

2018

College Application Boot Camp

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Where do I apply?

- **Step 1: Research**

Location, Financial aspect, Major, Requirements, ACT/SAT Scores, Etc. Most or all of this can be found via Naviance!

- **Step 2: College Fairs**

NACAC: National Fairs in Spring and Fall

Local: Purdue Calumet, Merrillville HS, Crown Point HS, Valparaiso University

- **Step 3: College Visits**

Campus Visit Checklist

Best time to visit is when school is in session

Bring back documentation for the Attendance Office

Students are permitted two absences for College Visits

- **Step 4: APPLY**

College Board recommends applying to four schools.

College Application Process

- Complete the applications through the college/university's admissions webpage (or Common Application)
- Many colleges/universities will create an account for the applicant and important information will be sent through THAT account. Examples – Missing documents and acceptance!
- Average application fees range from \$30-\$80 (*Students on free/reduced lunch may qualify for a waiver and should see their counselor.*)
- Request teacher recommendations
- Request transcripts through Naviance (**Colleges/universities may receive this right away but are put in “limbo” for several weeks.**)
- Counselors complete “Secondary School Report” through Naviance
- Send ACT or SAT scores DIRECTLY from the testing agency (ACT.org or collegeboard.com)
- If you want/need to send transcripts for any dual credits, they must be sent BY the college/university from which the credits were earned.

When to Apply

- Application deadlines are posted on admissions websites for each college/university.
- Purdue University: In order to be considered for merit-based scholarships and/or Early Action, student application and all materials must be submitted by ***November 1st***.
- Indiana University Bloominton: Priority deadline for maximum scholarship consideration is ***November 1st***.
- LCHS has Fall Break October 26-October 29th SO we require all documents be in order by **October 18** for those wishing to be considered for the November 1 deadlines.

Common App Schools (Indiana)

www.commonapp.org

Butler University IN

DePauw University IN

Earlham College IN

Goshen College IN

Hanover College IN

Manchester University
IN

Purdue University IN

Saint Joseph's College (IN) IN

Saint Mary -of -the -Woods
College IN

Saint Mary's College of
Indiana IN

University of Evansville IN

University of Indianapolis IN

University of Notre Dame IN

Valparaiso University IN

Wabash College IN

The Common Application

- Includes 5 (lengthy) student information sections
- Essays specific to schools to which the student is applying
- Teacher evaluations
- Counselor reports/evaluations
- **Do NOT use school email (on any applications)**
- **The exact email/name listed on Common Application is used to match with Naviance.**
Matching allows all the documents, transcripts, application, counselor secondary school report, recommendations, etc., to be “bundled” before sending
- **GOOGLE IS YOUR FRIEND!**
 - How do I match Common App to Naviance?
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xluiiLJ5DtQ>



Naviance

Request Teacher Recommendations

- It is good etiquette to personally ask the teacher for the recommendation prior to requesting through Naviance
- It is ALSO good etiquette to give your recommender **at least two weeks** to write the letter.
- With Naviance, if a school only requires ONE letter of recommendation, the first one submitted is the one that is sent to that university.
- If the recommendation is for a scholarship, provide the recommender with an envelope/stamp and address of where to send the letter.

BLOG: www.lcguidance.blogspot.com Scholarships
Summer Programs

Twitter/Instagram – @LCHS_Guidance Scholarships
Deadlines
Scheduling
Events
News

Financial Aid Night – October 18th, 2017

NCAA Eligibility Center www.ncaa.org

NAIA www.naia.org

We do not “Rank”. Instead we give a percentage from the top.

There are 794 students in the Class of 2018 as of 7/24/2017.

LC Class of 2018	
4.596	Highest GPA
4.531	Top 1%
4.311	Top 5%
4.104	Top 10%
3.964	Top 15%
3.781	Top 20%
3.639	Top 25%
3.527	Top 30%
3.396	Top 35%
3.258	Top 40%
3.14	Top 45%
3.017	Top 50%
2.887	Top 55%
2.746	Top 60%
2.642	Top 65%
2.547	Top 70%
2.368	Top 75%
2.187	Top 80%
1.996	Top 85%
1.787	Top 90%
1.475	Top 95%
Class size 794	

SAT/ACT Test Scores

- Please note that the majority of colleges REQUIRE that the SAT/ACT scores be sent DIRECTLY from College Board (SAT) or ACT. They will not accept it from a high school transcript.
- You can do this either the day of the test (for free) or log on to your account and request to be sent (small fee required).
- This is the applicant's responsibility, the high school cannot do this!

