Senior College Application Night

Morris Knolls High School
September 19, 2023
7:00pm

Topics for Discussion

- Upcoming Dates!
- Steps to Applying to College
- Senior Year College Planning Timeline
- Transcripts and Application Deadlines
- Standardized Testing
- Naviance
- The Common Application
- The Coalition Application
- Scholarship Information
- Financial Aid

Upcoming Dates!

Mini College Fairs (Gym 1 during lunches)

- September 18
- October 27
- March 8

Financial Aid Seminar at MKHS (Auditorium)

- October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Attend in-person fall open houses!

Steps to Applying for College

- **STEP 1:** Update your Naviance account by moving colleges from "Colleges I'm Thinking About" to "Colleges I am Applying To".
- **STEP 2:** Work on your activity resume, college essay, senior brag sheet, and supplemental essays (if applicable).
- **STEP 3:** Check in with your teachers regarding letters of recommendation. You *must* enter your teachers in your Naviance Account.
- **STEP 4:** Submit college application, required application fee, and essay (if required) directly to the college.
- **STEP 5:** Use Naviance to request transcripts (College Transcript Requests on Naviance).
- **STEP 6** Visit CollegeBoard and/or your ACT account to send your scores to the colleges of which you have applied. You must do this directly from the testing website. Counselors **do not** have access to these accounts or scores!

Types of Applications

- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission – first come, first serve
- Early Decision – usually 11/1 or 11/15
  - Binding
  - Can only apply to one!
- Early Action – usually 11/1 or 11/15 (Southern colleges have a 10/15 deadline)
  - Non-binding
  - Can apply to more than one

Senior Year Timeline

Completed by the End of Junior Year

•Begin/continue searching for colleges through Naviance (Safety/Target/Reach).

•Create an appropriate email for college use.

•Register with the NCAA if you are planning on playing D-I or D-II sports.

•Complete Senior Brag Sheet and Parent Brag Sheet on Naviance!

•Start an activity resume for college and scholarship applications: Sample & Tips

•Schedule college visits and/or attend open houses.

•Ask two teachers for letters of recommendation. Share the request form with your teachers!

Currently in Progress...

- Work on outlines for essays (Common App essay prompts).
- Create a Common Application and/or Coalition Application account and familiarize yourself with it.
- Add schools to your Common App and Naviance accounts. **Match accounts on Naviance!**
- Register for Fall SAT/ACT tests.
- Visit colleges during fall open houses!
- Make sure you are satisfying all admissions/application requirements.
- Get organized! Make checklists for each school you are applying to where you can keep track of all your application deadlines.

Fall of Senior Year

- Use Naviance to finalize your college list!
- Add teachers recommendations to Naviance.
- Watch all application deadlines (ED, EA, Rolling, Regular, etc.)
- Request your transcript through Naviance by following these steps. **Requests need to be submitted 10 school days prior to your application deadline.**
- If applicable, submit Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) for colleges (ex. Rutgers, Penn State, etc.)
- ED/EA applicants - Finalize plans and prepare materials for October submission.
- Submit all required SAT or ACT scores **directly** from testing agencies!
- Finalize and submit all essays/applications.
- Begin gathering documents for the financial aid process and create FSA IDs.

Begin search for scholarship opportunities!

Winter of Senior Year

- Continue filing applications, if needed.
- Avoid senior slump! Mid-year and final grades matter! Mid-year grade will be sent to ALL colleges.
- Submit all required Financial Aid forms. FAFSA opens in *December*!
- Research new scholarship opportunities. Create only **ONE** Going Merry account! *No parent accounts!*
- File Scholarship Processing Form for paper scholarships ONLY.

Spring of Senior Year

- Respond to college acceptances and submit required fees.
- Follow up on applications (if not heard back).
- **May 1st is Decision Day! Notify ALL colleges and your counselor of your decision.**
- Keep your counselor informed of all decisions! Stay in touch!

June 2024!

- Complete Senior Survey on Naviance.
- Say thank you to all that helped you along the way!

GRADUATION!!
Congratulations! ☺️

Common Data Set

The Common Data Set is published annually for every college/university and is comprised of standards and definitions of data including freshman admission, financial aid, graduation rate, transfer admission, student demographics, academic offerings, instructional faculty/class size, and degrees conferred.

Please review every college your student is applying to with this resource!

Example Data Sets:

James Madison University

Rutgers University

Northeastern University

Transcripts

Transcript Request Timelines

College Deadline:	Needs to be Completed By:
October 15th	September 29th
November 1st	October 16th
November 15th	October 31st
December 1st	November 15th
December 15th	December 1st
After Dec. 16th deadlines, including Rolling Admission	November 22nd

******Minimum of 10 School Days are required to process documents******

Document	Complete
SELF-REPORTED ACADEMIC RECORD (More Info)	✗
CLASS RANK (4/334)	✓
HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT (Details)	✓
$75 UGRAD APPLICATION FEE	✓
Essay A	✓
SAT/ACT SCORES (VIEW ALL TESTS)	✓

Self-Reported Academic Records (SRAR)

- More schools are requiring SRAR! (ex. Clemson, FSU, Montclair, Rutgers, NYU, Penn State, Texas A&M, Uconn, Pittsburgh, etc).
- Student can complete this directly on Common App or Coalition App (if the school you are applying to requires it).
  - Some schools will redirect you to do it on their own site (ex. Rutgers) or through the main SRAR website.
- *Counselors gave students a copy of their transcript during group meetings on 9/8!*

NCAA Eligibility Center

It is mandatory that prospective student athletes who plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at a NCAA Division I or II institution register with the Eligibility Center.

