



# **Seniors: What's Next?**

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## **Step 1: Make sure you are on track to graduate!**

Each Senior will meet with their counselor individually to review their credits during the first quarter of school.

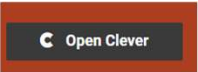


- You must have a 2.0 unweighted GPA
- Must pass Alg. 1 EOC and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading FAST (or earn a concordant score on the Geometry EOC, PSAT, ACT, SAT, or CLT)
- **Required Credits:**
  - 4 Credits of English
  - 4 Credits of Math (Alg. 1, Geo., 2 more)
  - 3 Credits of Science (Bio., 2 more)
  - 3 Credits of Social Studies (WH, AH, Gov, and Econ.
  - 1 Credit of HOPE
  - 1 Credit of Performing Fine Art
  - 8 Elective Credits

## Step 2: Determining what is next:

What is your plan for after high school? Military? Trade School? 2-year college? 4-Year University?

- **To access Xello:**

- Go to the TCHS Webpage, and click on 
- Log into Clever using your “active directory” log-in (what you use for HAC)
- Click on the “Xello” Icon in your student applications and launch your dashboard!

xello

Home

About Me



Plans



Xello

Xello is our new College & Career Planning tool to help you figure it out!

Use “matchmaker” to see what careers match your interest!

Use “personality styles” to see what careers match your personality!

Use the “skills lab” to link your skills to a career!

Once you have some career ideas, you can search for more information under “explore”

Hey Linda!

## Step 3: Take the next step and **APPLY!**

The **first step** in applying is deciding if you are applying “direct” or through “Common App”

The **second step** is going to the school website, click on “prospective students”, read the information, and click “apply”

You will be asked to create an account. This is where **you will track** the required steps and make sure that they are completed.

If you apply through Common App, you will be asked to create a **college account** as well after you apply.

Many of our state universities have application deadlines between October 15 and December 1st. Don't delay!

“**Direct**” is when you apply directly to the school you plan to attend. This is typically how you apply to state colleges, trade schools, or if you are only planning to apply to one university.

UNF Application

“**Common App**” is one application that allows you to apply to multiple schools at one time. This is best for students planning to apply to multiple universities.



### Common App

Ready to start your Common App? You've come to the right place.



## Step 3 B: Create a Common App Account

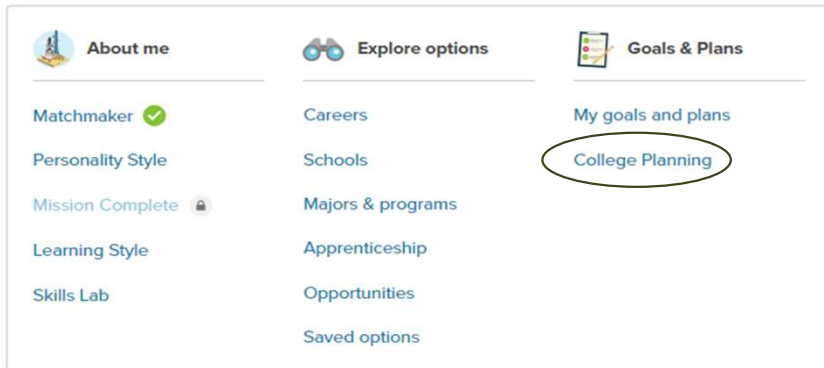
Anyone who thinks they may be applying to multiple universities either in state or out of state should create an account (Some Universities do NOT use common app and will not appear when searched- they are direct apply)

- Use an email address you will have beyond graduation (personal email)
- Common App will require you have access to your high school transcript(HAC), a list of your activities, work, and family obligations, and test scores and dates, parent and guardian information , and academic honors and achievements.
- Most students including DE students will be a “first-year student” EVEN IF YOU GET YOUR AA degree coming out of HS
- Create a LOG IN that you will remember and write it down/place in notes on phone
- ADD Colleges
- WAIVE YOUR FERPA rights- we can't give information if you don't

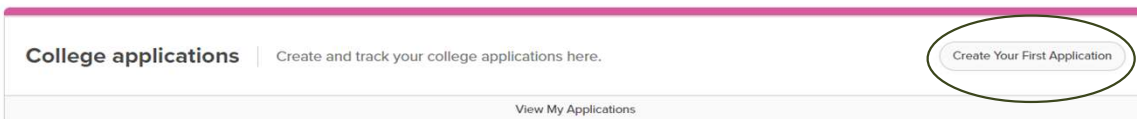
# Step 4: Sending the college your transcript if you applied “Direct”

Keep in mind that many of our state universities require a **self report** of your grades. Visit the “TCHS School Counseling” webpage and click on “transcripts” to see “how-to” videos for each school at the bottom of the page.

