All colleges have an application. Typically, you can submit a vocational, technical, 2-year or 4-year college/university application online and sometimes in person, or by mail.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY TO MOST COLLEGES?

Your official transcripts from high school and college if you have earned college credit
Your test scores from the SAT or ACT

WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS MIGHT I NEED TO COMPLETE A 4-YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATION?

Personal Statement – a way for the college to get to know you and why you are interested in the school
Short Answer Responses – additional questions that may focus on specific concepts, such as diversity, culture and examples of persistence/overcoming adversities.
Activity Log/Resumé – a list of extracurricular activities that can include clubs, sports, jobs and anything you do outside of school.
Letter of Recommendation – a letter from a teacher, counselor, coach, etc. that can speak to your qualities, characteristics and capabilities.

GOOD TO KNOW:

Some programs like apprenticeships, vocational and technical certifications have a unique application process. Check out Inl.wa.gov for more information on apprenticeships or visit sbctc.edu for vocational and technical training programs.

ANYTHING ELSE?

You may need to pay a fee in order to submit a college application.
However, you may eligible to receive a fee waiver:
• If you are a College Bound Scholarship student
• If you receive free and reduced price lunch
• If you participate in programs like TRiO, Upward Bound, or GEAR UP
• If you are a youth in foster care
• If you took the SAT or ACT with a fee waiver
• Contact your high school counselor, college admissions office, National Association for College Admission Counseling, or The College Board to inquire about fee waivers.

DON’T FORGET:

You could be competing against MANY other applicants. Make sure your answers are a clear and true representation of who you are and how you have prepared yourself!

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