Follow these steps:

1. Have a credit card ready.
2. Go to NCAA. Create an account.
3. After completing all forms, an email with a NCAA ID will be sent to you. Request transcripts in your NCAA account.
4. Add the NCAA to list of "Colleges I am Applying To" on Naviance.
5. Visit Naviance to request a transcript to be sent to NCAA.
6. Send SAT/ACT scores to NCAA using code 9999 for the "NCAA Eligibility Center".

Standardized Testing

To submit it or not?

SAT/ACT Testing Dates

Required Photo on Admissions Ticket

Morris Knolls CEEB Code: 311321 // Academy CEEB Code: 310271

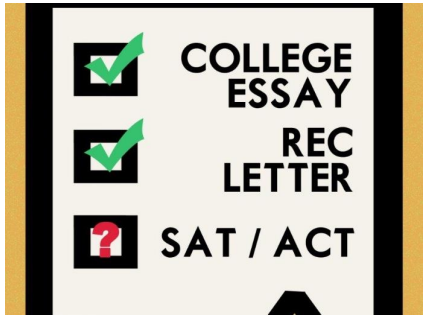
SAT Testing – Register at: sat.org/register

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 7	September 7	September 26
November 4	October 5	October 24
December 2	November 2	November 21

ACT Testing – Register at: actstudent.org

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 28	September 22	October 6
December 9	November 3	November 17

Test Optional



Test optional allows the student to decide if they want to submit their SAT or ACT scores or not.

Our recommendation: if a student is *at or above* the average SAT or ACT score for a college, send the scores. If they are *below* the average SAT or ACT score, **do not send them!**

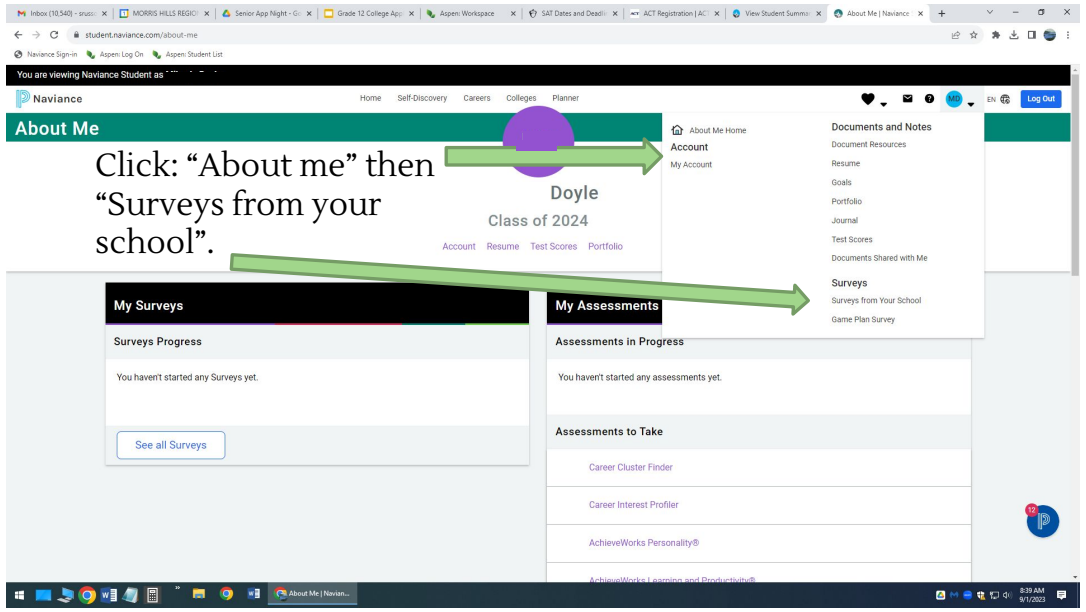
80% of colleges are currently test optional (insiderhighered.com).
Use this to your advantage!

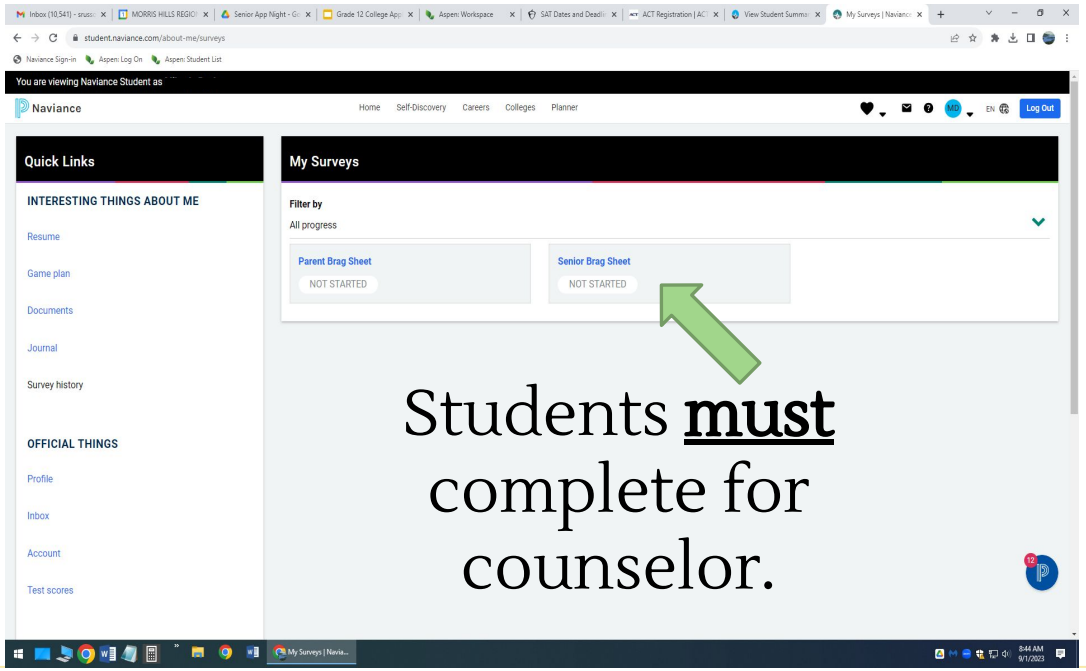
Naviance

How is information submitted?

