# West Linn High School College Process 2020-2021 School Year

# College.....

- \* College as a home
- \* Partnership
- \* Public vs. Private
- \* Prioritization and Organization
- \* Options



# Standardized Testing...Now what???

- **SAT Reasoning Test** (writing optional)
- ACT (writing optional)
  \*\*It is always advisable to take the writing portions of tests
- SAT Subject Tests (English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and World Language)- need to check college admission requirements to see what they require!

# Registration

#### **SAT & Subject Tests**

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

#### www.act.org

\*\*Students have been able to register for tests but Oregon testing facilities have not opened for testing causing cancellation of testing dates for students.



#### **Oregon Public University Requirements**

College	Admission Standards	Deadline
Eastern Oregon	2.75, SAT* or ACT*	Rolling
Oregon Tech	3.0 SAT* or ACT*	Rolling
Oregon State Oregon State Cascades	3.0 (test scores optional for admission*) Insight Resume	Nov 1 (Early Action) or February 1 (Regular)
Portland State	3.0 SAT* or ACT*	Rolling
Southern Oregon	3.0, SAT* or ACT*	Rolling
Univ of Oregon	Will consider 3.0 & above Essay Required (test scores optional for admission*)	Nov 1 (Early Action) or January 15 (Regular)
Western Oregon	3.0 if below 3.0, 1060-1130 SAT* or 23 ACT*	Rolling

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#### Oregon State University -University Honors College (UHC)

- The University Honors College at OSU no longer requires a separate application if you apply by Nov 1. High school students, applying for Fall 2020, apply to UHC by filling out the Honors College Application Section of the OSU undergraduate application. Only one transcript is required Although applicants submit a joint OSU/UHC application, they will receive two separate admission decisions. First year applicants who applied to OSU without filling out the UHC section can still apply by submitting the first year UHC application on the UHC website.
- → Early Round Deadline November 1. Applicant will receive a UHC admission decision letter via mail by December 31.
- → Primary Round Deadline February 1. Applicant will receive a UHC admission decision letter via mail by March 31.

Minimum criteria for first-year students:

- 3.75 cumulative un-weighted GPA OR
- $\rightarrow$  1300 on the SAU OR
- $\rightarrow$  27 on the ACT

#### University of Oregon-Clark Honors College

- To apply to the Clark Honors College (CHC), applicants must complete a single online application (Oregon App., Common App., or Coalition App.). If you apply to UO (but not CHC) during the early admissions cycle, you can still apply to the CHC during the regular admissions cycle by completing the supplemental CHC application form. The CHC application requires an additional essay and description of accomplishments. The essay is an important component of your application to CHC.
- Only one transcript from the student's high school is required. UO and CHC share the transcript. The same is true for your SAT/ACT scores.
- → Early Notification Deadline November 1 Applicant will receive a decision by December 15.
- Regular Notification Deadline January 15 Applicant will receive a decision by April 1.
- Acceptances for UO and CHC will be received at the same time, two separate letters.
- Average Incoming Students:
- Median GPA 3.90
- Score in 90+ Percentile of Test Takers

## Univ. of Cal and Cal State schools...

- University of California schools require that students meet an "Eligibility Index" (see UC website – <u>www.universityofcalifornia.edu</u>) before applying. <u>The deadline for all of their applications are Nov 1 – 30!!!</u>
- California State schools require that students meet an "Eligibility Index" (see Cal State admissions website – <u>www.csumentor.edu</u>). <u>The</u> <u>deadline for all of their applications is Nov 30!</u>

\*\*\*Both types of public schools in California still require one year of a tine/performing art.

\*\*\* Both types of public schools in California are also test optional this year!

# **Early Action**

Under this plan, highly qualified candidates who apply early may receive offers of admission by mid-December. Unlike the Early Decision Plan, the Early Action Plan does not allow an institution to request an applicant to make a prior commitment to enroll, indicate college preferences, or make and response to an offer of admission until the traditional May 1 candidates reply date.

# Early Decision/Binding

Some colleges offer to notify applicants of acceptance or rejection during the first semester of their senior year. Two types of early decision plans exist:

- 1. <u>Single Choice Plan</u> Students cannot apply to other colleges until the early decision college has notified them.
- <u>First Choice Plan</u> Students may apply to other colleges, but must name the early decision as their first choice and agree that, if accepted, you are <u>honor-bound</u> to attend the early decision college. If denied for early decision, your application will be reconsidered with other applications as if you have never applied earlier.

