



Options *After* High School

- CLASS OF 2018 SENIOR CLASSROOM GUIDANCE
 - CENTENNIAL HS COUNSELING



POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS:

- 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
- TECHNICAL COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL
 - MILITARY ENLISTMENT
 - EMPLOYMENT

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QUESTION....

WHAT FEARS DO YOU HAVE
ABOUT APPLYING TO
COLLEGE?

ON A SCALE OF 1-10
RANK YOUR
LEVEL OF ANXIETY
(10 BEING THE MOST ANXIOUS)



OVERCOMING THE FEARS ABOUT COLLEGE ONE STEP AT A TIME

1. THE APPLICATION
2. REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT
3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
4. SAT/ACT/ACCUPLACER TESTS
5. ESSAY
6. TRACK YOUR PROGRESS





THE ONLINE APPLICATION

STEP 1:

KNOW YOUR DEADLINES

MEETING YOUR DEADLINE = ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED

Early Decision

- **Binding** (Cannot Apply to Other Colleges)
- Emory; Vanderbilt

Early Action

- **Not Binding**
- UGA and GA Tech
- If Deferred, student needs to send Midyear report by Regular Decision (January 1)

Regular Decision

- **Not Binding**
- UGA and Georgia Tech

Rolling Admissions

- Review of application is on-going
- Kennesaw State; Georgia State – MAY deadline/notifications on-going

Open Admissions

- Review of application is on-going
- Deadlines and Notifications vary

THE COLLEGE'S ADMISSION WEBPAGE



Create an account



Review the list of required documents



Use your application checklist



Parts of an application are not typically sent or received at the same time

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY



Apply to KSU

Classification & Requirements

Dates and Deadlines

Consolidation FAQ's

Application Status Check

Request Information

Contact Us

Visit KSU

Find Your Admissions Counselor

Go

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION



- **Personal Data**
(address, citizenship, demographic info)
- **Education** (schools you attended)
- **Test Info**
- **Family History**
- **Extracurricular Activities**
- **Academic Honors**
- **Work Experience**
- **Essay/Personal Statement**
- **Digital Signature**



FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

**Print out a
hard copy to
fill out as a
rough draft**

**Have all info you
need on hand**

- resume
- list of school & community activities
- contact info for letters of recommendations
- family/parent history
- GPA on a 100 point scale (Student Access Center)

