

Steps for applying to College

Step 1: Submit your application.

Pay attention to your college's deadline, requirements, and other relevant application information. A good time to submit applications is during your high school's College Week in October. This year American Fork High School will be having College Week **October 26-30**.

If you are planning on taking some time off from college for humanitarian, religious service, or military service, you should still complete a college application your senior year of high school. After you have been accepted to the college of your choice, then you can apply for a deferment of admissions while you are away.

How to apply:

Collect the required documentation listed below, and then select an application for the school you're planning to attend and follow the steps. All applications will be online. Most schools have a priority (early) deadline, and we encourage all students to meet this deadline.

Information you will need:

- Personal information: full legal name, birth date, address, phone number, e-mail
- Birth place: city, county, state, country
- Contact information of parent/guardian: name, address, phone number, e-mail
- High school name and address, or high school code
- High school transcript
- ACT score (often on transcript)
- High school graduation date (May 27, 2021)
- Admission term requested (example: Fall 2021)
- Length of time living in Utah (may ask for list of activities, such as schooling or work history, to prove residency)
- Driver's license or state ID card
- Social Security Number
- Method of payment for application fee (credit card or fee waiver)

Step 2: Send in your transcript.

After you have completed a college application, you need to send in your high school transcript, including any college transcripts you acquired by taking concurrent enrollment courses. **High School transcripts can be requested and picked up in the Counseling office.**

Step 3: Send ACT scores

Most Colleges/Universities require ACT scores to be sent directly from ACT in order to be considered “official”. When registering to take the ACT test, you can send scores to up to four colleges for free when registering for the test. More information can be found at www.actstudent.org

Step 4: Apply for financial aid.

As soon as your application is complete, the next step is finalizing how you will pay for college. It is important to understand the difference between grants, work-study, scholarships, and loans. Every student should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You never know what kind of grants or low-interest loans you may qualify for. The FAFSA is available October 1st each year.

Visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov> to learn more and fill out the form.

Use the **FAFSA4caster** to see how federal student aid can help you pay for College.

(<https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1>)

Step 5: Apply for scholarships.

In addition to applying for grants and loans, you should also look for scholarships. There are hundreds of available scholarships, and each one will help reduce your overall out-of-pocket cost for college. You should apply for University/College Specific Scholarships as well as private scholarships.

AFHS Scholarship Box Website:

www.scholar-box.com/schools/550/scholarships

Please feel free to contact your counselor if you have any questions!