

Ralph R. McKee CTE High School



College Planning Guide

2018-19

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Junior Year Timeline

Junior year is the biggest and most important year of your high school career. When you begin applying to colleges in your senior year, junior year will be the most recent grades they can review, so make this year count!!

FALL

- Begin **researching** colleges
- Take a **campus tour** at any college nearby – CSI, St. John's, Wagner, for example – just to get an idea of what different campuses are like and what type you may be interested in
- Make a list and begin narrowing down your ideas for **majors and careers** you would like to go into
- Sign up for **scholarship websites** and *check your email often* for updates
- Keep track of your best **Career & Technical work** and begin to put together a **portfolio**

WINTER

- Make sure you have an account with www.collegeboard.org and www.khanacademy.org and connect them for **free personalized SAT prep**
- Get involved in *extracurricular activities* and *community service*.
- If there are no clubs/groups at school that you're interested in, see if you can create one!
- Prepare for the **School Day SAT** on **March 27th, 2019**
- Make a list of colleges you may be interested. Make it a big list (**at least 10-15 schools**) of different types of schools

SPRING

- Take the **School Day SAT March 27th**; Register for the May or June SAT and the ACT
- Meet with your Counselor to plan your *senior year courses* that will give you a better chance of getting into a college for your *preferred major*
- Go on **campus visits** and speak to **college representatives** at your school
- Talk to your coach and Counselor about **NCAA requirements** if you want to play sports in college
- Complete your **resume** – include high-levels classes you've taken, any awards/recognitions you've received, activities, volunteer and work experience. Have someone look it over.
- Draft your personal statement/college essay
- Request recommendation letters from teachers (Get *Recommendation Cheat Sheet* from room 307)

SUMMER

- Register for the October or November SAT and ACT.
- Register with the **NCAA Eligibility Center** if you want to play in college
- **Visit** colleges on your list
- Update your resume with a **summer job** or **internship**

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

This is it! Senior year is the busiest year you'll have in high school. Remember that even though you're focusing a lot of energy on making your college applications perfect, it is still important for you to keep up on your work in school, too! There are tons of resources around the school and people around to help you, so be sure to be proactive and use whatever help is offered to you.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER:

- Remember that senioritis is **not** an option and you need to continue to work as hard this year as you did last year!
- Make an **email address** that is *professional* and that *you will check often*.
 - Example: FirstnameLastname@gmail.com
- Meet with your Counselor to *review your transcript*
- Register for the **SAT, SAT Subject Tests** and/or the **ACT** if you have not yet done so.
- Make sure you are updating the status of all your applications on **Naviance Student**
- Check college application **deadlines**.
- Keep visiting college campuses and attend college fairs!
- **FAFSA** opens *October 1*, using your prior-prior year taxes (2016 for the current seniors)
www.fafsa.ed.gov
- File your **TAP** application online at the end of the **FAFSA**.
- Look for **email updates** from FAFSA and TAP.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

- Complete and submit any **Early Action/Early Decision** applications by *November 1*
- Attend **financial aid** workshops and seminars.
- Keep track of applications and update status on **Naviance Student**.
- Research and apply to **scholarships**
- Applications should be submitted **before Winter Break**
- Check if your schools have any **financial aid deadlines** as well

FEBRUARY/MARCH

- Send colleges your **mid-year grade report**.
- Look for college **acceptance notices** in the mail or email
- Register/prepare for *Advanced Placement (AP)* examinations.
- Check your financial aid status at your college or university. Check your **TAP** status on HESC.org.
- Start looking for a **summer job or internship**

APRIL

- Look for college **financial aid packages** in the mail/email
- If you have questions, review your financial aid packages with your Counselor or the colleges' financial aid offices.
- Complete your last college visits before making your decision. Look out for **Accepted Student Events** to help make your decision.

MAY

- **Decide** what college you will attend, sign college letter of intent, accept or refuse the financial aid offered, and send in the required housing and tuition deposits by **May 1**.
- Notify your counselor of any **scholarships** received.
- Follow up with your college about **financial aid** and **orientation**.
- Make sure everything is updated in **Naviance Student** – all colleges you applied to and *responses* you got; *scholarships* awarded; and your *final decision*.

