

Class of 2021 - Sept 21 Seminar Questions	Counseling / Career & College Readiness Response
When a college application asks, "Do you intend to pursue need-based financial aid?", does it mean FAFSA?	Need based is financial need. Everyone defines it differently. You can always appeal your financial aid decision from the US Dept Education with the school you are applying to.
When are applications open for the OHS scholarships?	March
Which counselors can we get letters of recommendation from for college applications?	Counselor request is automated, yet you do need to share your post high school planning information. You do not request counselor as a teacher recommender.
I am trying to merge Common App and Naviance but I dont know whether I should sign off on the FERPA waiver!	Please research FERPA. It's in your best interest to sign this waiver.
What is the application for financial aid like?	https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/2020-21-fafsa.pdf
Where can we find local scholarships?	OHS Scholarship Webpage
How are seniors going to apply to merit scholarships if they are unable to take the sat?	Yes. Reviewed without scores. School specific.
What is the best way to get started with scholarships?	Review scholarships that are being offered by the schools you are applying to.
I'm worried that credits like P.E will be hard to achieve for seniors. Are there any plans on waiving that second year of PE from our graduation requirements?	Talk to your counselor
Can you please explain WUE?	Western Undergrad Exchange - each school will have different application guidelines, review the school you have of interest & their rules for this scholarship. Overall....its providing you in state tuition even though you are a WA state resident.
Do some teachers have their own set of information they would like from a student in doing a letter of rec? [1]	Yes, you have to ask them when you make your request.
What is the application for financial aid like?	https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/2020-21-fafsa.pdf
Are there any schools in Oregon that give WA residents a break on tuition costs?	WUE https://wuesavingsfinder.wiche.edu/search-results.php
What to do when your parents have a high income level but they aren't going to pay for college and can't get accepted for a need based scholarships	You can appeal with the school, there is a special variation form for this. But you must talk to y our schools financial aid office.
Will SAT testing be offered this fall?	You can view test centers here: https://olympia.osd.wednet.edu/counseling/college_and_career_readiness_center/p_s_a_t_s_a_t_a_c_t_info
What are some resources for finding scholarship opportunities?	Reviewing this in workshop - page

Not specifically financial, but will you go over the process for those of us who are not going to school immediately next fall (ex: gap year, or in my case, 6 months for military training)?	Always apply on time, then you can defer later
Will the senior sessions always be recorded in case I wouldn't be able to attend?	We are attempting to do this each session. Please check the webpage.
Can you connect a completed college application to Naviance?	Yes, mark completed.
There's a chance I might transfer universities/colleges during my 4 year undergrad. When I take out loans, how would I prepare/account for this? I'm not sure if loans can transfer from school to school and I definitely don't want to take out more money than I need.	Your account is held by the federal government, unless you have outstanding fines from the school you are leaving. This all moves with you to each school you attend. You file FAFSA every year for the school you are attending.
How do students with no special minority, sport, or situation find merit scholarships?	Community Based, Volunteering, Career based scholarships
The FSA website says : "You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member." Does this mean my child has to create the ID for himself? Is the FSA in the child's name, or the parents?	Your name
When should we start filling out the FAFSA and CSS profile?	Oct 1st FAFSA - only if requested CSS.
Are recommendation letters always required on an application or are they supplemental?	Each school has their own requirement.
Tips/programs for applying for scholarships.	APPLY EARLY & APPLY OFTEN
Our daughter will be at SPSCC this year for all her classes, but we don't want her to miss out on senior things activities and events at the high school, what should we do?	Stay informed with info on the Senior Info page, the OHS website, and through Skyward
are student and parent PINs different for FAFSA/WAFSA?	yes.
At what age do students no longer need to report their parents income on the FAFSA?	I believe it is 23 but I will check.
Do you need to get a PIN number before registering (oct.1) or can you get it when registering for FAFSA?	Pin is great to have to get going on Oct 1st, usually takes 24 hours to return information.
How do I get my transcript to colleges?	Naviance . Lessons during Senior Social Studies classes
How do we submit transcripts to colleges?	Naviance . Lessons during Senior Social Studies classes
how important is the FAFSA even if I don't need financial aid	If you are potentially going to receive merit or athletic scholarships, schools will require it to be on file for you.
What is the application for financial aid like?	https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/2020-21-fafsa.pdf
Who can we go to for help with applications?	Mrs. Boelts or Bridget in the College and Career Readiness Center
Will students receive any personal guidance from counselors or are we on our own unless we ask specific questions?	Mrs. Boelts or Bridget in the College and Career Readiness Center can help with any questions

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[1] Responder updated this value.