SAT/ACT Upcoming Test Dates

- If you would like to retake the SAT/ACT, time is of the essence!

2017 - 2018 SAT/ACT National Test Dates

SAT

Register for the SAT at collegeboard.org

Always check collegeboard.org to confirm test dates and registration deadlines.

*These are projected registration and score release dates based on past history. College Board has not yet released precise dates for these events.

SAT Dates

Aug 26, 2017

Oct 7, 2017

Nov 4, 2017

Dec 2, 2017

Mar 10, 2018

May 5, 2018

June 2, 2018

Registration * Deadline

July 26, 2017

Sept 7, 2017

Oct 4, 2017

Nov 2, 2017

Feb 10, 2018

April 5, 2018

May 2, 2018

Late Registration * Deadline

Aug 13, 2017

Sept 26, 2017

Oct 24, 2017

Nov 21, 2017

Mar 1, 2018

April 14, 2018

May 19, 2018

Score * Release

Sept 15, 2017

Oct 28, 2017

Nov 25, 2017

Dec 23, 2017

Mar 29, 2018

May 25, 2018

June 21, 2018

ACT

Register for the ACT at actstudent.org

Always check actstudent.org to confirm test dates and registration deadlines.

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ACT Dates

Sept 9, 2017

Oct 28, 2017

Dec 9, 2017

**Feb 10, 2018

April 14, 2018

June 9, 2018

Registration * Deadline

Aug 4, 2017

Sept 22, 2017

Nov 3, 2017

Jan 5, 2018

Mar 9, 2018

May 4, 2018

Late Registration * Deadline

Aug 5-18, 2017

Sept 23-30, 2017

Nov 4-17, 2017

Jan 6-19, 2018

Mar 10-23, 2018

May 5-18, 2018

Score * Release

Sept 19, 2017

Nov 14, 2017

Dec 21, 2017

Feb 21, 2018

April 24, 2018

June 21, 2018

**Test date is not available for New York and International Schools.

Scholarships- PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

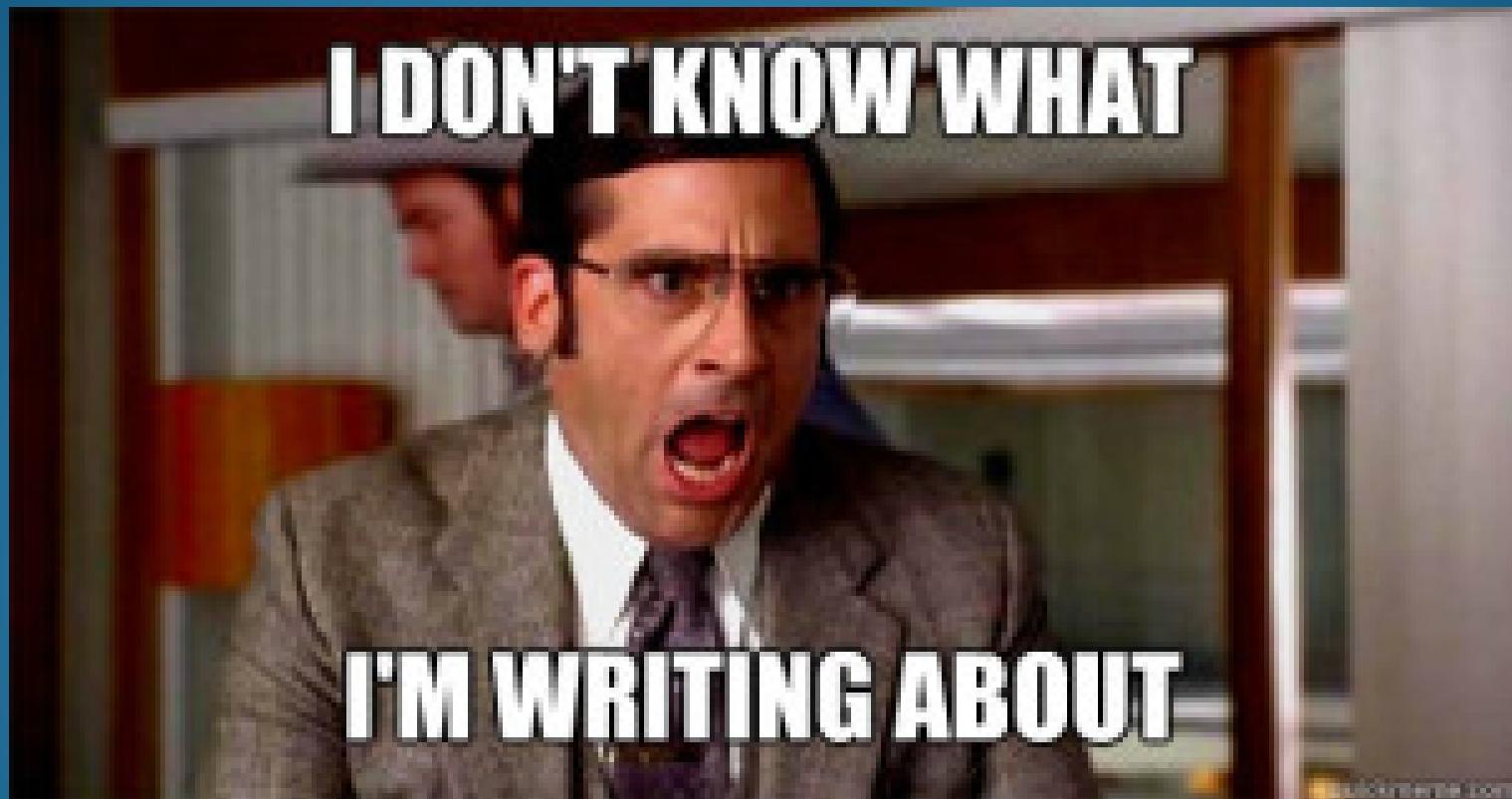
*IU Wells- for any major at Indiana University. Due to LC in mid-September. LC will then interview and select two nominees to submit to IU, where those students then compete with other students from other high schools for roughly 20 scholarships.

*Lilly Scholarship- for any Indiana college. Has a strong financial need component. LC can nominate one student who then competes with other students for one of six scholarships.
OPEN NOW:

<http://www.legacyfdn.org/scholarshipsforseniors.php>

*Many more posted on announcements, Naviance, and blog!

College Essays



Writing Your College

Admissions Essay? These

14 Tools Make It a Breeze

Taken from:

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/writing-college-admissions-essay/>