JUNE

- Have your **final transcript** sent to your college after graduation.
- Use your **summer job** to save for your education.
- If you plan to borrow money from the Federal Student Loan Program, complete your **application** and **promissory note**.
- Follow up with your school for information on **placement/assessment tests** or summer support programs.
- *Get ready for your first year of college!*

FACTORS IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Choosing a college is a process that takes time and collaboration between parents and students. It involves a lot of research and a lot of choices, but it does not have to be as daunting as it sounds. Starting your college search, the most important elements can be broken down and considered as follows:

- ❖ **Commute from home or live away**
 - Either way, you can have a great college experience, but they will be different. Talk to family and friends to get ideas and opinions on both sides.
- ❖ **Location, location, location**
 - While this isn't the same level of importance as picking your major, this is still a hugely important part of your decision-making process when it comes to choosing schools.
 - Commute within Staten Island? To another borough? Drive to Jersey?
 - Dorming: Home on the weekends or just the holidays?
 - College campus in the middle of a lively city or quiet suburbia? Or something in between the two?
 - Do you like it cold or hot or seasonal like NYC?
 - Where is your career field growing?
- ❖ **Four-year or two-year**
 - This choice largely depends on what area you are studying and what degree you are pursuing. Community college offers low-cost options for either vocational/technical training or the first two years of a four-year program.
- ❖ **School size & Diversity**
 - Small school – opportunities for more personalized attention from professors
 - Large school – may have better funded facilities like research labs, library, athletic fields, etc
 - Are you hoping to mingle with people from all around the world?
 - Is it important that you find students that share your faith and/or cultures?

❖ College type

- Choosing among different college types is dependent upon your career goals and the type of college experience you are looking for:
 - **Liberal Arts colleges** focus on broad skills in thinking and writing, not narrow preprofessional skills. Courses such as religion, philosophy, literature and sociology are often required of all students. Most are private, classes tend to be small, and you are likely to get more personal attention than in a large university.
 - **Universities** are generally larger than colleges and offer more majors and research facilities. Most are subdivided into smaller colleges or schools (School of Engineering, Teacher's College, etc.).
 - **Technical and career colleges** offer training for specific occupations or industries. Examples include art schools and maritime colleges.
 - **Religiously affiliated colleges** are private colleges that are associated with a particular religious faith. The connection may range from being historic only, to being closely integrated into day-to-day student life.
 - **Historically Black Colleges** originated in the time when African American students were denied access to education at most other colleges and universities. Their mission remains focused on the education of African Americans.
 - **Hispanic-serving colleges** are designated as such because Hispanic students make up over 25% of the full-time undergraduate population.

❖ Majors and Academic programs

- Know what you want to study?
 - Research school's popular majors to find where they put the most funding and support
 - Research where a school's graduates go on to work after graduation
- Not sure what you want to study?
 - Look for schools that offer a broad range of programs
 - Use your time in college to explore different options

❖ Cost

- Of course cost is a very important consideration in searching for colleges. But, don't let the price tag scare you away from some colleges that might be a good fit. Explore college websites for financial aid calculators and find out how much you might be eligible for to offset the costs. Colleges also offer specific scholarships, and there are tons of non-school-specific scholarships out there to offset the cost, as well.

Researching Colleges

After taking the time to carefully consider all of these questions, it's time to begin researching colleges that fit your preferences. There are brochures and books available in the college office. You should also utilize websites with college search functions such as:

- ❖ Naviance Student – College Super Match
- ❖ College Board's Big Future - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.com
- ❖ College Navigator - <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- ❖ College InSight - college-insight.org/
- ❖ Cappex – www.cappex.com
- ❖ Niche – www.niche.com
- ❖ FastWeb Scholarships – www.fastweb.com
- ❖ Peterson's - www.petersons.com/

Researching colleges online is an important first step, but **nothing beats actually visiting the school**; seeing the campus, talking to students and staff, maybe even sitting in on a class. Colleges offer scheduled campus visits all year long, so as you're researching your schools online, browse their website for info on campus tours.

Your Final List

It is suggested that you have your final list of schools to apply to by the end of summer before your senior year. We recommend a minimum of *8 to 10 schools*, with at least 2 "safety" schools*, 2-4 "target" schools*, and 1-2 "reach" schools*.

- ✓ ***safety schools** - student's GPA and SAT scores are *above* the middle 50% of previously admitted students at a specific school
- ✓ ***target schools**- student's GPA and SAT scores are *within* the middle 50% of previously admitted students at a specific school
- ✓ ***reach schools** - student's GPA and SAT scores are *below* the middle 50% of previously admitted students at a specific school

Example: SUNY Buffalo State

Average GPA accepted 2018: 82-90

SAT: 950-1130

For a student with a GPA of 78 and SAT score of 880, SUNY Buffalo is a "reach" school

For a student with a GPA of 95 and SAT score of 1350, SUNY Buffalo is a "safety" school

For a student with a GPA of 88 and SAT score of 1050, SUNY Buffalo is a "target" school

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

National Association for
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Guiding the way to 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

TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

CUNY APPLICATIONS

Applying to **CUNY (City University of New York)** is done completely online. There are no paper applications available. It is very important you know and input your **OSIS #** on your application; your official transcript will be automatically sent to the **UAPC (University Application Processing Center)** via your **OSIS #**. SAT/ACT scores will be sent by the Counselor.

