

COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

General Instructions

Work hard and get good grades! It is your last opportunity to show what you can do before college, and it really CAN make a difference!

See your Guidance Counselor, ASAP.

Be sure you have 2 teacher evaluations in your file. (Forms available in Guidance Office).

You should complete a "Senior Information for Teacher Recommendations" sheet for each teacher whom you ask. A written thank-you note should be given to each teacher after a recommendation has been written.

Register and take **SAT** and **SAT Subject** exams as required by your colleges.

Marian Code: 220-848

Test Dates

October 1

November 5

December 3

January 28

March 10

Registration Deadline

September 9

October 7

November 8

December 30

February 10

If you miss the deadline, it is possible to register late for an extra cost. See the Student Bulletin in the Guidance Office for information and forms. Most colleges want testing completed by January.

Visit the colleges you are considering. October 12, 2011 is designated as College Visiting Day for Seniors.

Fill in "Brag Sheet" for your counselor.

Come to the presentations by various college representatives in the Guidance Conference Room. Weekly schedules are posted in homerooms, the Guidance Office and on the website. Be sure to get a pass the day before the visit.

College admission statistics for recent Marian graduates are available in the "Green Book" in the Guidance Office.

Applications

Use the Common Application as much as possible. Applications for state colleges and universities are often available in the Guidance Office. Only some of the private institutions send applications to us, which are kept on file.

Visit the website, write or e-mail the colleges in which you are interested for a catalog and application.

Fill in applications accurately, completely, and neatly. Be positive and put yourself in the best light possible. Remember, the application will present YOU to the college!

Bring completed applications with the fee (check) attached, to the Guidance Office. Fill in a "Transcript Request Form" carefully. Check off items to be sent. We will send only what you request. Please be accurate. You will receive a copy of this form when the application is sent. If you do not receive the form in two (2) weeks, please let the Guidance Office know. You may also send your application electronically, but don't do it both ways.

It is strongly recommended that you keep copies of all applications you send. If you mail an application enclose with each application a stamped self-addressed postcard. Note the following on the postcard:

To: Admissions Office _____
Name of College

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed application and note any missing information.

Application Received _____

Complete _____

Missing _____

Timing

When you send applications is important. The best time is usually right after the first marking period (November). Whether or not you are admitted into a competitive major or get housing at state colleges often depends on when your application is received.

The following deadlines must be met:

Application Deadline

Early Decision / Early Action (Nov. 1 – Dec.)

January 1 or 15

February 1 or 15

March 1

Application in Guidance Office

October 21

December 7

January 18

February 16

By meeting our deadlines, you will be assured that your applications will arrive at the colleges on time. We will do our best to process your application within (10) working days.

Applications are processed in the order in which they are received. You may send three (3) transcript packets free of charge. Each additional packet costs \$3.00.

Financial Aid

Financial aid packages vary from school to school. Inquire about financial aid policies at each college you are considering.

File all forms (PROFILE, FAFSA, College Form) ON TIME. File PROFILE as soon as you know where you are applying. File the FAFSA as early as possible in January. (Deadline is February 1st).

A Financial Aid Night will be held at Marian on January 11, 2012 . Watch for the announcement.

NCAA

If you expect to play at a NCAA Division I or II college, you must file an eligibility form. If you have not done so by the end of junior year, do so as early as possibly this year.