## First: Click on “college planning”



## Second: Click on “Create your First Application”



Third: Type in the name of the school that you are applying to, hit select, and hit next:

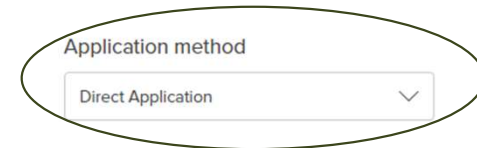


Fourth: Select “Direct” as the application method and your “admission type” then click “create”

## ADD DETAILS



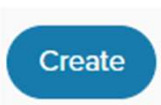
Fill in your application details in the fields below:



Admission type



Application deadline ⓘ





# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA



📍 Jacksonville, FL

This is what your screen will look like after you hit “create”

Admission decision

? No decision yet

Method Direct Application

Type Regular decision

Deadline Nov 1, 2024



### Application tasks

You may need to add more tasks to this application checklist. Check the [college website](#) to make sure you have the complete list of required tasks.

Got it!

## Application checklist + Add task

Click “request” to request for your transcript to be sent:

[Need help?](#)



Transcript

Due date: Nov 1, 2024

Request

Options



Submit application

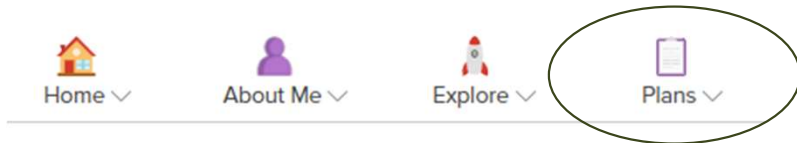
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Options



## Step 4: Sending the college your transcript if you applied via “Common App”

First: Click on “plans” and select “College Applications” from the dropdown.



Second: Click on “Connect” to Connect your Common App to your Xello Account.

Once your accounts are connected, you should see your list of colleges in your Xello account.

Under the college, **select “assign”** next to the common app school report and select your school counselor.

Keep in mind that many of our state universities require a **self report** of your grades. Visit the “TCHS School Counseling” webpage and click on “transcripts” to see “how-to” videos for each school at the bottom of the page.



### Connect Xello with your Common App account

Sign in to Common App or create an account to sync your college applications. If you have multiple accounts, be sure to sync the account you used to create your applications.

[Watch a video to learn more](#)

[Connect](#)

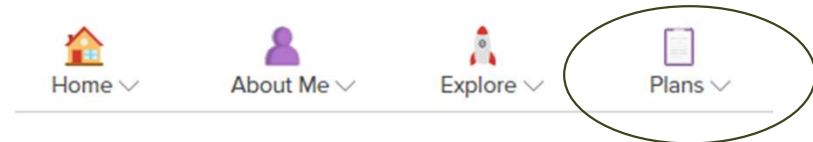
# Does your school require letters of recommendation?

Keep in mind that most state universities DO NOT require letters of recommendation and DO NOT want you to send them. If a letter of recommendation is required, you will see it in your “Xello Application Checklist”

Make sure that you talk to teachers that you are requesting a letter from!

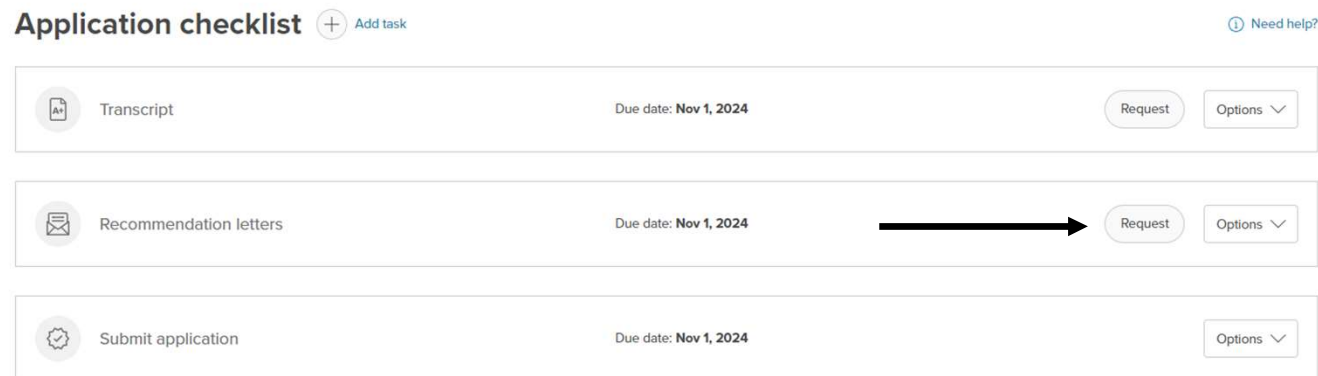
If your school requires letters of recommendation, follow these steps:

Step 1: Navigate to “Plans”



Step 2: Click on “College Applications” in the drop-down menu.

