

La Salle Academy

The College Application Checklist:

- **Naviance:** A program La Salle Academy uses to help facilitate the college application process. On Naviance you can research colleges, majors, create your college list. Build a resume, request letters of recommendation, take college/career assessments, find out about scholarship opportunities and much more! All students must activate their accounts once they receive their registration codes. <https://student.naviance.com/lasalleacad>
- **The Common Application:** There are over 800 colleges on The Common Application. The Common Application is an application where students can apply up to 20 colleges/universities all on one application. If you have used an SAT and/or ACT Fee Waiver, you will be eligible to apply to most colleges/universities via The Common Application for free. (While completing the Common Application, make sure you specify that you have received an SAT and/or ACT Fee Waiver – request fee waiver in the profile section). Additionally, you must “match” your Common Application with your Naviance account (be sure to use the same email address for both accounts). <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- **Non-Common Application Schools & Paper Applications:** If you wish to apply to a college/university that is NOT on The Common Application, you must go directly on the school’s website and create an account to apply online. If you complete a paper application, you must bring Ms. Cernaro the completed application so that your transcript and all of the necessary documents can be submitted. When you apply to a school that is NOT on The Common Application, whether it is an online or paper application, you must add the school to your Naviance account.
- **The State University of New York (SUNY Application):** You can apply to many of the SUNY schools via The Common Application. However, if there is a SUNY school that you wish to apply to via “applySUNY” you may do so at: <https://www.suny.edu/applysuny/>. The SUNY Application costs \$50 per school and the fee will only be waived if you are eligible for a SUNY Fee Waiver. Based on your household size and annual family income, you may be eligible for a SUNY Fee Waiver. *Note: there are *only some* SUNY schools on The Common Application that will accept the SAT/ACT Fee Waivers. (See Ms. Cernaro for more information).
- **The City University of New York (CUNY Application):** It is highly recommended all La Salle students complete the CUNY application. While you are completing the online CUNY application, you will be able to apply up to six schools all on one application for \$65. Also, there are some CUNY schools on The Common Application. School Counseling Department receives a very limited amount of CUNY Fee Waivers. See Ms. Cernaro for a fee waiver. Do not forget to send your SAT or ACT score(s) to the CUNY processing center using the code: 2950. This code will send your SAT or ACT score(s) to ALL of the CUNY schools to which you applied. <http://www2.cuny.edu/>
- **College Board: How to Send your SAT Score(s) to a College/University:** Once you begin applying to college, you must send your SAT score(s) to the colleges/universities to which you applied. To send your SAT score(s) to a college/university, you must do so via your College Board account. <https://www.collegeboard.org/> Keep in mind that some schools are test-optional, which means that you do NOT have to send test score(s) to the college/university. Even if a school is test-optional, you may send your score(s) if you believe they may benefit your application. *Make sure you check to see what the school and/or program is looking for before you proceed.

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- **ACT Website: How to send ACT Score(s) to a College/University:** If you have taken the ACT and would like to send your ACT score(s) to a college/university, you must do so via the ACT website: <http://www.act.org>.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Ms. Cernaro will be writing a letter of recommendation for all of the seniors. In addition, you must ask at least *two* teachers who taught you if they will write you a letter of recommendation. First, complete your resume on Naviance. Then ask the teacher if he/she will write you a letter. Once the teacher agrees, you will then need to request the teachers via your Naviance account so that they can upload their letters. Lastly, be sure to thank all of your references!
- **CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service Profile):** The CSS Profile is an online application that awards non-federal aid. Some schools require you to complete a CSS profile as part of the application process. Make sure you complete a profile for the 2020-2021 school year. Visit the website for more information and the list of the schools that require the CSS profile. <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- **Financial Aid (FAFSA) & NYS TAP:** Starting October 1st, The Free Application for Federal Student Aid will be available. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. It is highly suggested that you complete a FAFSA for the 2020-2021 school year. Completing a FAFSA will provide you with scholarships, grants, and means to help pay for college. *Keep in mind, while you are completing the FAFSA, you can only add up to 10 schools at a time. If you applied to more than 10 schools, after you have submitted your FAFSA and it processes, you can log back in at a later date and “make a correction” by removing schools and adding the new ones.

After you submit your FAFSA, you should apply for NYS TAP (New York State Tuition Assistance Program). TAP awards range from \$500 to \$5,165 per year. You will be given the option to apply for TAP once you have submitted your FAFSA. If you do not apply for TAP directly after completing the FAFSA, you can apply for TAP at a later date directly on the website:

<https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/>

- **NYS Educational & Financial Assistance Programs: EOP/HEOP/SEEK/CD/ etc.:** These are some of the different programs that are offered through New York State for students who show a need of academic and financial support. As you are completing a college application, you will be asked if you would like to be considered for one of these programs (if the school offers it). If you apply to one of these programs, you will need to complete additional forms etc. (See Ms. Cernaro for the academic and financial requirements and for more information on the participating schools).
- **Scholarships to Help Pay for College:** You can view a list of numerous scholarship opportunities via your Naviance account. The scholarship list is frequently updated as new scholarship opportunities arise. To access the scholarship list via Naviance, click on the tab "Colleges" on the top right of the page. Then click "Scholarships and Money." You will then be directed to the list of available scholarship opportunities. After you submit a scholarship application, please let Ms. Cernaro know so that your transcript and any additional documents can be submitted to complete your application(s).

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□ **Additional Scholarship Websites:**

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- <https://www.hsf.net/>
- <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/> The Excelsior Scholarship: Free CUNY & SUNY Tuition & Enhanced Tuition Awards (Participating private schools).

□ **College-Bound Athletes:** If you wish to play a sport in college, you must create a Certification Account (*Division I or II - \$90*) or create a Profile Page (*Division III Undecided - Free*) with the NCAA Eligibility Center <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>.

If you have used an SAT and/or ACT Fee Waiver, you will be eligible for an NCAA Certification Account Fee Waiver. Be sure to request a fee waiver while you are completing your Certification Account. Once your account is created, you must send your SAT or ACT score(s) to the NCAA Eligibility Center using the code: 9999. Ms. Cernaro will upload your transcript to your NCAA account. If you transferred to La Salle, you will also need a transcript submitted from your previous high school. *See Ms. Cernaro for NCAA Eligibility Requirements.*

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Good luck!

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