- Create a **CUNY Application** Account at www.cuny.edu or <http://www2.cuny.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/cuny-application/>.
- Login to the **CUNY Portal**, and fill out and submit the Admission Application – select *Undergraduate Application*.
- Be sure to enter your **OSIS number**.
- Pay your application processing fee or enter your fee waiver code.
- You can apply to up to **6 CUNY** schools and pay **ONE** single application fee: \$65.
- Priority deadline is February 1.

Macaulay Honors College

- The following campuses are part of the **Macaulay Honors College**:
 - Baruch College, Brooklyn College, City College, Hunter College, John Jay College, Lehman College, Queens College, College of Staten Island
- You must list the order of **Macaulay Honors College** campuses you are applying to in order of preference.
- Deadline to apply: December 1 at 6pm.
- You will receive an admission decision first as a *General Admission* February 1st. A decision of admission for the *Macaulay Honors College* will be received by March 15th.
- Two recommendation letters required
- Two essays required

SUNY APPLICATIONS

If you are applying to a **SUNY (State University of New York)** school, you may use the **SUNY** application or the **Common App**, if it is a participating school.

- **SUGGESTION:** *If you are using the CommonApp for ANY private schools, use it for your SUNY schools as well!*
- Go to www.suny.edu/applysuny to complete the application. Start with the application worksheet to help you get all your information together.
- There is a \$50 fee for **EACH SUNY** college you apply to.
- Information and forms will be sent online to your Counselor to complete and send in.
- You can check the status of your application at www.suny.edu/appstatus.

SCHOOL-SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS

If a college you are applying to does not participate in the **Common App**, you must apply using the school's specific application. This may be on paper or online (most likely online).

- Some school-specific applications allow everything to be uploaded online (transcript, teacher evaluation forms, recommendation letters, school report, etc.). If your application materials **CANNOT** be uploaded online, you must bring hard copies to your Counselor to be filled out and sent in the mail to your school.

Standardized Test Scores

You must send score reports to your colleges! You can send your SAT scores to **FOUR** colleges for **FREE** at registration, and the rest are an additional \$11.25 after you get your scores. You can send your ACT scores for \$12 per school. A few tips to save you money:

- We are able to send scores **free** from McKee to *all* CUNY schools. We can also send them for free to most SUNY schools, but you must ask your admissions representative if they will accept it.
- **Use your free SAT spots to send scores to your top schools right away.** Your college choices will notice that you sent your score in as soon as you could.
- **If you used a fee waiver, you are eligible to send your score to an additional FOUR colleges for FREE**
- Keep your www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org login information handy. You need this if you have to register to take the test over; you need it if you have to send your scores to more schools after registration; you need it to log in and get personalized information about your test scores.

SAT TEST DATES 2018-19

TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
Nov 3	Oct 5	Oct 24
Dec 1	Nov 2	Nov 20
March 9	Feb 8	Feb 27
*March 27		
May 4	April 5	April 24
June 1	May 3	May 22

*March 27 is the SCHOOL DAY SAT

ACT TEST DATES 2018-19

TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
Dec 8	Nov 2	Nov 19
April 13	March 8	March 25
June 8	May 3	May 20

Test fee per test option

SAT test - \$47.50, with essay \$64.50

Late Registration Fee - \$29

Change Fee - \$29

ACT (No Writing) - \$50.50

ACT Plus Writing - \$67

Late Registration fee - \$30

Change Fee - \$30

Secondary School Report:

A Secondary School Report (SSR) is submitted by your School Counselor. This report tells the colleges about McKee and the opportunities and types of classes (Honors, AP, CTE, etc.) we offer. This is important because colleges can see if you took the most challenging classes available or not.

- **CUNY:** Does not require or request a SSR.
- **SUNY:** The SSR is automatically requested in the SUNY CounselorConnect portal and is immediately submitted when your transcript is submitted.
- **CommonApp:** Required for all schools, and submitted
- **Other schools:** As with everything else mentioned above, every school outside of these forms will be different. Almost all will request an SSR. Make sure you completely read through your application confirmation page. They may give you links to forms for you to print out and bring to your Counselor. Read all of your application requirements FULLY!!

Supplementals

Supplemental material will be asked of you from some schools. All SUNY apps are finished when the supplemental applications are complete. For most SUNY schools, the supplemental is your essay and senior course load. For schools that focus on art, architectural or graphic design, you may be asked to complete and submit a portfolio. **Pay close attention to what is asked of you after you press the SUBMIT button!!**

FEE WAIVERS

If your household income falls under a certain amount, you may be eligible for fee waivers. There are fee waivers available for the SAT & ACT tests, and for college applications. If a student receives free or reduced lunch, they are eligible for any of these fee waivers. If a student is not enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program or their eligibility is difficult to determine. The following chart of Income Eligibility Guidelines by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services is used to determine fee waiver distribution:

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$22,459
2	\$30,451
3	\$38,443
4	\$46,435
5	\$54,427
6	\$62,419
For every additional member, add \$7,992	

FINANCIAL AID

When it comes to financial aid, you will have to learn a new set of vocabulary of acronyms. Listed below are some of the most important terms you'll have to learn and understand for the financial aid process.

