



Student Instructions for College Application Day

Congratulations! You are taking the first step necessary for going to college – applying! Be aware, there are several things you will need to do after today to complete the college application process. You will also have an opportunity to begin the process of submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which will help you determine the college financial aid you are eligible to receive.

Steps for Applying to College & Receiving Financial Aid

Step 1: If you think you qualify for an application fee waiver, talk to your school counselor. See the end of your College Application Day Worksheet for information on common fee waivers.

Step 2: If you are applying online, go to LearnMoreIndiana.org/indiana-college-map or the college's admissions page (for out-of-state colleges). If you are not applying online, ask your counselor for a paper copy of an application. Have your College Application Day Worksheet ready! (You should have completed this at home before this event.)

Step 3: Complete the application(s) to the colleges and universities to which you want to apply.

Step 4: Make note of any additional items you need to submit with your application (essay, transcripts, SAT or ACT scores, recommendation letters).

Step 5: Print out a copy of your confirmation page if you applied online. If you are applying through a paper application, make a copy of your application. Keep the confirmation page or a copy of the application for your records.

Step 6: Register for your FSA ID – you will need this to complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Many grants, loans and scholarships will require that you submit a FAFSA so this is a very important step. Go here to register for your FSA ID: <https://fsaid.ed.gov>.

You will need your Social Security Number (SSN), your mailing address and an email address to complete the process. **REMEMBER your FSA ID and answers to your security questions.** Write them on the FAFSA handout you will receive.

Step 7: Complete the student sign-out sheet before you leave the computer lab. You will need to list the colleges you applied to and whether you completed the FSA ID process.

Step 8: Follow-up! Make sure you submit any additional information the colleges you applied to require. This could include recommendation letters, test scores and high school transcripts. Also, the next important step in the process is completing your FAFSA. You already have your FSA ID, make sure you submit your FAFSA between October 1 and April 15. Be on the lookout for FAFSA filing events at your school and in your community.

Congratulations! You are on your way!