- Most schools receive all documents from MKHS via **Naviance**.
- Student sign **FERPA** – "Release of Information".
  - Waiving Right – Why not? Colleges want a candid look!
- **Recommendations** – asking for 2 academic based letters is standard.
  - No need to ask for more!
  - Be mindful that some colleges *only* accept one letter of recommendation.

APPLY TO COLLEGE ONLINE

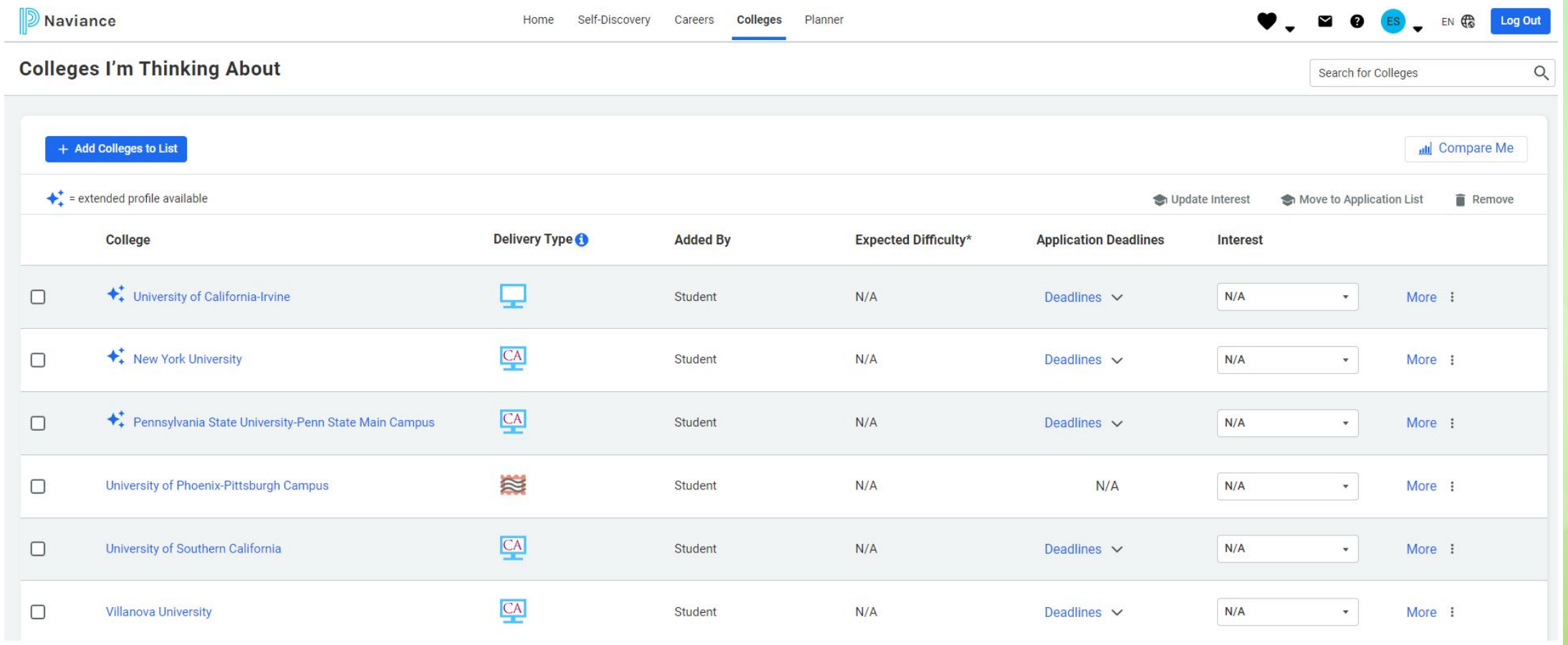




Student & Parent Brag Sheets

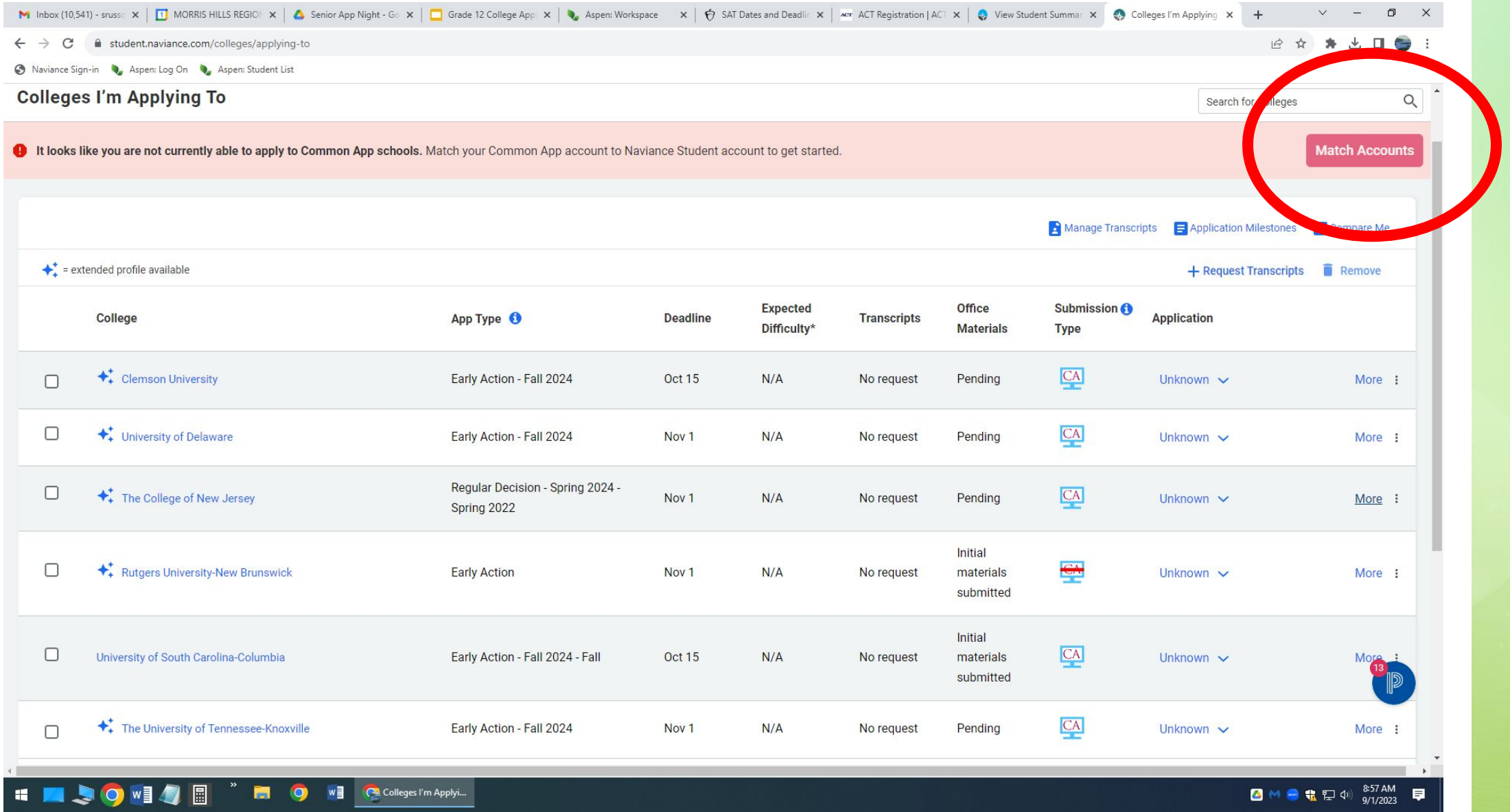
Naviance

Thinking About



Naviance

Applying To