**Save your
work as
you go**

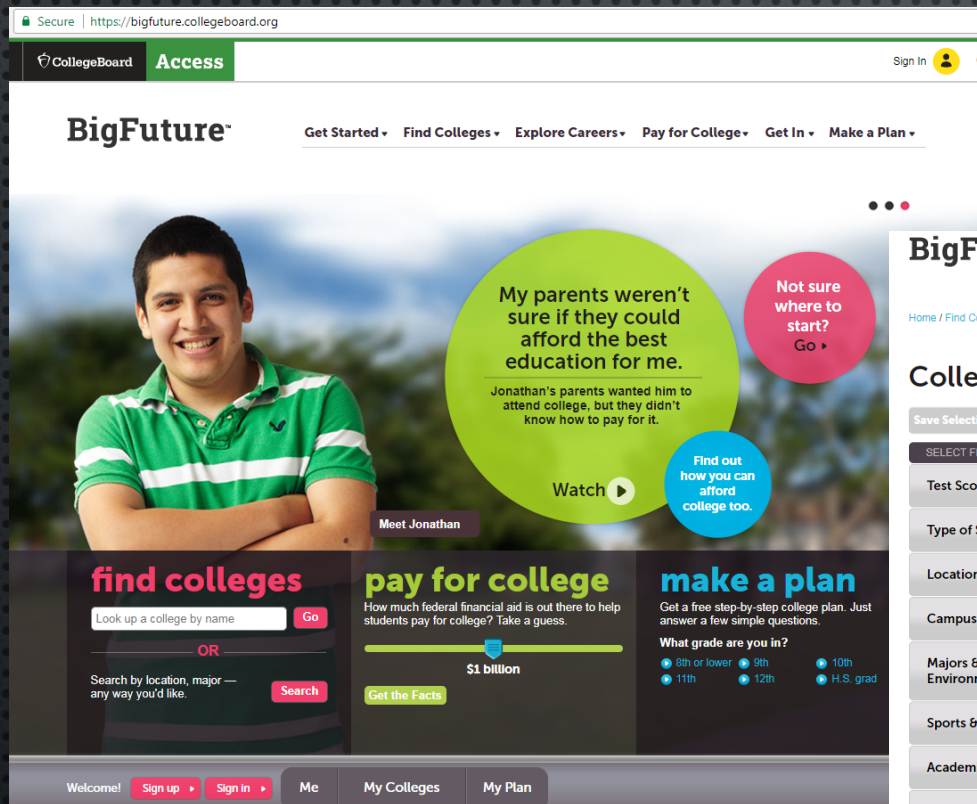
**Include
Application
Fee**

**Check
Spelling and
Grammar**

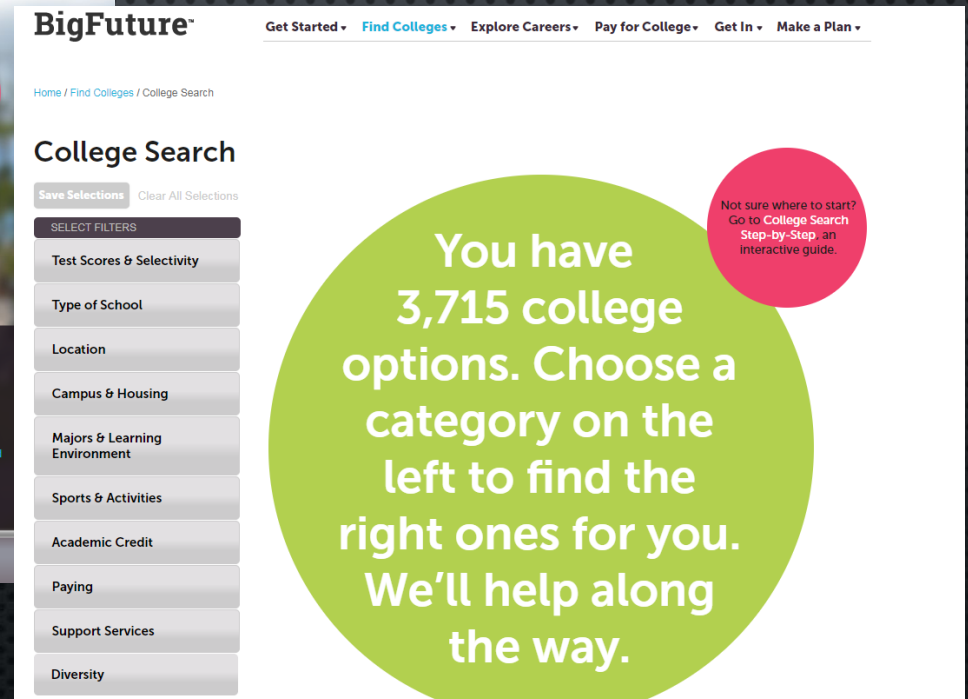
SUBMIT!

HELPFUL RESOURCES

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>



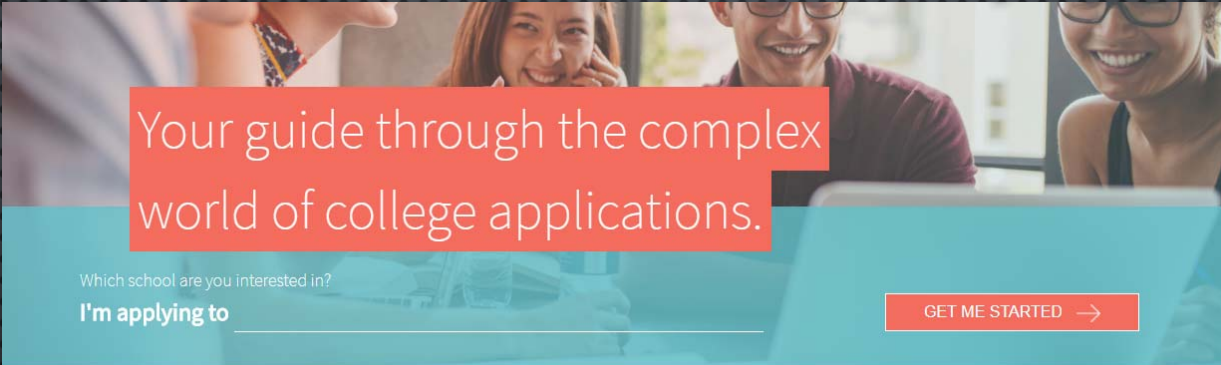
The screenshot shows the BigFuture homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the CollegeBoard logo, 'Access' button, and 'Sign In' link. Below this is the BigFuture logo and a menu with links: 'Get Started', 'Find Colleges', 'Explore Careers', 'Pay for College', 'Get In', and 'Make a Plan'. The main content area features a large image of a young man, Jonathan, with a 'Meet Jonathan' button. To his right are two circular callouts: a green one saying 'My parents weren't sure if they could afford the best education for me. Jonathan's parents wanted him to attend college, but they didn't know how to pay for it.' with a 'Watch' button, and a pink one saying 'Not sure where to start? Go' with a 'Go' button. Below the image are three main sections: 'find colleges' with a search bar and 'Go' button, 'pay for college' with a slider showing '\$1 billion' and a 'Get the Facts' button, and 'make a plan' with a 'Get a free step-by-step college plan' button. At the bottom, there's a footer with 'Welcome!' and links for 'Sign up', 'Sign in', 'Me', 'My Colleges', and 'My Plan'.