COA (Cost of Attendance) – This is the sum of every estimated dollar amount that will be required at a specific school. COA includes tuition, room and board, food and/or meal plans, travel expenses, textbooks, supplies, school fees, and personal expenses.

FAFSA (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – Every prospective college student must fill out the FAFSA as soon after October 1st as possible. By filling it out, you are applying for federal financial aid programs. The FAFSA also needs to be filled out in order for a student to be considered for state and institutional (college-specific) aid, and many scholarships. (An important note: Even if you think your family makes too much money to get financial aid, your very smart child will not be getting *any* school scholarships without filling out the FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov

EFC (Expected Family Contribution) – The total amount that a student's family is expected to pay toward college costs. Determined by the family's income inputted in the FAFSA.

SAR (Student Aid Report) – Summary of your FAFSA; you will receive this a few weeks after you submit your application. Once you get it (check your email!), you must review it carefully for any errors you might need to correct.

CSS PROFILE – Additional financial aid application required by some colleges. It is administered by the College Board, so you can find the list of schools at www.collegeboard.com. The form costs \$9.00 to register and \$16.00 for each college listed. Fee waivers are available.

Financial Aid Calculator – Offered on MOST college and university websites. Families can input their general financial information and the school will give you an estimate of what may be offered to you based on historical trends in federal financial aid. This helps greatly in the planning process.

EOP (Educational Opportunity Grant) - comprehensive programs for economically disadvantaged students who do not meet regular academic admissions requirements but show promise for mastering college-level work. Available to full-time students only, the programs provide educational and financial support to qualified students.

Grants/Scholarships – Money awarded that does not have to be paid back.

Loans – money awarded that does have to be paid back, most often with interest. The total amount you will end up paying back depends on the interest rate on the loan and how fast you are able to repay your loans after you leave college.

SOURCES OF AID

When it comes to college, there is such a thing as *FREE MONEY!* It's my favorite phrase at this time of year. Free money is money you are given by the state or federal government or school that goes toward your tuition but you do NOT have to pay it back! FREE MONEY!! The following is a list and description of the different types of free money available to you:

- **Pell Grant**
 - Federal Government money with a maximum amount per year of \$6,095. Pell is a need-based grant, which means that eligibility is based on federally determined EFC*. For example, for a full time student: $EFC = \$0 = \$6,095$ (max Pell Grant).
- **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**
 - New York state grant with a maximum per year of \$5,165. TAP is a need-based grant for New York state residents only, attending a New York state school. Eligibility is based on NYS taxable income. This money is only applied to tuition.
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)**
 - Federal Government money with a maximum per year of about \$4,000. This grant is for low income students and eligibility is determined by each different college.
- **Institutional Grants / Scholarships**
 - The maximum amount per year varies by each school. Can be based on need, merit, or special talent. Grants can range from \$250 to total cost of attendance.
- **Work-Study**
 - Federal money awarded to you that you can earn toward your education. Work study is not guaranteed money, and it is not available up front to pay tuition bills. Consider it potential spending money for personal expenses along the course of the school year.

The following free money grants/scholarships are not as common:

- **Educational Training Voucher (ETV)**
 - Federal government money with a maximum amount per year of \$5,000. This voucher is only for students who are in **foster care**, were adopted from foster care after age 16 or aged out of foster care. Students apply for ETV only after deciding which college they will attend.
- **TEACH Grant**
 - Federal government money with a maximum amount per year of \$4,000. This is for students who intend to teach in a high-needs subject area (math, science, special education), at a high-needs location (Title 1 school). After graduating, student must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years. If student does not teach for required years, grant turns into unsubsidized Stafford loan.
- **Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant**
 - For students who are not eligible for the Federal Pell Grant based on their EFC, but meet the other guidelines. Grant is for student's whose parent or guardian was a member of US armed forces and died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11.

STUDENT LOANS

What kinds of federal student loans are available?

The interest rates shown are fixed rates for the life of the loan.

Federal Loan Program	Program Details (subject to change)	Maximum Annual Award (subject to change)
Direct Subsidized Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For undergraduate students who have financial need • For loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019, interest rate is 5.05% • You're not usually charged interest on the loan during certain periods, such as when you're in school at least half-time • The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is the lender; payment is owed to ED 	<p>Up to \$5,500 depending on grade level and dependency status*</p> <p>For total lifetime limit, go to StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub</p>
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree students; financial need is not required • For loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 5.04% interest rate for loans made to undergraduate students, and o 6.8% interest rate for loans made to graduate and professional degree students • You're responsible for interest during all periods • ED is the lender; payment is owed to ED 	<p>Up to \$20,500 (less any subsidized amounts received for same period) depending on grade level and dependency status*</p> <p>For total lifetime limit, go to StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub</p>
Direct PLUS Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For parents who are borrowing money to pay for their dependent undergraduate child's education, and for graduate or professional degree students; financial need is not required • For loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019, interest rate is 7.6% • Borrower must not have adverse credit** • ED is the lender; payment is owed to ED 	<p>Maximum amount is cost of attendance minus any other financial aid student receives</p>

*Learn about dependency status at StudentAid.gov/dependency.