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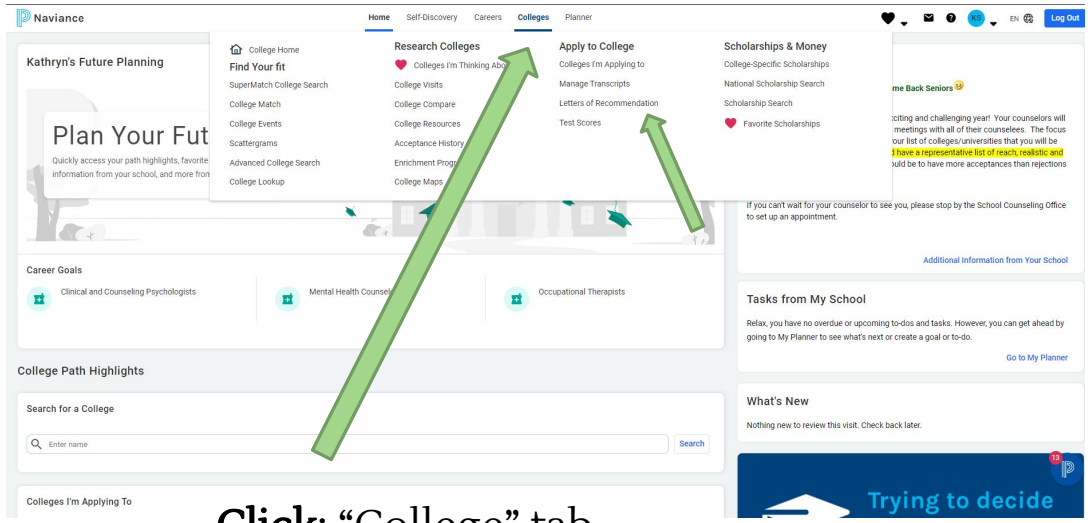
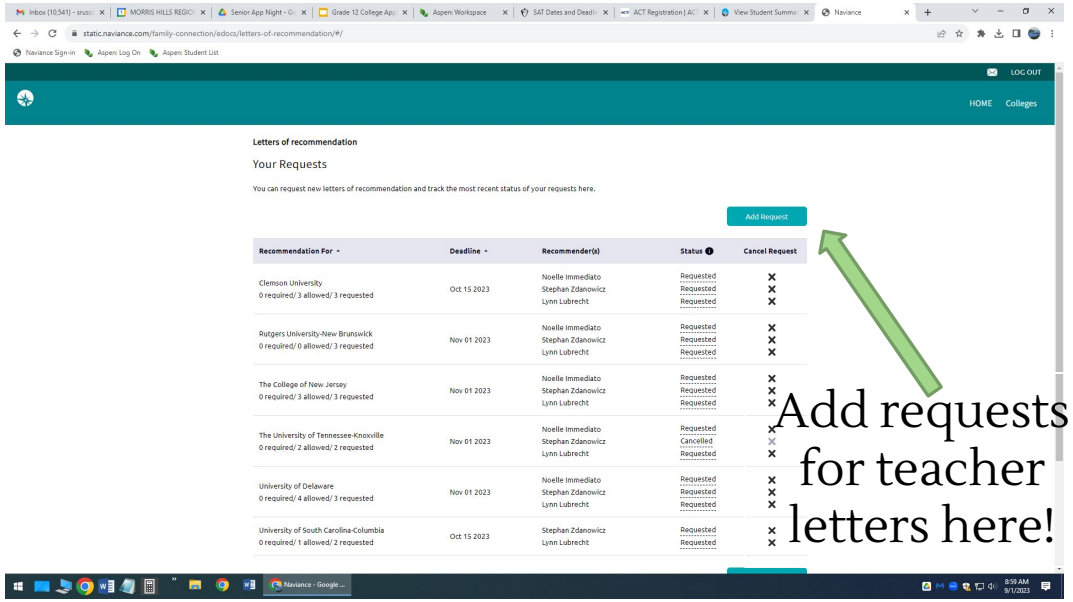
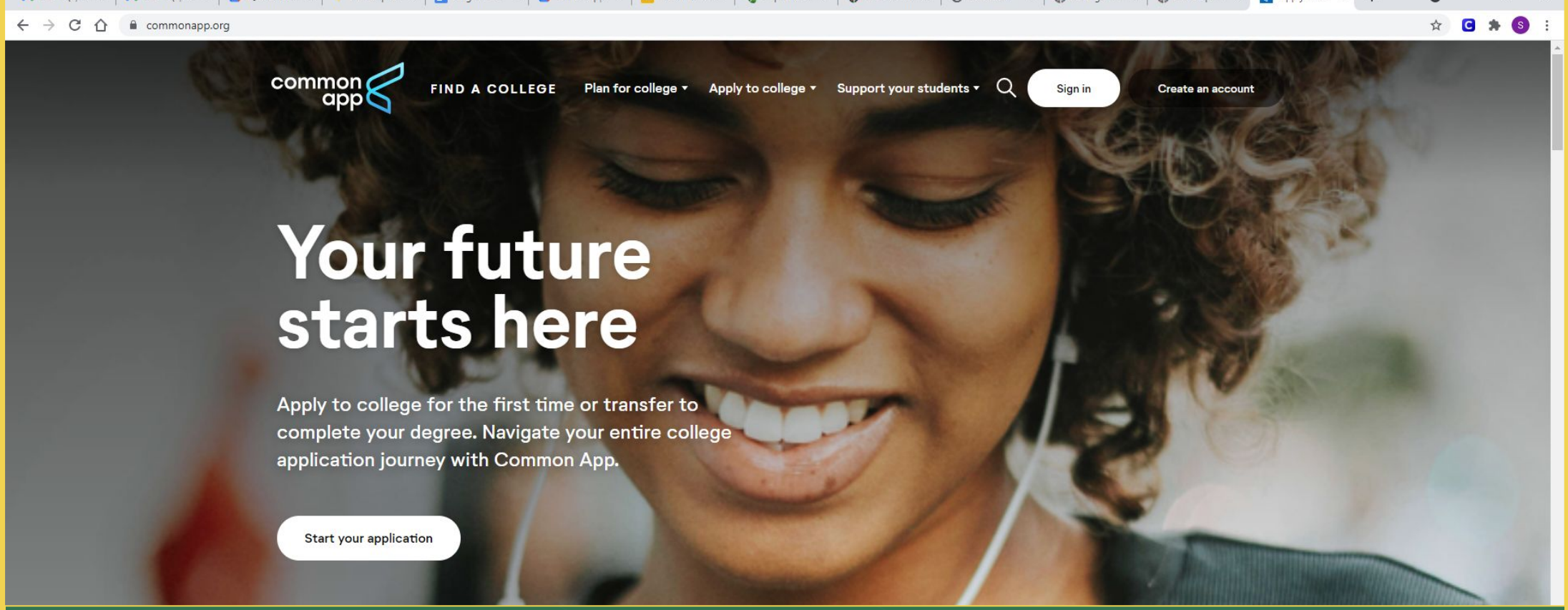


Click: "College" tab then "Letters of Recommendation"



Add requests for teacher letters here!

