**Chittenango High School**

**CLASS OF 2023**

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**A guidebook to your future...**

College and Career Planning

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Dear Member of the Class of 2023:

College planning, choosing careers and making decisions about your future can sometimes seem overwhelming. During the remaining months of your junior year, you should think about your goals and needs for the future and begin the process of post-high school decision-making. The information in this booklet will be extremely helpful in assisting you with this process and we encourage you to read over all sections.

Feel free to talk with your counselor about your plans for your future. We're here to help you, and look forward to working with you on your post-high school plans. Good luck!!

Sincerely,

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**Timeline For Future Planning**

**Junior Year**

Sept-Dec Discuss college/career options with your family.

Take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) in October.

Jan-Feb Meet with your School Counselor to plan your academic program for your senior year.

Do a college search and update resume in Naviance.

March-June Begin to gather supporting data for your college or job applications and request

recommendations from teachers

Attend National College Fair in Syracuse.

Gather data from various schools. Visit colleges or vocational sites

Take the SAT I and ACT. Discuss which SAT subject tests (if any) to take in June.

Review application process and instructions for your colleges.

**Senior Year**

September Register to take SAT/ACT.

Meet with your counselor to finalize academic requirements for graduation, and review college & career information.

Listen to daily announcements for information regarding schedule of college reps’ visits to

CHS, scholarships, employment, etc.

Finish seeking recommendations from teachers, coaches, activity advisors, or employers.

Oct-Dec Complete applications (Early decision and early action deadlines are as early as November). Notify your counselor (so that he/she may send your supplemental information) using the “application processing form”.

Attend Financial Aid Night presentation.

Jan-Feb File the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1. Some colleges may also request additional forms such as the PROFILE.

Request that midyear grades be sent to the colleges that require them.

Mar-May Send housing/tuition deposits to the school you will attend.

**How to Register for the ACT and SAT**

The SAT registration information may be found at www.collegeboard.org. The ACT registration information may be found at [www.ACTstudent.org](http://www.ACTstudent.org).

Complete the application and registration fee **before** the registration deadline and print the admission ticket.

Some colleges require official scores from the ACT, SAT I and SAT II be sent directly to them from either CEEB for SATs or from American College Testing for ACTs. If you have an idea of possible choices of colleges at the time you register for either of these tests, you should request that your scores be sent to those schools. This avoids an extra charge later if the colleges do require official scores directly from the testing agency.

**CHITTENANGO HIGH SCHOOL’S CEEB CODE IS: 331-370**

**2021-2022 TEST DATES**

**ACT Program**

Late Online

Registration Registration Score Release

Test Dates Test(s) Deadline Deadlines Date……………

February 12, 2022 ACT January 7 January 8-14 February 22

April 2, 2022 ACT February 25 March 12-18 April 12

June 11, 2022 ACT May 6 May 7-13 June 21

July 16, 2022 ACT June 24 June 25-20 July 26

\*\*\*Late fees will be required for registrations after the deadline.

**SAT Program**

Late Online

Registration Registration Score Release \*

Test Dates Test(s) Deadline Deadlines Date……………

March 12, 2022 SAT February 11 Feb 22 – March 1 March 25

May 7, 2022 SAT April 8 April 27 – May 3 May 20

June 4, 2022 SAT May 5 May 26 – June 1 July 13

\*\*\*Late fees will be required for registrations after the deadline.

**FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN SEARCHING FOR A COLLEGE**

Financial Aid: The amount of assistance made available to you through the college.

Cost: The payment to the college which includes Room, Board, Tuition, and Fees.

For those students living at home, include the cost of all meals and snacks,

Transportation.

Curriculum: Majors and courses available.

Location: The distance from your home to the college.

Environment: The physical setting, the surrounding community, the living conditions.

Size: The number of students on campus. The number of students who leave the campus on

Weekends. The number of full-time undergraduates. The number of students in the classes.

Ratio: The number of students per instructor. NOTE: Does the ratio include

non-teaching administrative personnel, part-time faculty?

Extracurricular: Does the college offer the activities in which you are interested, or might

become interested? Included is all intramural and varsity sports.

Selectivity: The level of competition. Am I likely to be admitted.

Survival: The chances of graduating four years later. Chances of admission to graduate school.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES**

1. How many people graduated in your major field last year? Of those, what percentage

obtained jobs in their field? How many of those jobs were secured by the college

placement office? With what companies were those jobs?

1. How do you apply for financial aid? What forms are required (FAFSA, PROFILE, TAP, etc.)

When should all forms be submitted? Are there particular scholarships you could apply for?

1. For pre-professional students (premed, pre-vet, prelaw, etc.) - how many people applied to

professional schools in your field last year? Of those, how many were accepted?

1. Do they give Advanced Placement or CLEP credit?
2. Do they exempt students from courses where they may have already attained proficiency -

such as Calculus, AP English, etc.?

1. Are the courses for which I am scheduled in my senior year, the ones you would suggest, or

are there others you would recommend?

1. Will I actually be accepted into my major as a first-year student, or will I have to qualify for

acceptance in my junior year?

1. What kind of help is available if I am having trouble with my subjects?
2. Are there opportunities for internships in my field or for studying abroad? If field work is

required, is the placement secured by the college, or will it be my responsibility?

**RECOMMENDATION LETTER PROCEDURES**

Verbally ask your teacher if they are able to write a letter of recommendation for you. If your teacher is able to write you a letter, then provide them with a resume and:

1. Login to your SCOIR account.
2. Go to the My Colleges page.
3. Click Application Documents and then the Request a Recommendation button.
4. Search for the teacher you’re requesting to provide a recommendation.
5. Compose the request by editing the Subject and the Message. Once you are finished click send.

**COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

1. Choose which application you will be using
   1. Common Application (for most private and SUNY schools)
   2. SUNY Application (for State schools)
   3. Colleges specific application (community colleges and some private schools)

\*If you are not sure which application to use, ask your counselor, they will know!

1. Complete all sections of the online college application
2. Submit the application online and pay the application fee (if there is one)
3. Login to your SCOIR account
4. Click on the My Colleges tab in your SCOIR account
5. Enter or Drag the college(s) you have submitted to the Applied Tab

\*IMPORTANT: Your counselor CAN NOT submit the application materials to your college(s) unless you complete the SCOIR procedures. This means if you do not take this step, your application will be incomplete!

Submit your application(s) AT LEAST ONE WEEK prior to the deadline to ensure documents are submitted in time.

**FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS REQUIRED**

Every student who qualifies for federal aid must complete the **F**ree **A**pplication for **F**ederal **S**tudent **A**id or **FAFSA**. The FAFSA must be completed after October 1st of the senor year, and sent before the earliest college deadline (usually February or March), even if you have to estimate your income. FAFSA forms should be filled out online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

If you or your family has unusual circumstances (such as loss of employment) that might affect your need for student financial aid, submit the FAFSA and consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

Along with the FAFSA, some colleges want students to complete the College Scholarship Service’s financial aid application, the Financial Aid PROFILE - as early as September of your Senior Year.

Profile applications need to be filled out online: The online Profile registration guide is available at:

**(**<http://www.collegeboard.org>)

Register as soon as you’ve decided which colleges you are applying to (as early as September 15th).

**NOTE:** If you are applying to colleges (public or private) located in New York State and are eligible for state aid, you must also fill out the **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** application and return it to Higher Education Service Corporation (HESC), Albany, NY. The TAP application will be sent to you after you fill out the FAFSA and have indicated on that you are a New York State resident and are applying to a college in New York State, or you can link to the TAP application while filling out the FAFSA online.