**Learn about PLUS loans and adverse credit at StudentAid.gov/plus.

Note: Find interest rates on loans disbursed before July 1, 2018, at StudentAid.gov/interest.

For more information on loans, visit StudentAid.gov/loans. Find this fact sheet at StudentAid.gov/resources#loan-programs.

RESOURCES

<p>Searching for & Researching Colleges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/ ❖ www.cappex.com ❖ https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/ ❖ College-insight.org ❖ www.niche.com ❖ Naviance Student – https://student.naviance.com/ralph 	<p>Scholarships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ www.fastweb.com Sign up and make a profile NOW ❖ www.myscholly.com ❖ www.scholarships.com ❖ www.JLVcollegecounseling.com ❖ www.chegg.com
<p>Standardized Test Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ www.sat.collegeboard.com ❖ www.actstudent.org ❖ www.kaplan.com ❖ www.princetonreview.com ❖ www.khanacademy.org 	<p>Essay-Writing Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ www.CollegeEssayGuy.com ❖ www.EssayHell.com
<p>Financial Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ www.fafsa.ed.gov ❖ www.studentaid.ed.gov ❖ www.Finaid.org ❖ www.hesc.ny.gov/ ❖ www.savingforcollege.com 	<p>Further Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ www.usnews.com/education ❖ www.collegeresults.org ❖ Blog.prepscholar.com ❖ www.petersons.com ❖ www.bettermakerroom.org/reach-higher/





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PARENT LETTER FOR NAVIANCE LOG-IN

Naviance by Hobsons is a comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness platform that enables self-discovery, career exploration, academic planning, and college preparation for millions of students across all ages and around the globe.

Naviance Student allows you to:

- **Get involved in the planning and advising process** – Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers
- **Research colleges** – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past.
- **Research careers** – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments
- **Create plans for the future** – Create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned to you by the school to better prepare yourself for your future college and career goals

Naviance Student also lets us share information with you about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities, and other resources for college and career information. You can also use the site to stay in communication with the counseling office.

Steps for registering with our school's **Family Connection** site:

1. Use an internet browser to connect to: <http://connection.naviance.com/Mckee>
2. Locate the **"Are You New Here?"** on the right and click on the "I need to register" link
3. Enter your *personal registration code* in the **New User** box
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to create your own account. Remember to write down your new **USER ID** (email address) and **PASSWORD!**

(Fill in below for your own personal records)

My Family Connection User ID: _____

My Family Connection Password: _____

5. Read the privacy statement and check the "I accept" box. Click submit!
6. You should now be on the **McKee Naviance Student Welcome** page. Once you have your own account, you will sign in using the user name and password you chose during the registration process (you will no longer use the personal registration code)



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STUDENT LETTER FOR NAVIANCE LOG-IN

Naviance by Hobsons is a comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness platform that enables self-discovery, career exploration, academic planning, and college preparation for millions of students across all ages and around the globe.

Naviance Student allows you to:

- **Get involved in the planning and advising process** – Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers
- **Research colleges** – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past.
- **Research careers** – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments
- **Create plans for the future** – Create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned to you by the school to better prepare yourself for your future college and career goals

Naviance Student also lets us share information with you about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities, and other resources for college and career information. You can also use the site to stay in communication with the counseling office.

As a student at Ralph R. McKee CTE High School, you are already registered for your Naviance Family Connection account. Follow the steps below to log in:

1. Use an internet browser to connect to: <http://connection.naviance.com/Mckee>
2. Your **username** is your **OSIS number**
3. Your **password** is your **DATE OF BIRTH**
 - a. Do NOT include 0's – leave single digits as single digits
 - b. DO NOT include slashes
 - c. DO write the full 4-digit year
 - d. Examples: 1262000 ; 1251999 ; 11202001
4. You should now be on the **McKee Naviance Student Welcome** page. You can explore any of the tabs above, and any links to the sides.