The screenshot shows the BigFuture College Search page. The navigation bar is similar to the homepage. Below the navigation bar, there's a 'College Search' section with a 'Save Selections' button and a 'Clear All Selections' button. To the left of the search results is a 'SELECT FILTERS' sidebar with a list of categories: 'Test Scores & Selectivity', 'Type of School', 'Location', 'Campus & Housing', 'Majors & Learning Environment', 'Sports & Activities', 'Academic Credit', 'Paying', 'Support Services', and 'Diversity'. The main content area displays a large green circle with the text 'You have 3,715 college options. Choose a category on the left to find the right ones for you. We'll help along the way.' To the right of this circle is a pink circle with the text 'Not sure where to start? Go to College Search Step-by-Step, an interactive guide.'

HELPFUL RESOURCES

<http://www.makemeafreshman.com>



Your guide through the complex world of college applications.

Which school are you interested in?

I'm applying to _____

GET ME STARTED →

Understand and organize your specific requirements for applying to college and financial aid. Get everything you need in one place!

- ✓ Applications
- ✓ Supplements
- ✓ Teacher Recommendations
- ✓ Standardized Testing
- ✓ Financial Aid
- ✓ Honors Programs
- ✓ Interviews
- ✓ And more!

My checklist ADD A COLLEGE ADD OWN TASKS

| DONE | TASK | LIST | DEADLINE |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Submit the UC Application. | University of California Berkeley | November 30, 2016 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Submit test scores for the SAT or ACT with Writing. | University of California Berkeley | November 30, 2016 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pay the \$75 application fee or submit a Fee Waiver. | Harvard College | January 1, 2017 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Submit the School Report with your official high school transcript and a recommendation from a counselor. | Harvard College | January 1, 2017 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Submit Harvard College's supplement to the Common Application. | Harvard College | January 1, 2017 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Submit a 250-Word Application Essay to the University of California Berkeley. | University of California Berkeley | November 30, 2016 |

HELPFUL RESOURCES


<http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu>

Log in using the following information:

GCIS Username: **Your Student ID + s** (example: 123456789s)

GCIS Password: **CHSKnights2018** (case sensitive)

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Georgia Career Information System

Georgia Career Information Center, through its Georgia Career Information System (GCIS), provides current and accurate occupational and educational information to schools and agencies throughout Georgia in order to help young people and adults make informed career choices.

CLICK HERE TO ENTER



Georgia Career Information System Junior

The Georgia Career Information Center operates the Georgia Career Information System Junior (GCIS Junior). The GCIS Junior provides prerequisite career development in a fun and rewarding structure. GCIS Junior is ideal for elementary and middle school students.

GCIS Webinars and Videos

To watch the recorded GCIS webinars, please click [Georgia Career Information Center Webinars](#).

To watch a video on creating one portfolio or uploading multiple portfolios, please click [Add Portfolios](#).

Help Yourself

- Georgia's BRIDGE Act
- 17 Career Cluster Videos
- Learn About Financial Awards

TCSG School Search

Technical College System of Georgia School Sort helps students find the right technical college.

GICA

Georgia Independent College Association School Sort helps students find the right private school.

Georgia STEM Day

The 2nd annual Georgia STEM Day is May 9, 2014! Click here to access and download GCIS and GCIS Junior STEM activities.