Application Portals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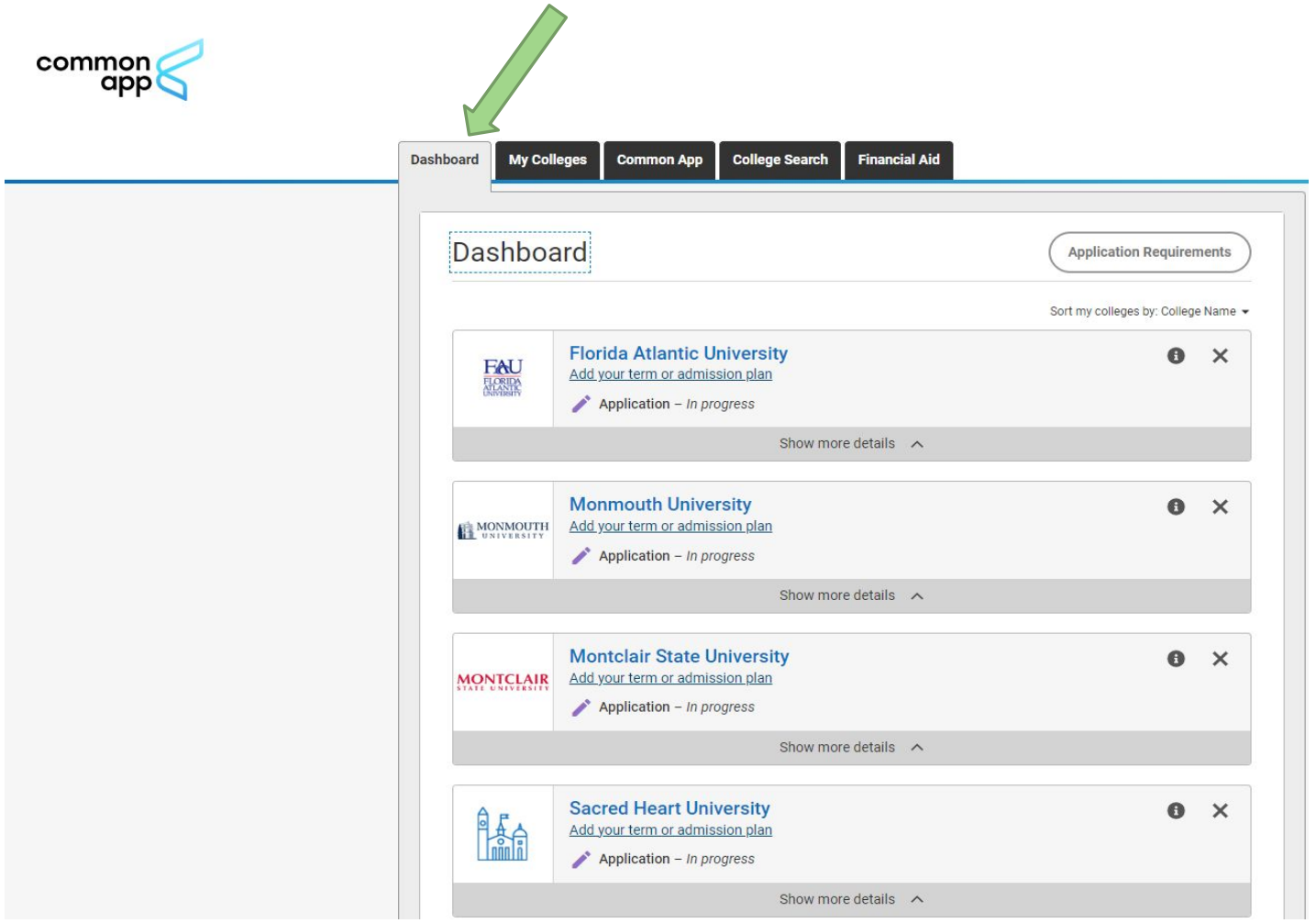