Step 3: Click “Request” from your “Application Checklist”



# STEP 5: CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!

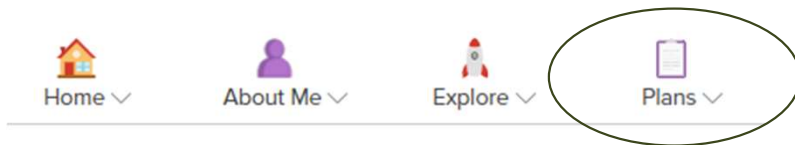
- Develop habit of checking email DAILY!
- Create spreadsheet/Organization or use XELLO
- Make sure to slow down and assure you enter the correct information on all forms and applications
- Check your spam and junk folders
- Reach out to admissions office if you have a question
- Communicate regularly and KINDLY with your recommenders and Counselors- there is one of them and 600+ Seniors



## Step 6: Keep up with your school checklist and emails!

## Step 7: Get Money for College!

In “Xello” click on “plans” and select “scholarships” from the dropdown.



Search for scholarships by completing the profile to personalize your suggested list.

## Scholarship matches

0 saved scholarships

3/22 Profile strength: Fair 😬  
Boost your profile to find the perfect scholarships for you!

Boost profile

Check out local scholarships and national scholarship search engines in the “resources” tab of the **TCHS School Counseling Schoology Group**

### Schoology

A screenshot of the Schoology group menu. The menu items are: Group Options, Updates, Discussions, Albums (1), Members (2244), Resources, Conferences, and OneNote Class Notebook. The 'Resources' item is highlighted with a blue bar. Below the menu, there is an 'Access Code' box with the code '42BP-PCPC-Q5DCN' and a 'Reset' link.

Check out **your college's** scholarship opportunities on their financial aid or scholarship pages.

### Schoology

**Scholarships/Internships**  
We will post any scholarship information received in this folder.  
Added by D'Erica Gibbs · Aug 26, 2024

The logo for the University of North Florida (UNF) features a stylized bird in flight above the letters 'UNF'. To the right of the logo, the text 'UNIVERSITY of NORTH FLORIDA.' is displayed in a serif font.

## Institution Scholarships

### Financial Aid and Scholarships

Scholarship Options

Scholarship FAQs

Scholarship Resources

# Let's talk Bright Futures!

Application opens on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Step by step instructions to complete the application are available on the **TCHS School Counseling page under "Bright Futures."**

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- Bright Futures Eligibility Criteria
  - **GPA:** 3.0 Weighted (Medallion), 3.5 Weighted (Academic). GPA only includes 16 core academic credits. <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/bright-futures/>
  - **Community Service:** 75 Hours (Medallion), 100 (Academic). If using work, need 100 hours for both.
  - **Test Scores:**
    - Medallion Level: ACT: 25, CLT: 84, SAT: 1210,
    - Academic Level: ACT: 29, CLT: 96, SAT: 1340
  - **Test scores MUST be sent to "A Florida State University" to count towards Bright Futures**

**Get help completing the application during Toro Time in 04-007 during Wednesdays in October!**

# Step 8: Let's talk!

## FAFSA®

- Application typically opens on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. We are anticipating a **December opening** for the class of 2025.
  - Families are encouraged to attend a “FAFSA Frenzy” event to get assistance completing their FAFSA. Events are advertised in the Bull Pen.
- Step 1: Create an account at studentaid.gov (top left corner)
  - Step 2: Gather documents (parents SSN, Tax Returns, etc.)
  - Step 3: Log in at fafsa.gov to apply online. Click “Start New Form” and enter your account username and password to get started.
  - Step 4: List **at least one school** to receive your information and determine your financial aid package. (You can list up to 20!)
  - Step 5: Assuming you are a dependent, you must list your parents' information.
  - Step 6: Consent to automatically transfer your tax information to the FAFSA.
  - Step 7: Sign and Submit
  - Step 8: Watch your email for additional requests and information!
- **FAFSA LINK – APPLY FOR 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR in DEC!**  
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

**QUESTIONS**

The image features the word "QUESTIONS" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font with a slight 3D effect. The text is centered and surrounded by a vibrant, multi-colored collage of question marks and geometric shapes. The shapes include circles, squares, and question marks in various colors such as blue, yellow, orange, red, green, and pink. The overall composition is dynamic and visually engaging, set against a plain white background.