

## Applying to College/Technical Schools

### When do I apply?

- UW schools will start processing applications September 15<sup>th</sup> of your senior year and the application will open August 1 but you cannot start submitting until September 1
- Technical schools will start accepting applications the beginning of your senior year.
- Private colleges will start accepting applications the beginning of your senior year-Common Application opens August 1.
- Remember that some programs have different application deadline
- No matter where you are going—apply early!! Programs at technical colleges can have waiting lists and 4 year colleges often start closing for applications between February and April or when they reach their quota!

### How do I apply?

-**UW Schools:** Apply online at <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/> or you will need to download a PDF application.

-**Technical Schools:** The easiest way to apply is to fill out a paper application in guidance or you can apply online at <http://www.witechcolleges.com>

-**Private Schools:** It is best to either complete the Common Application or apply directly on their website.

### Other important information:

-The essay/personal statement is very important at many schools. Often times what you write for this statement can be used later, with alterations, for scholarship essays.

-UW-Madison highly suggests 2 letters of recommendation with all applications.

### What is the procedure for applying to schools?

1. Apply online.
2. Once your application is complete you will need to request a transcript to be sent through our Parchment system. Remember that some schools need an official ACT score to even process your application. If you did not have one sent when you took your ACT you will need to do so ASAP. Some schools will take a school copy but will need an official copy before you can register.
3. Make sure if you need letter of recommendation you ask in plenty of time before your deadline.

### Things that schools consider when evaluating your application

1. First, proofread your applications! There is nothing worse than applying to a college and misspelling simple words.
2. Schools will look at your overall GPA, class rank, rigor of courses and trends in grades. Trends in grades refers to if you typically had A's and B's but the grades are starting to slip that may be an indicator to the school that you would not be a good candidate.
3. Schools also look at your extra curricular involvement and community service. Students who are involved in these activities tend to be well rounded and will offer special talents to the schools they attend. Remember, it is better to be deeply involved in a few organizations versus marginally involved in a lot.