INFORMATION PARENTS CAN USE

Enter

Career Profiles

- Police Diver
- Recruiter
- Restaurant Hostess

Program Profiles

- Chiropractics
- Culinary Arts
- Graphic Design


Activity
Spanish Version Available

Popular Search

- Occupations
- Programs of Study
- Schools

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OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

STEP 2:

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

THE PROCESS



Complete the **GREEN TRANSCRIPT/RECOMMENDATION REQUEST CARD** (located in the Counseling Office)

TRANSCRIPT/LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST CARD

Counselor: _____

Submitted: ☐ Parent/Guardian Electronic Consent ☐ Senior Profile/Student Section ☐ Senior Profile/Parent Section

REQUIRED: Student Email (print neatly) _____ **Student Cell #:** _____

*****Must allow 10 school days for your request to be processed*****

| Electronic Transcripts | Paper/Hard Copy Transcripts |
|--|---|
| <p>✓ Georgia Colleges/Universities & NCAA: Sent via GAFutures.com portal</p> <p>✓ Schools on the Common Application: Sent with Secondary School Report once student gives counselor access by submitting their application with counselor's email address</p> <p>✓ Schools using an Online Portal such as SendEDU, CollegeNet, or Applyweb.com: Sent once student gives counselor access by submitting their application with counselor's email</p> | <p> Out of State Colleges: Student must pick up hard copy and mail to the college before deadline</p> <p> Colleges using paper/hard copy recommendation forms: Student must pick up and mail to the college before deadline</p> <p> Scholarships/Other Agencies: Student must pick up and mail to the scholarship/agency before deadline</p> |

Fill in 1 row for each transcript you are requesting (1 per college). Turn completed card in to Mrs White.

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

THE PROCESS



Track the delivery of your transcript, through your college account, to ensure that it has been received by the recipient

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

THE RULES



Requests must be made AT A MINIMUM OF 10 school days before the deadline



It is YOUR responsibility to follow up with the college to make sure the transcript was received



A hard copy of an official transcript is available for pick up



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

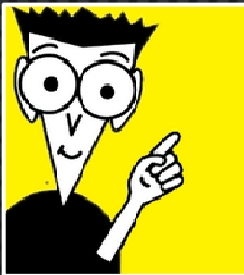
STEP 3:

REQUESTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

THE PROCESS



Enter your counselor's name & e-mail address, in the online college application, where counselor information is requested



Complete the **GREEN TRANSCRIPT/RECOMMENDATION REQUEST CARD**
(located in the Counseling Office)



Attach a copy of the **SENIOR PROFILE**
(both student & parent portions) to the transcript/recommendation request card

REQUESTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

THE RULES



Requests must be made AT A MINIMUM OF 10 school days before the deadline



Counselors will not complete a recommendation without a written request

OTHER RECOMMENDATION WRITERS



- TEACHERS, COACHES/CLUB SPONSORS, MENTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ETC. MAY SERVE AS RECOMMENDERS
- ASK THE RECOMMENDER FOR PERMISSION FIRST
- PROVIDE THE RECOMMENDER A COPY OF YOUR SENIOR PROFILE
- PROVIDE A MINIMUM NOTICE OF 10 SCHOOL DAYS
- SUBMIT RECOMMENDERS NAME & E-MAIL INTO ONLINE APPLICATION

If the college does not require a letter of recommendation, they will not accept or review any letters submitted.



ENTRANCE EXAMS

STEP 4:

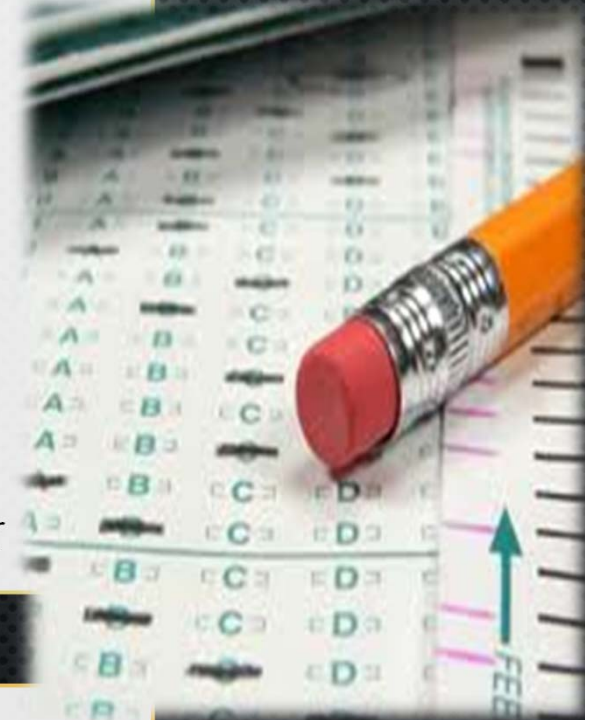
ENTRANCE EXAMS: SAT, ACT & ACCUPLACER

SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and
ACT (www.actstudent.org)

- Create your account
- Register for the test (select a date and location, upload a picture, and make the payment)
- Receive test scores
- Send scores to selected colleges (before and/or after exam)
- We will NOT be offering a free SAT at CHS this year

ACCUPLACER Test

- Placement test accepted at most 2 year colleges
- Colleges proctor this exam on their campuses



SAT/ACT PREP

2017-18 Mock Test Schedule at Centennial High School



Mock tests are an excellent tool for sophomores and juniors to use in determining their test prep strategies for their college exams. College bound students should try to take one of these practice exams prior to taking the real thing.

