

College Application Week
November 16-20, 2009
“Application Etiquette” (Video 3)



Making your first impression

- Your college application is your first impression to the school—remember to be professional.
- Write a rough draft of your college admissions essay and proofread, proofread, proofread.
- Ask your school counselor, teachers, and family members for feedback on your essay.
- Your final essay should be clear, well-written, thoughtful, and thorough. You should not write your essay during the College Application Week event.
- Don't use texting language, and be sure to review your essay and application for grammar, spelling, and typo mistakes.
- Be prepared early! Complete the Student Information Checklist in your Student Handbook and your High School Planner at CFNC.org prior to the event to save time and help make sure your information is accurate. (See CFNC.org/CAWseniors to download these resources.)
- Use a professional-sounding e-mail address for college admissions applications. If you don't already have one, go to CFNC.org to set one up.

Applying online at CFNC.org

- If colleges and universities require an application fee, you may be able to pay online using a credit card, depending on the institution. Check CFNC.org for more information.
- Be careful if you have credit card information with you. If you or your family prefer, you can always fill out your application during the event, save it, and then complete the application at home.
- Some colleges allow payment by check or money order, and you can pay after you submit the online application. Go to CFNC.org to find out payment methods for the colleges to which you are applying.
- Ask your school counselor for more information about College Board application fee waivers, which are available for students in financial need.
- If your school does not send transcripts online using the student NCWISE number, then you will need to make arrangements to send your transcript to the colleges to which you are applying. (See CFNC.org. Under "Apply", click on "Transcript Manager" for more information. On this page, click on the "participating public high school" link to see if your high school sends student transcripts online through CFNC.)

In addition to these tips, go to CFNC.org/CAWseniors and ask your school counselor for more information about College Application Week and applying online at CFNC.org.