Admissions Information Summary – 2018

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Campus Name (by campus type)	Undergraduate Enrollment	SAT Scores** (combined) Scores reflect middle 50%	ACT Scores (composite)	H.S. GPA	Early Decision (ED) or Early Action (EA)		EOP Program	English Language Options	Joint Admissions	Teaching Certificate	Honors Program	Time Shortened Degree	ROTC
					EA	ED							
University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions													
Albany	13,508	1150-1310	23-27	88-94	EA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Grad level	Yes	No	A*, AF*
Binghamton	13,694	1300-1440	28-32	92-98	EA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Grad level	Yes	No	A*, AF*
University at Buffalo++	20,811	1190-1350	25-30	91-96	EA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Grad level	Yes	No	A*
Stony Brook++	17,364	1260-1420	27-32	91-97	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	A*, AF*
SUNY Polytechnic Institute	2,100	1100-1300	24-29	88-94	EA	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	A*, AF*
NYS Ceramics at Alfred University+	510	1000-1050	22-24	84-87	ED	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Yes	No	A*
College of Optometry	Graduate and Professional Degrees Only				No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Cornell University:													
Agriculture & Life Sciences+	3,500	1350-1510	31-34	--	ED	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	A, AF, M, N
Human Ecology+	1,207	1370-1500	32-34	--	ED	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	A, AF, M, N
Veterinary Medicine	Graduate Level Only				ED	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Industrial & Labor Relations+	986	1340-1500	30-33	--	ED	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	A, AF, M, N
Environmental Science & Forestry+	1,791	1180-1320	25-29	90-95	ED	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes*	Yes	No	A*, AF*
Downstate Medical Center (Brooklyn)	225	--	--	--	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	
Upstate Medical University (Syracuse)+	253	--	--	--	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	
University Colleges													
Brockport	7,180	1070-1200	21-26	87-93	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	A, AF*, N*
Buffalo State	8,527	950-1130	19-25	82-90	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	A*
Cortland	6,346	1100-1230	24-26	86-92	EA	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	A*, AF*
Fredonia	4,392	1040-1200	21-27	85-93	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Geneseo+	5,524	1200-1340	25-30	91-96	ED	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	A*, AF*
New Paltz	6,733	1150-1300	24-29	90-95	EA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	A*
Old Westbury+	4,617	990-1130	21-25	83-90	EA	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	A*, AF*
Oneonta+	6,056	1080-1190	21-25	87-92	EA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Oswego	7,100	1080-1240	22-27	86-93	EA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	A*, AF*
Plattsburgh	5,351	1040-1190	21-25	85-92	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Potsdam	3,416	--	--	87-91	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	A*, AF*
Purchase	3,979	--	--	87-91	EA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	
Empire State College+	9,848	--	--	--	No	No	No	No	No	Grad level	No	Yes	
Colleges of Technology													
Alfred State	3,686	970-1140	19-25	80-88	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	A*
Baccalaureate only	1,752	1010-1240	21-27	85-93									
Canton	2,943	930-1100	18-23	79-88	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	A*, AF*
Baccalaureate only	1,932	960-1150	19-24	81-89									
Cobleskill+	2,288	870-1060	18-22	83-93	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	A*
Baccalaureate only	1,243	930-1070	21-25	85-91									
Delhi	3,427	930-1110	19-23	79-87	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Baccalaureate only	1,681	1010-1170	20-23	83-91									
Farmingdale State+	9,552	930-1120	20-24	85-91	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	A*, AF*, M*, N*
Maritime College+	1,641	1170-1220	22-26	86-92	ED	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	A*, AF*, CG*, M, N
Morrisville State+	3,063	870-1060	17-23	78-86	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	A*, AF*
Baccalaureate only	1,016	940-1100	19-23	81-88									

Abbreviations: A = Army, AF = Air Force, CG = Coast Guard, M = Marines, N = Navy

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* Cross-registration (offered at neighboring institutions)

** The SAT ranges above represent combined evidence-based reading and writing and math scores. (The maximum possible total is 1600.)

+ Contains 2017 Data.

++ Enrollment includes Health Science Centers.

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CUNY Admission Profile: Freshman Fall 2018

	General ¹			Support Programs (SEEK/College Discovery) ²		
	High School Average	Mean SAT ⁴ (ERW + M)	ACT (comp)	High School Average	Mean SAT (ERW + M)	ACT (comp)
FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES						
Baruch College	89.9	1350	29	86.7	1100	22
Brooklyn College	88.2	1230	26	80.4	1000	19
The City College of New York	90.1	1250	26	84.4	1060	21
The Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program/CUNY School of Medicine	94.0	1430	29	—	—	—
College of Staten Island	87.2	1160	24	73.3	920	17
Hunter College	90.1	1300	28	86.0	1110	22
John Jay College of Criminal Justice	86.2	1130	23	78.9	980	18
Lehman College	87.2	1120	22	83.2	980	18
Macaulay Honors College	94.4	1460	33	—	—	—
Medgar Evers College ³	76.2	910	16	71.9	880	16
New York City College of Technology ³	81.3	1010	19	72.8	900	16
Queens College	87.9	1210	25	83.6	1030	20
York College	82.5	1040	20	75.9	900	16
COMMUNITY COLLEGES						
Borough of Manhattan Community College	76.0	—	—	71.3	—	—
Bronx Community College	75.5	—	—	70.6	—	—
Guttman Community College ⁴	73.8	—	—	—	—	—
Hostos Community College	75.7	—	—	71.1	—	—
Kingsborough Community College	76.3	—	—	71.3	—	—
LaGuardia Community College	76.1	—	—	71.2	—	—
Queensborough Community College	76.2	—	—	71.3	—	—

¹ Includes students admitted to the Macaulay Honors College and local honors programs. ² Available to New York State Residents only. ³ Based on students admitted to both associate and bachelor's degree programs. ⁴ Based on the first step of a three-step admission review process.



Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Information Summary – 2018

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Campus Name (by campus type)	Undergraduate Enrollment	EOP Freshman Enrollment	2018 Planned Total EOP Enrollment	SAT* Scores (Combined)	ACT Scores (Composite) <small>(Scores reflect middle 50%)</small>	High School GPA	Accepts SUNY EOP FinInfo Form	Summer Program
University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions								
Albany	13,508	200	868	980-1090	19-21	83-89	Yes	Yes
Binghamton	13,694	140	665	1050-1070	20-24	86-90	Yes	Yes
University at Buffalo++	20,811	175	940	1040-1100	18-21	87-91	No	No
Stony Brook++	17,364	150	770	1070-1170	21-24	86-92	No	Yes
SUNY Polytechnic Institute	2,100	15	75	960-1110	--	83-84	Yes	Yes
NYS Ceramics at Alfred University+	510	1	2	850-900	16-18	76-79	Yes	Yes
NYS Colleges at Cornell University		30	109	1190-1320	--	92-96	No	Yes
Environmental Science & Forestry+	1,791	21	42	1010-1090	22-23	85-90	No	Yes
University Colleges								
Brockport	7,180	85	345	850-980	17-19	83-87	Yes	Yes
Buffalo State+	8,527	234	874	870-1000	17-19	78-84	Yes	Yes
Cortland	6,346	35	141	970-1080	20-25	83-87	Yes	Yes
Fredonia	4,392	60	170	870-980	--	77-83	Yes	Yes
Geneseo+	5,524	56	163	960-1060	19-21	83-87	Yes	Yes
New Paltz+	6,733	150	568	940-1060	19-22	82-88	Yes	Yes
Old Westbury+	4,617	68	331	770-950	--	75-83	Yes	Yes
Oneonta+	6,056	74	235	900-980	16-19	80-85	Yes	Yes
Oswego	7,100	105	363	900-990	17-18	81-86	Yes	Yes
Plattsburgh	5,351	75	275	880-1000	15-16	77-83	Yes	Yes
Potsdam	3,416	20	143	--	--	80-83	Yes	Yes
Purchase	3,979	50	197	--	--	79-84	Yes	Yes
Colleges of Technology								
Alfred State	3,686	45	116	850-1000	--	77-82	Yes	Yes
Canton	2,943	70	203	810-930	--	74-81	Yes	Yes
Cobleskill+	2,288	70	129	840-950	15-20	72-84	Yes	Yes
Delhi	3,427	75	172	890-1070	--	74-81	Yes	Yes
Farmingdale+	9,552	30	135	950-1030	18-20	79-82	Yes	Yes
Maritime+	1,641	16	57	980-1050	--	83-91	No	Yes
Morrisville+	3,063	88	186	820-970	--	72-74	Yes	Yes
Community Colleges								
Adirondack+	3,934	31	80	--	--	73-78	Yes	Yes
Broome+	7,129	31	83	--	--	74-79	No	Yes
Dutchess+	9,056	34	119	--	--	72-75	Yes	No
Erie+	11,159	139	438	--	--	75-79	No	Yes
Fashion Institute of Technology+	8,459	82	255	--	--	78-82	Yes	Yes
Finger Lakes+	6,356	52	120	--	--	77-82	Yes	Yes
Fulton-Montgomery+	2,318	17	39	--	--	65-82	Yes	Yes
Genesee	5,976	50	100	--	--	75-83	Yes	Yes
Hudson Valley	11,068	46	119	--	--	73-80	No	Yes
Jefferson+	3,603	40	80	--	--	73-80	Yes	Yes
Monroe+	12,907	100	260	--	--	70-83	No	Yes
Nassau	19,059	21	200	--	--	78-82	No	Yes
Niagara	5,466	22	70	--	--	68-70	Yes	Yes
Onondaga+	10,659	100	267	--	--	65-75	No	Yes
Orange	5,212	25	75	--	--	77-84	Yes	Yes
Schenectady	6,638	30	95	--	--	72-84	No	Yes
Suffolk+	26,756	67	155	--	--	75-79	No	Yes
Ulster+	3,582	78	133	--	--	76-81	No	Yes
Westchester+	12,571	34	133	--	--	70-78	No	Yes

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Educational Opportunity Program

NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS ONLY

What is it?

The State University of New York's Educational Opportunity Program provides access, academic support and financial aid to students who show promise for succeeding in college but who may not otherwise be offered admission. Available to first-time, full-time, matriculated students, the program supports students throughout their college careers within the University.