September 30 - Mock SAT Saturday, 9am - 1:30 am
(event code M266044)

October 14 - SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test Saturday, 9am-1:30pm
(event code M266045)

November 4 - Mock ACT Saturday, 9am - 1:15 pm
(event code M266046)

February 3 - Mock SAT Saturday, 9am - 1:30 pm
(event code M266047)

March 3 - Mock ACT Saturday, 9am - 1:15 pm
(event code M266048)

March 24 - SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test Saturday, 9am-1:30pm
Cafeteria (event code M266049)

To register, go to applerouth.com/signup and enter the event code. Cost is \$5. Money goes towards Centennial PTSA.

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Practice Tests: 3 proctored and 13 additional available tests

Study tools: Access to additional video lessons and online practice drills



| Fall 2017-18 Classes | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Test | Day of Week | Class Times | Start Date | End Date |
| October SAT | Tuesday | 4:00 – 6:30PM | August 26 | October 3 |
| October ACT | Wednesday | 4:00 – 6:30PM | September 9 | October 25 |
| November SAT | Thursday | 4:00 – 6:30PM | September 23 | November 2 |
| December ACT | Monday | 4:00 – 6:30PM | October 21 | December 4 |

*All Classes have 3 Practice Tests on Saturday mornings at 9:00AM

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I HAVEN'T TESTED YET...CAN I STILL APPLY?

REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE UPCOMING TESTS:

| SAT | ACT |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| AUG 26 2017 | SEPT 9 2017 |
| OCT 7 2017 | OCT 28 2017 |
| NOV 4 2017 | DEC 9 2017 |
| DEC 2 2017 | FEB 10 2018 |
| MAR 10 2018 | APR 14 2018 |
| MAY 5 2018 | JUN 9 2018 |



YES



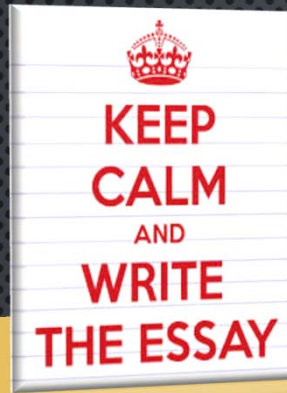
NO

Applications are incomplete until EVERYTHING has been received by the college, INCLUDING TEST SCORES



THE ESSAY

STEP 5:



The College Application Essay

Tips

Select the Best Topic & Subject for you

Answer the Question

Check Your Ego at the Door

Accentuate the Positive

Research the College Before Writing the Essay

Invest in a Strong Intro

Mistakes

Don't Exceed the Requested Essay Length

Don't Appear Self-Interested or Materialistic

Don't Rely on Your Computer's Spell Check

Don't Rehash the Resume

Don't Fall in Love with the Thesaurus

Don't Wait until the Last Minute

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP...

Finalizing Your List of Colleges?

- College Reps
- College Campus Visits
- College Fairs
- Websites: College admissions websites and www.gcic.peachnet.edu

Preparing to Apply?

- Fill in College Application Checklist for each college
- Create a timeline to complete each required component
- Follow up on any areas you have not started yet
- www.makemeafreshman.com is a useful tool to keep track of deadlines

Ready to Get Started?

- Designate a time to complete the application
- Submit each separate application requirement
- After you submit the application, monitor your application status
- Contact the college's office of admissions with application status questions

Financial Aid Questions?

- Counselors will be entering senior classrooms again in January for a Financial Aid lesson
- Complete FAFSA (starting in October)
- www.finaid.org has a lot of great information regarding financial aid options



2017 COLLEGE WEEK: OCTOBER 23-27

CENTENNIAL'S APPLY TO COLLEGE DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

ALL SENIOR ENGLISH CLASSES

College Week Events
of Special Interest to Seniors



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Welcome to the Centennial HS Counseling Website!

Posted by **admin**

September 5, 2016



Our goal for this website is to provide a valuable and relevant resource for Centennial High School students, parents, teachers and community members.

North Point Mall College Fair - 9/11/17

JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

This is an excellent opportunity to meet college reps and gather info from 30+ colleges.

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Popular Articles

- > Welcome to the Centennial HS Counseling Website!

Popular Topics

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instead.



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Text this message

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thank you!



We are looking forward to a great year!

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