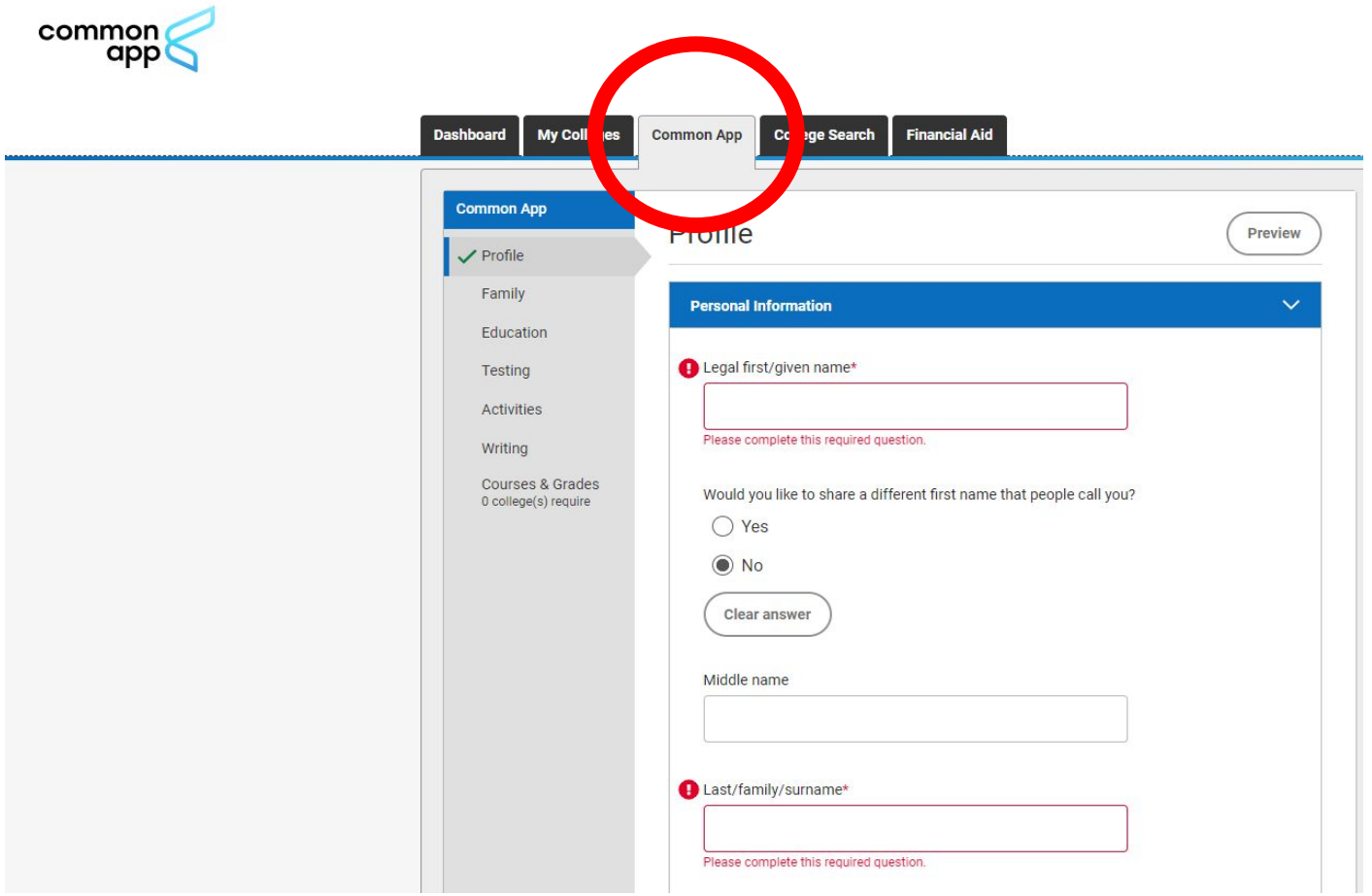
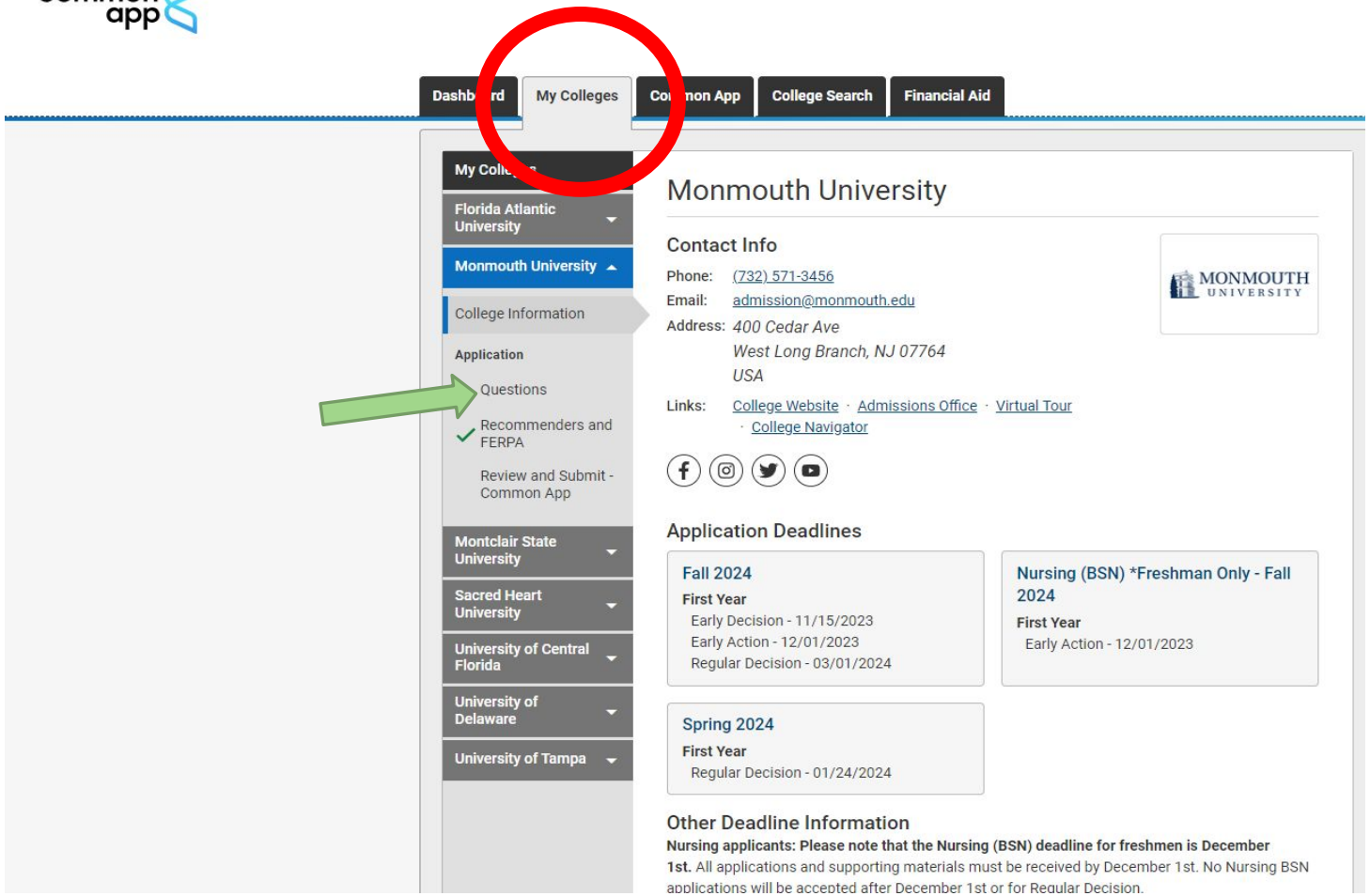
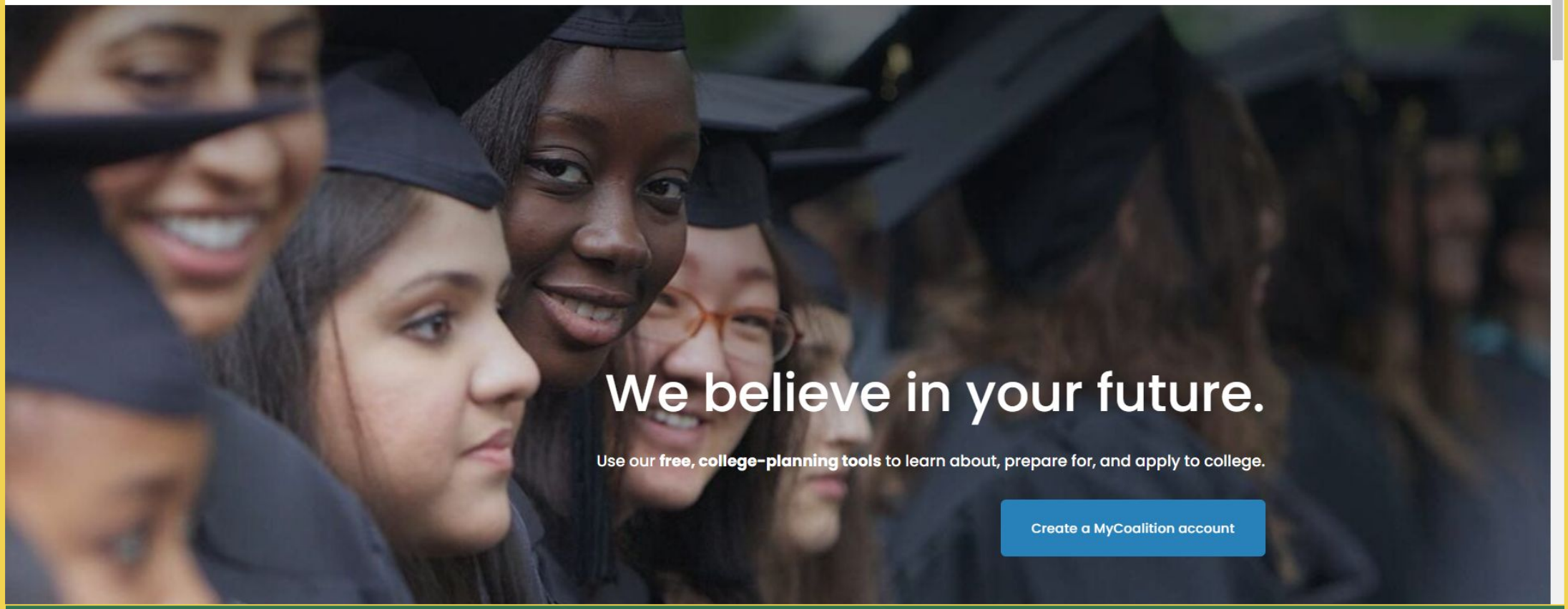


