

HOW TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE: BASIC STEPS

1. **RESEARCH.** Every college and university has a website with loads of information. Some factors to consider: location, size of student body, programs/majors offered, cost, admission requirements, public vs. private. Use the college search available at www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/
2. **LIST.** Decide on 2 or 3 schools that are a good fit for you. ***Make sure you meet the admission requirements in terms of your GPA and ACT scores. See examples on the back of this page.***
3. **APPLY IN FALL OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR.** Colleges require the following:
 - a. **Submit the application for admission (online is preferred)**
 - b. **Pay the application fee***
 - c. **Turn in a Request for Official Transcript Form to Mrs. Ware, Registrar**
Do NOT request a transcript until the application and fee are submitted!!
4. **FOLLOW UP.** Watch your mailbox for a letter from the schools where you have applied. ***Keep all correspondence you receive!!*** Check your email frequently. For the schools that offer you admission, follow directions about activating your student account (on MocsNet - UTC, PipelineMT - MTSU, MYUTK - UT, TigerWeb - Chatt State, Goldlink - ETSU, APONESTOP – APSU, etc.) forms & fees, applying for housing, orientation, etc.
5. **SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA** as soon as possible but not before January 1, 2014 if you plan to start college in fall, 2014. Use ONLY this website: www.fafsa.gov
6. **MAKE A FINAL DECISION.** If you are offered admission to more than one college/university, you must choose where to actually enroll. If possible, make this decision by May 1. You will want to compare financial aid offers from the different schools in making your decision. **NOTE: financial aid awards come in the form of a letter from each of the colleges where you have been accepted. For many schools, you will find this information by logging into your student account (MocsNet , Pipeline, etc.) then navigating to financial aid awards.** Expect to receive these letters in March or April of your senior year.

**Some schools will accept an application fee waiver if you qualify for the free/reduced lunch program AND you meet minimum GPA & ACT requirements. See Mrs. Bryan*

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!!!!

FINALLY, PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE LETTERS AND FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO MRS. BRYAN AND/OR MRS. BUJE!!