Support Services

Educational Opportunity Program students receive both academic and financial support. Academic support services may include: personal counseling, academic advisement, tutoring, skill development workshops, supplemental instruction and mentoring. As part of the student's overall financial aid package, the Educational Opportunity Program provides modest financial aid to alleviate non-tuition expenses (e.g., books, supplies, etc.).

Campus Participation

The Educational Opportunity Program is available at all SUNY campuses with the exception of: Empire State College, and Cayuga County, Clinton, Columbia-Greene, Corning, Herkimer County, Jamestown, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Rockland, Sullivan County and Tompkins Cortland Community Colleges.

Fee Waiver

Students submitting applications for EOP consideration may qualify for application fee waivers for their first seven campus choices. If the applicant does not meet both academic and economic eligibility guidelines or, if the campus does not operate an Educational Opportunity Program, the student will be billed for the fee.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for admission to the Educational Opportunity Program a student must: 1) be a New York State resident for 12 months prior to enrollment; 2) require alternate admissions consideration; and 3) qualify as economically disadvantaged according to the guidelines indicated. In selecting students for the program, priority is given to applicants from historically disadvantaged backgrounds. Admission is subject to program capacity.

To be eligible for the program as a transfer, a student must have been enrolled in the EOP, CD/SEEK, HEOP or a similar program at his or her previous college. If the previous college did not have EOP or a similar program, the student may receive consideration for transfer eligibility and should notify the college to which he or she is transferring.

Academic Eligibility

Academic eligibility will vary by campus. To view the EOP freshman profile for each campus, visit www.suny.edu/eop-academics.

Financial Eligibility

The table to the right lists financial guidelines for Educational Opportunity Program eligibility. To be determined economically disadvantaged, a student's household income must not exceed the amount shown for its size, or the student's circumstances must conform to one of the exceptions indicated. Eligibility guidelines may be adjusted slightly each year.

NOTE: Applicants who are deemed ineligible for EOP may still qualify for admission and financial aid through other admissions processes.

EOP Income Guidelines* 2019-20

Household Size (Including head of household)	Total Annual Income in 2017 Calendar Year
1	\$ 22,459
2	30,451
3	38,443
4	46,435
5	54,427
6	62,419
7	70,411
8	78,403*

*Plus \$7,992 for each additional household member in excess of eight.

Exceptions to Income Guidelines

- > The student's family is the recipient of Family Assistance or Safety Net payments through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance; or through a county Department of Social Services; or Family Day Care payments through the New York State Office of Children and Family Assistance;
- > The student is in foster care as established by the court;
- > The student is a ward of the court or county.

2019-20 EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP

 TUITION-FREE SUNY



\$125,000/YEAR	ELIGIBLE FOR ASSOCIATE BACHELOR'S	UP TO 30 CREDITS
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Frequently Asked Questions

If I am interested in the scholarship, what are my next steps?

1. File your FAFSA at fafsa.gov.
2. Continue to the NYS TAP application and complete.
3. Apply for the Excelsior Scholarship at www.hesc.ny.gov.

How do other forms of scholarships and financial aid affect the Excelsior Scholarship?

If you receive a federal or NYS grant or scholarship, including a federal Pell Grant, a NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grant, scholarships for tuition or scholarships not designated for other costs, you must use those first. After those forms of aid are applied, the Excelsior Scholarship will cover the remaining cost of tuition.

What about other expenses such as room & board, books, etc.?

The Excelsior Scholarship covers tuition only. You would be responsible for college fees and other costs such as room and board.

What about credits earned in high school?

Credits earned in high school may count toward the annual 30 credit hour requirement if they are accepted toward your program of study.

What if I don't earn 30 credit hours toward my degree?

Eligibility will be reviewed every semester. If you do not earn 30 credit hours each year you will lose the Excelsior Scholarship and may not be able to reinstate it.

Do I need a certain grade point average to get or keep the award?

You need to meet campus academic requirements for passing and earning credit toward your degree to maintain your Excelsior Scholarship.

What if I decide to move out of New York State after I graduate?

After graduation, you must live and be employed (if working) in New York State for the number of years you received the scholarship. If you do not meet the residency requirement, it becomes an interest-free loan which you will then be required to pay back.

Is this a scholarship or a loan?

This is a scholarship. However, the scholarship converts to a loan when a student does not fulfill the residency requirement. The scholarship does not revert to a loan if the student becomes ineligible and loses the scholarship while continuing his or her undergraduate work prior to graduation. If the scholarship reverts to a loan, that loan will not incur interest.

If I complete my associate degree, can I receive this award to get my bachelor's degree?

Yes, provided the college that you attend accepts at least 60 credits toward your four-year degree, and you meet all other requirements for the Excelsior Scholarship. You must also be continuously enrolled from the associate degree program to the bachelor's degree program, unless you have an approved interruption in enrollment.