

Washington, DC

College Application Week | November 2-6, 2015

What is College Application Week?

DC College Application Week is part of a national effort to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students who pursue a postsecondary education. The goal of DC College Application Week is to assist all graduating seniors, especially those who may not otherwise apply to college, in navigating the complex college admissions process and ensure that each participating student completes and submits at least one application.

DC College Application Week 2014 was a great success among DC Public and Public Charter schools and community-based organizations across the District of Columbia. DC more than doubled the number of participating sites with 32 high schools and community-based organizations participating. The 32 sites hosting events during the week of November 3-7, 2014 witnessed 2,029 seniors participate and complete 4,919 applications.

When is DC College Application Week?

November 2-6, 2015.

How do I find out if my school or community-based organization is participating in DC College Application Week?

Please ask your school's counselor, principal or college access provider about your school's participation in DC College Application Week. You may also visit <http://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-collegeapplication> to view a list of schools participating in DC College Application Week.

What if my school or community-based organization is not participating?

If your school or community-based organization is not participating, please contact the DC College Application Week District Coordinator, Tiffany DeJesus at Tiffany.DeJesus@dc.gov for further assistance.

What do I need to do to participate in DC College Application Week?

DC College application Week is open to all DC Public and Public Charter high school seniors. There are many steps involved in preparing for college. To best take advantage of DC College Application Week, be prepared:

- Make a list of postsecondary options and explore each option to determine which schools best meet your needs <http://mcf.osse.dc.gov/>;
- Declare your safety, match and reach schools <http://bit.ly/1Jmo0Sc>;
- Research the admissions criteria <http://bit.ly/1KnXuMu>.

How do I pay the college application fees? Is there a waiver?

Work with your school counselor or college access provider to determine if you are eligible for application fee waivers to cover your application fees.

How do I request/send my high school transcripts?

You can usually request your transcript from your high school's student counseling office. If you aren't sure who to contact, call your schools main information line.

How many schools should I apply to?

Once you've completed a list of colleges you're interested in, the next step is to narrow down the list to colleges you'll apply to. Most counselors recommend that students apply to five to eight colleges. Get tips on how to narrow down your college list here:

<http://bit.ly/1Jmo0Sc>

What do I do after I complete my applications during DC College Application Week?

- Be sure to print out your college application confirmation page.
- Colleges are likely to be in touch with you. Check your e-mail.
- If you've not been contacted by the college or university within four weeks of your submission, contact the admissions office and ask about your application status.
- Submit your final official transcript test scores, letters of recommendation (if required) and Essay (if required).
- Research scholarships and financial aid. <http://c3n-dc.com/Scholarships>
- Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. Even if your tax information is not available, you can start the process by creating your Federal student aid (FSA) ID. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Complete your DC OneApp as soon as possible after February 1. <http://1.usa.gov/1qahCK>
- Review your award letters, accept your financial aid and decide where you will go to school.
- Find out when payment for tuition will be due.
- Attend orientation and take placement exams.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

You may contact your school's DC College Application Week site coordinator, counselor or college access provider for further information and support.

You may also contact the DC College Application Week District Coordinator, Tiffany DeJesus at 202.741.6415 or Tiffany.DeJesus@dc.gov if you have any questions or need additional information.



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