

√	<h2 style="text-align: center; color: red;">Senior College Planning Checklist for T.C. Williams High School</h2>
	<p>Meet with your School Counselor. Your counselor is your main point of contact and will submit school-based college application forms, letters of recommendation & transcripts on your behalf.</p>
	<p>Register for the SAT and/or ACT (email Marianne.hawn@acps.k12.va.us to obtain fee waivers if you receive free/reduced meals) and request that your scores be sent to the colleges you are applying to.</p>
	<p>If recommended by a prospective college, register for SAT Subject Tests.</p>
	<p>Update your résumé. Template available in Canvas at T.C. School Counseling Resource Center under College Application Resources.</p>
	<p>Narrow down a list of 5-8 colleges that fit your career interests, academic qualifications & financial circumstances. The College & Career School Counselor and SFA staff are available to help you!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In Naviance: Complete and review your career assessments to help you choose colleges that offer programs of study aligned with your interests. <input type="checkbox"/> In Naviance: Compare your GPA and ACT/SAT score against the ranges provided by each college to ensure you chose a mix of safety, match, and reach schools. <input type="checkbox"/> If you are applying to at least one school using the Common App, create an account and profile and complete the FERPA waiver authorization at commonapp.org, then In Naviance: match your Common App and Naviance accounts using written & video instructions available in Canvas at T.C. School Counseling Resource Center. <input type="checkbox"/> In Naviance: Add Colleges I'm Applying To using instructions & videos available in Canvas at T.C. School Counseling Resource Center -- even if NOVA is the only college on your list! <input type="checkbox"/> Use the Net Price Calculator to <i>get a personalized price for each college you're considering BEFORE YOU APPLY</i>: collegecost.ed.gov/net-price <input type="checkbox"/> If you are undocumented / DACA or have a TPS, student or diplomatic visa, ask for help because your application and financial aid process will be a bit different.
	<p>In Naviance: Request recommendation letters from one or two T.C. teachers at least four weeks before your earliest deadline (written & video instructions available in Canvas at T.C. School Counseling Resource Center). Contact your counselor or Ms. Morris (stacy.morris@acps.k12.va.us) if you wish to request more than two recommendations from teachers who work at T.C.</p>
	<p>If you plan to play a sport in college, register with NCAA Clearinghouse and/or NAIA</p>
	<p>Submit your "Senior Info for Counselor" Google Form" at least two weeks before your earliest deadline.</p>
	<p>Complete the FAFSA starting October 1: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> You may be selected for a process called verification, meaning you will need to provide proof of the information you entered in your FAFSA to your colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Check your email & college application portals regularly so you can respond to verification requests ASAP – delays in responding to verification requests will limit the amount of financial aid you can receive!
	<p>If required by a college on your list, complete the CSS Profile by the priority deadline.</p>
	<p>If English is not your first language and your preferred college requires a TOEFL score, register here.</p>
	<p>Sign up to receive SFA's monthly scholarship newsletter at bit.ly/SFAemail & check out weekly updated scholarship opportunities in Naviance under the Colleges tab.</p>
	<p>Allow time for several drafts of your essay(s) & take advantage of free assistance from CCC & SFA.</p>
	<p>Apply to the NOVA Pathway to Baccalaureate Program if you are considering attending NOVA before transferring to a four-year college. Being accepted to Pathway does not obligate you to attend NOVA.</p>
	<p>Complete the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria application: alexscholarshipfund.org.</p>
	<p>Review financial aid award letters from all your colleges with CCC or SFA. Only AFTER that should you notify a college of your decision to attend, usually by May 1.</p>