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Is part of your College Application Missing?

Finally, you sent in your last college application! You can breathe and all the stress and anxiety you had making sure everything was done correctly and on time seems to disappear. Then it happens without warning, the stress and anxiety kicks in. **WHY**, you ask? Because you begin receiving letters indicating that parts of your applications are missing. "That can't be right" you think, but doubts emerge. Don't let this stop you. Make sure you submit all the requested information on time. If you applied to a school which has a Supplemental Application make sure you complete and submit it online or mail it in. The following is a complete list of the SUNY's that have Supplemental Applications. If you applied to any of the schools below, go to the SUNY website www.suny.edu/student and click on the appropriate form. Make sure to correctly complete it and submit it before it's deadline.

Campus	Requirements	Online
Albany, University at	Required	SUNY Form
Alfred State	Required	SUNY Form
Binghamton University	Required	SUNY Form
Brockport, State University College at	Required	SUNY Form
Buffalo State College	Required	SUNY Form
Buffalo, University at	Required	SUNY Form
Cobleskill, College of Agriculture & Technology at	Recommended	SUNY Form
Cortland, State University College at	Required	SUNY Form
Environmental Science and Forestry, College of	Required	Campus Form
Fashion Institute of Technology	Required	Campus Form
Fredonia, State University College at	Required	SUNY Form
Geneseo, State University College at	Required	Campus Form
Maritime College	Required	Campus Form
New Paltz, State University College at	Required	SUNY Form
Old Westbury, State University College at	Required	SUNY Form
Oneonta, State University College at	Required	Campus Form
Oswego, State University College at	Required	Campus Form
Plattsburgh at ACC, State University College at	Required	SUNY Form
Plattsburgh, State University College at	Required	SUNY Form
Purchase, State University College at	Required	SUNY Form
Stony Brook University	Required	SUNY Form
SUNYIT	Required	SUNY Form

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Special points of interest:

- Begin applying for Financial Aid.
- Continue to Search for Scholarships!
- Continue to keep your grades up. Colleges will be looking at your Senior grades too!

Haven't applied to College, yet?

No worries, apply now! Don't wait until you see your friends packing their bags and waving good-bye to you. There are many colleges with rolling admissions. That means that they will continue accepting applications until they are full.

Think Success. Think College.



CHECKLIST TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID (for students who will be in college 2012-2013)

FAFSA Steps

- 'Get a FAFSA PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. This is important; you cannot proceed without one.
- 'Get a FAFSA PIN for one of your parents. (Whoever will be signing the FAFSA.)
- 'Get your 2011 family income documents together (W-2 forms, budget statements, bank statements, tax return forms, etc.)
- 'Fill out the FAFSA (online at www.fafsa.ed.gov preferably in January so you don't miss college "priority consideration" financial aid deadlines. You can easily make changes to it later if necessary.)
- 'Submit your completed FAFSA.
- 'Keep a printed copy of your completed FAFSA for your records.
- 'Look out for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail, email or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- 'Review SAR carefully; make any necessary changes online or on paper. (Please make sure to follow the steps carefully to ensure changes go through.)

TAP Steps

- 'Fill out and submit the TAP application at www.tapweb.org (if you filed your FAFSA online, there will be a link directing you to the TAP application online.)
- 'Keep a copy of your submitted TAP application for your records.
- 'Look for a TAP Award letter in your email (note, it may actually take several weeks.)
- 'Review your TAP Award letter carefully.
- 'If you need to make changes, including the designated college, you can make changes at www.hesc.com.

CSS PROFILE Steps

Determine whether you need to file a CSS PROFILE by looking over the list of colleges online at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>. Call each college or check its website to confirm that it would require this form from you.

If you need to file a PROFILE add these three steps to your checklist:

- 'Register for the PROFILE at www.collegeboard.com. There is a fee of \$25. Additional reports are 16. There are a limited number of fee waivers that are granted automatically based on the information entered on the profile application. The waiver will cover the application fee and the reporting fees for up to 6 colleges or scholarship programs.
- 'Once registered, you can immediately begin to fill out the actual PROFILE online.
- 'Complete the PROFILE and print a copy for your own records. (If you make changes later, you will do so on a printed copy of your PROFILE and send directly to the colleges.)

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR ACCEPTANCE LETTER?

Colleges will **SOON** begin to notify students of admission decisions. CUNY will begin notifying students as early as February 1, 2012. Admission decisions will be sent on a rolling basis by each college to which the student has applied and when you applied. Please be sure to **BRING** in your **acceptance letters** to the **College Office** as soon as you get them. We want to know!

Your acceptance letter will most likely contain some very important information about decisions and deadlines you need to pay close attention to.



Wait Listed

If you've been put on the waiting list at your first-choice school, it can't hurt to let the admissions officer know you're still very interested. Send a letter restating your request to attend and include any recent achievements or high grades.

Because waiting lists are not guarantees of acceptance, you should

consider accepting admission to your second-choice school. You'll want to be sure you're enrolled somewhere for the fall semester so send your deposit by the deadline to be safe. But understand that your money may not be refunded if you are later accepted at your first-choice school and decide to enroll there.

If you are admitted to your first choice, immediately inform other schools where you've been accepted that you will not be attending. The spot you vacate could move another future freshman



CUNY APPLICATIONS

The College Office will be scheduling appointments to assist with the CUNY Online Application beginning Monday, January 9th, during periods 3, 4, 5, &/or 6th. Come by the College Office Room 306 to schedule an appointment for a future date. If you have lost your CUNY Online information packet. We ask all students to download a copy of the information packet from the college link at www.gchs.info. We will only assist students once they have completed the Freshman Application worksheets. Make sure all is complete before scheduling an appointment. Without this information you will not be able to submit it online. Also please bring in your Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number and date it was issued, without this information you also can not complete the application.

SCHOLARSHIPS



	WEBSITE	DEAD-
Albert Shanker	http://www.uft.org/member/education/shanker	1/31/12
Big Sun Athletics	http://www.bigsunathletics.com	6/22/2012
Best Buy	http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/scholarship.htm	2/15/12
Burger King	www.haveyourwayfoundation.org	1/10/12
Carolina Rice	www.carolinarice.com/scholarship	2/15/12
Catholic Teachers Association	Please see Mrs. Mastropietro in the College Office for the Application.	1/30/2012
Gates Millennium	http://www.gmsp.org	1/10/12
Got Milk	www.sammyapplication.com	3/9/12
J.P. Morgan Chase	www.jpmorgan.com/pages/smartstart/ny	1/20/12
KFC	www.kfcscholars.org	2/8/12
Los Padres	http://lospadresfoundation.org/home.html	1/16/12
Magic Johnson	http://www.magicjohnson.com/index.php?/foundation/programs/taylormichaels/application/	2/3/12
Mc Donald's	http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/	1/27/12
Dr. Seuss	www.ohtheplaces.org	1/4/12
U.S. Bank	http://www.usbank.com/student-lending/scholarship.html	3/31/12