1. Khan Academy's College Admissions Course

Applying to college is not an easy process to understand! Chances are that you have never applied to college before, so it's difficult to know which steps to do and when to do them. Thankfully, Khan Academy has a video for literally everything. This free course outlines every step of the admissions process, including a video that's specifically about college essays.

2. College Preparedness Sites and Blogs

There are several great sites online dedicated to helping prospective college students tackle the admissions process. You may prefer these sites to video courses when searching for specific or time-sensitive information. Two great options we found are:

College Board

College Express

3. Prospective Schools' Websites

We can't emphasize enough how important it is to go directly to the source for many of your questions. While many schools now accept applications through the **Common Application**, others have their own specific rules. Before finalizing any essay, be sure to check it against the list of requirements put out by each school.

Try searching “admissions essay” on the school’s website (or “[Name of College] + Admissions Essay” on Google) to find this information for each of the **schools you are considering**.

4. **SMART Goal Setting**

Procrastination is easiest when you don’t have a plan in place. **Setting a specific goal** helps keep you on track to get your essay written and perfected in plenty of time. Ignore the fact that this web tool is for veterinary professionals — the concepts apply to students as well! SMART goals are ideal because they ensure that your goal is specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-limited. Once you write out your essay-related goals and create an outline of potential self-imposed deadlines, you will find it much easier to take the process step by step!

5. Self-Control App (Mac) or Cold Turkey (Windows)

It's so easy to sit down at your computer with the best of intentions, only to realize four hours later that you haven't written a single word. You have, however, completely caught up on every social media page, news site, weather forecast, and addictive browser game out there.

There's no denying that self-control can take a lot of energy, but thankfully you can outsource it to an app. Both Self-Control and Cold Turkey allow you to completely block yourself from distractions.