# "Easy" or Priority Applications

- → Some schools have been sending applications to students that do not require an essay, possibly no recommendations, and sometimes NO application fee.
- → It is OK to submit these applications if you are interested in that particular college or university, but DO NOT do so without consultation with your parents, counselors, or even without further research into the school itself. Sometimes applying to these particular schools can "bind" you to that school, prohibiting you from applying anywhere else!!!
- → It is advisable to do the Common Application whenever possible (even for priority apps)!

# Naviance... Remember

Let us remind you :)

**Private University** and/or Common Application Admissions **Process** 



## Private University Admissions Process (Step 1)

#### See your counselor!

#### Common App Schools Only:

- → Set up Common App username and login (write it down)!!!
- → Fill out Common Application (used for most private schools see list online <u>www.commonapp.org</u>). Add all colleges to Common App site (under My Colleges).
- → Once registered for Common App and have Education section filled out, the student can fill out the FERPA waiver on Common App. Must check "Yes, I waive my rights...".
- → Make sure to then "Match" the Common App to Naviance (required for electronic rec letter submission).
- → Proofread and submit essays.



## Private University Admissions Process (Step 2)Transcript Request

For step by step Naviance Instructions, follow the "Naviance Student Instructions" Link listed below the presentation.



### Private University Admissions Process (Step 3) - Recommendations

#### Teacher / Counselor Recommendations

- Check out fillable form required for you to do before requesting letters of rec:
- → Give copies of Recommendation Form to teacher and counselor and request letter - <u>PROVIDE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS</u> <u>NOTICE!!!</u> Counselor will consult with student on individual recommendations. Recommendations are usually only for private colleges. Do not ask for letters of rec for public colleges unless the college asks you for one.
- → Counselor and Teacher will submit Common App/Private College forms and rec letters online through Naviance.



# Important Notes...

- Online college applications and teacher/counselor evaluation information + transcripts can be submitted at separate times. As long as all are received by the due date, the student's application process will be complete!
- Use the Naviance links provided on website to navigate the Naviance system
- Students and parents can check the status of teacher/counselor online submissions through the Naviance program.
- If you are requesting a fee waiver from a college, please discuss this with your counselor!

# **Tuition and Financial Aid**

#### → FAFSA (must be completed <u>AFTER October 1</u>)

Parents/students CAN request their PIN earlier, which they will need to fill out the FAFSA!

Beware of scams. Go to Naviance, under resources for FAFSA link!

You can check out this recording from ECMC on September 16th at:

https://ecmc.zoom.us/rec/share/OFNTdLuGgHy5BT55ZSyqQcD3PeJcux8DA8hQgBORps-rRMaJKeR-Rq2iy-tT6 sVD.g5Clt6eqgeMMscR0?startTime=1600703519000

This is the link to the ECMC Learning course "Paying for College" that we recommended during the webinar: <u>https://www.ecmclearning.org/registration/index.cfm?accesscode=TCP-OR&cid=1624</u>

→ **CSS Profile** (only required for certain schools)

Go to Naviance, under resources for CSS link! You can fill out CSS Profile and FAFSA after October 1.

- → WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange) Check applicable schools on <u>http://wiche.edu/wue</u>. WUE is treated as a scholarship program...GPA and test scores required!!!!
- → Scholarships (Institutional, Private, Local)
  Go to Naviance, under scholarships for more info!

# **Oregon Promise**

Oregon Promise is a state grant program that covers some or all of the tuition at an Oregon community college. Oregon Promise is for recent Oregon high school graduates and GED recipients who enroll in an Oregon community college within six months of graduation.

Who is eligible?

You must meet <u>all</u> of the following criteria:

- Be a recent Oregon high school graduate or GED recipient
- Have a 2.5 cumulative high school GPA or higher
- Enroll at least half-time at an Oregon community college within 6 months of high school graduation or GED completion
- Be an Oregon resident for at least 12 months prior to enrolling in community college

## **Important Dates**

Oct 5 - College Process and Naviance instructions available

Oct 19 - Public versus Private College Information available

Nov 5 - Financial Aid zoom with Tim Tank (Morgan Stanley) for families

Nov 17- Financial Aid zoom with Michael MacKelvie for families

# Thanks!

#### Any questions?

You can find us at the West Linn High School Counseling Page!

https://www.wlwv.k12.or.us/page/3238