteering: Ways to Engage Your Teens" <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2017/august-The-Heart-of-Volunteering-Ways-to-Engage-Your-Teens.asp>

Study Skills & Time Management Skills

- "Developing Teens to Be Independent Learners" <https://hslida.org/content/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7410>
- "Study Skills: Your Teen's Path to Future Success" <https://hslida.org/content/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7474>
- "Teaching Teens Time Management Skills" <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2017/October-Teaching-Teens-Time-Management-Skills.asp>

College Links

- "The College Search and Application Process" <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2017/September-The-College-Search-and-Application-Process.asp>
- "College Here We Come – The Application Process" <https://hslida.org/content/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7177>
- "The PSAT: A Litany of Choices for College-Bound Students"
https://hslida.org/content/highschool/newsletters/December_2015.asp
- "College Entrance Tests: Making Sense of the ACT, SAT, and CLT"
<https://hslida.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2016/December.asp>
- "The Benefits of AP® and CLEP Tests for College-Bound Teens"
<https://hslida.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2016/April.asp>
- "Saluting the Military's Homeschool Policy" <https://hslida.org/content/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7536>
- College Board Website: www.collegeboard.com
- The Common Application: www.commonapp.org
- SAT registration (Homeschool code: 970000) www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html
- ACT registration (Homeschool code: 969999) www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html
- CLT and CLT¹⁰ registration: www.cltexam.com/
- ACT Aspire information www.discoveractaspire.org/

College Search Engines

- HSLDA website: <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/college.asp#FC>
- College Board: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>
- Christian College Guide: www.christiancollegeguide.net/
- Peterson's Guide: www.petersons.com
- National College Fairs: www.nacacfairs.org/
- Forbes Top College Matchmaker Quiz: <https://www.forbes.com/top-college-quiz/>

Performing Arts and Visual Arts

- National Portfolio Day Association: www.portfolioday.net/
- Performing and Visual Arts College Fairs: www.nacacfairs.org/attend/pva/
- National Association of Schools of Music: <https://nasm.arts-accredit.org/>
FAQs: <https://nasm.arts-accredit.org/students-parents/>

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NCAA

- Instructions for Homeschool students: www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/home-school-students
- NCAA Eligibility Center: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

Financial Aid Links

- "Scholarships and Financial Aid: Covering the Basics" <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2017/april.asp>
- "Hunting for Scholarships – An Education in Itself" <https://hslida.org/content/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?6932>
- Scholarship Opportunities: <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/docs/Competitions.asp>
- Financial Aid Information: Specialized Scholarships, Search Engines (college & scholarship), financial aid, articles and books: <https://hslida.org/content/highschool/college.asp#scholarships>
- US Department of Education: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- FAFSA: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- CSS/Financial Aid Profile: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-101/how-to-complete-the-css-financial-aid-profile>)
- CLT scholarships: www.cltxam.com/scholarships
- Scholarships to study foreign languages important to our country's security are Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Swahili, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu:
www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/foreign-language.htm

Alternative College Path Resources

- AP online courses: https://hslida.org/content/highschool/curriculum.asp#advanced_placement
http://www.hslida.org/highschool/curriculum.asp#advanced_placement
- HSLDA Online Academy offers AP courses and high school essentials: <http://academy.hslida.org/>
- Lumerit Scholar Unbound (formerly "College Plus"): <https://getunbound.org/pricing> and <https://lumerit.com/> based on *College Without Compromise* by Scott & Kris Wightman
- Thomas Edison College, NJ: www.tesc.edu
- Excelsior College, NY: www.excelsior.edu
- Charter Oak State College, CT: <https://www.charteroak.edu/>