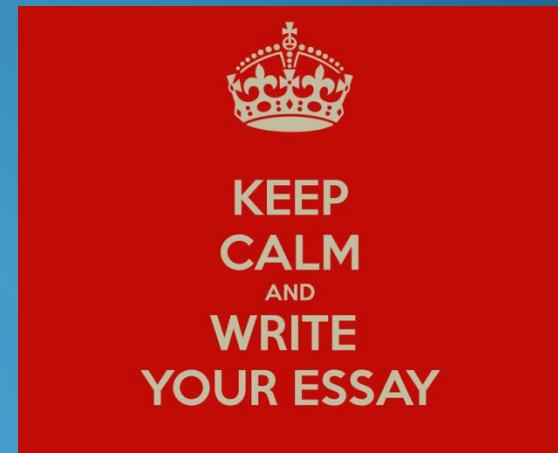
6. Forest (iOS, Android)

Okay, it's great that you can't access any distractions using your computer... but your phone is sitting right next to you. Don't worry, there are apps to help prevent procrastination on your phone too. Forest is one of our favorites because it is adorable, non-aggressive, and surprisingly addictive. To use the app, you plant a virtual tree — as long as you don't check your phone, the tree grows. But, if you check it before time is up the tree will die.

You will be amazed by how quickly you become invested in growing your tiny virtual forest! And, best of all, for each tree you grow a donation is made that helps to fund the planting of real trees!

Get Brainstorming

You know what you're going to write, and you have every conceivable distraction blocked... now it's time to get down to business. Instead of immediately trying to write a full-fledged essay, it might be a better idea to start out with some brainstorming. Getting all your ideas down can be a risk-free and stress-free way to start the writing process.



7. Read Past Success Stories

One of the best ways to get a feel for college applications is to read lots of past essays. But you want to be sure that you read ones that were successful!

[John Hopkins University's admissions website](#) showcases several successful essays each year (dating back to the class of 2017). [AP Study Notes](#) also has a collection of 150 essays for you to peruse.

8. Make a Mind Map

Once you start thinking about an essay prompt your mind may start to travel in eighty directions at once. Harness that energy by using a brainstorming tool like mind mapping, where you write out every idea you have and link them to each other. Then, you have a visual representation of your thought process to look back on when it is time to start writing.

There are many free online mind mapping tools online, but we recommend sites like [MindMup](#), [Mind42](#), or [Storm Board](#) to start.

9. Story2 StoryScape

While you do need to pay for some Story2 features, the free ones are incredibly helpful. The StoryScape tool, for example, challenges you to write for just five minutes about one of the Common Application prompts.

The “Colleges” tool is also super helpful, because it collects the essay prompts for each potential college in a single location.

10. Write or Die

Do you often spend time agonizing over each word you write? While this can sometimes be helpful, other times it can prevent you from getting anything done! Write Or Die is a program that forces you to keep up a pace with your writing — or else it starts to erase what you have already written!

11. StoryToolz

A great option for revising your work, StoryToolz offers several distinct web-based tools to give you feedback on your writing. Try the “Cliché Buster” and the “Readability” tools first! Simply copy and paste your admissions essay into the tool and press submit.

Some of the feedback may not apply (no automated tool is perfect) but you may be surprised by the changes it suggests!

12. WordNik

Having trouble thinking of another word for “great”? Don’t just turn to any random online thesaurus or dictionary! WordNik offers you in-depth definitions as well as accurate synonyms and many examples of how you can use the word in a sentence.

13. Check for Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious concern in higher education. Even if you wrote your essay from scratch, it's always a good idea to ensure it isn't too similar to another person's work. If you have access to **Turn It In** through your school, that program is one of the gold standards for plagiarism checking.

Thankfully, for those of us without Turn It In access, there are also free services like **Plagiarism Checker** and **PlagTracker** available.

14. Review the Writing Traits

- **Ideas: Clear, focused**
 - **Organization: Logical order**
 - **Voice**
 - **Word Choice**
 - **Sentence Fluency**
 - **Conventions**
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- **TRY READING YOUR ESSAY OUT-LOUD BEFORE SUBMITTING!**
 - **SEE IF IT “SOUNDS GOOD” AND FLOWS WELL!**