Common App:
The Application



Common App:
My Colleges

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Scholarships

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School Counseling Department

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Overview

The School Counseling Department is a comprehensive and innovative center which provides students in grades 9-12 with academic, personal, social, career and further education counseling.

Contact Info
School Counseling Department
Morris Knolls High School
50 Knoll Drive
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866
973-664-2210
973-664-1483 (fax)
CEEB Code: **311321**

School Counseling Calendar

VIEW CALENDAR >

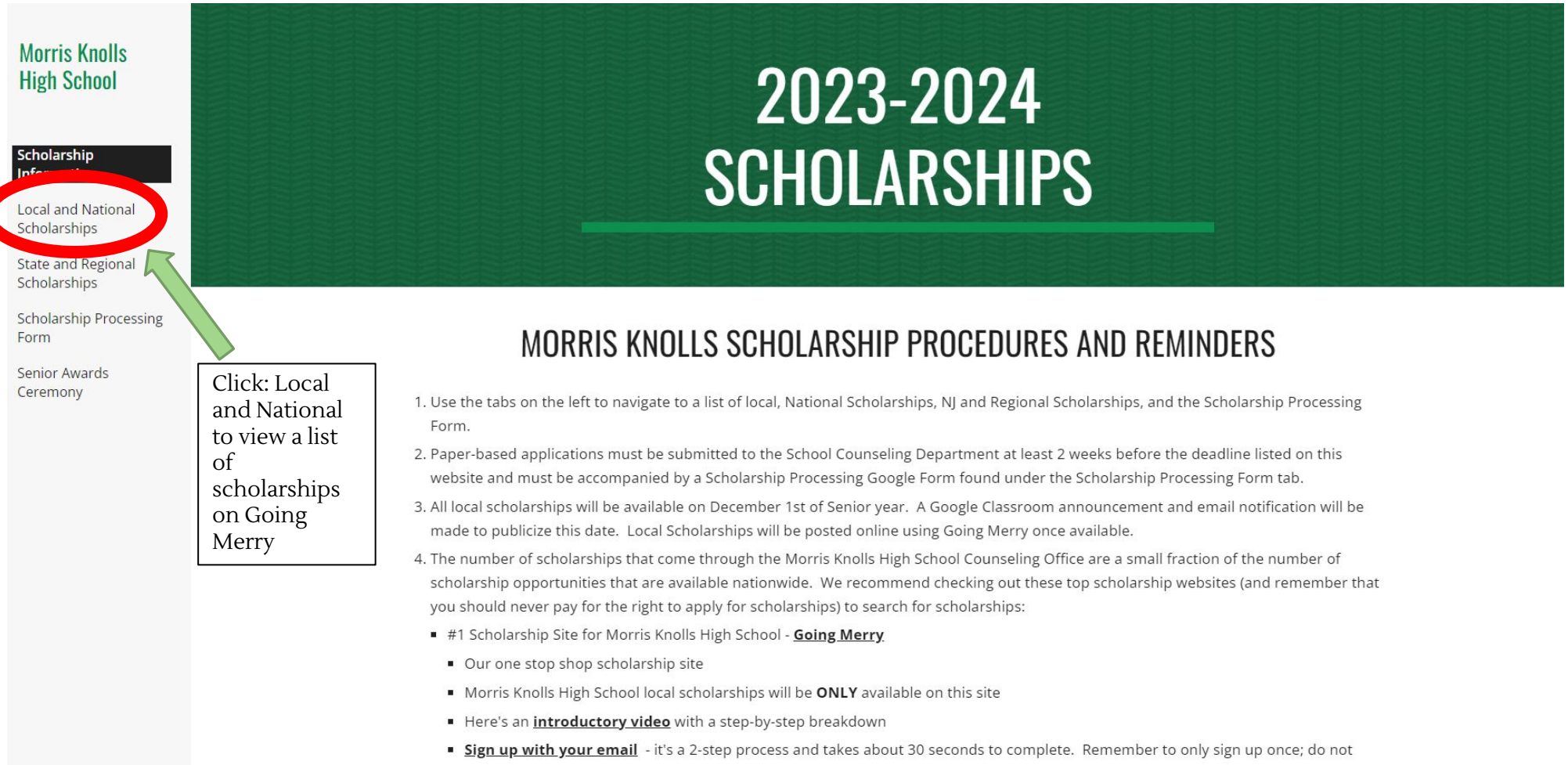
Quick Links

- School Counseling Department Scheduling Video
- 2022-23 MKHS School Profile

Scholarships

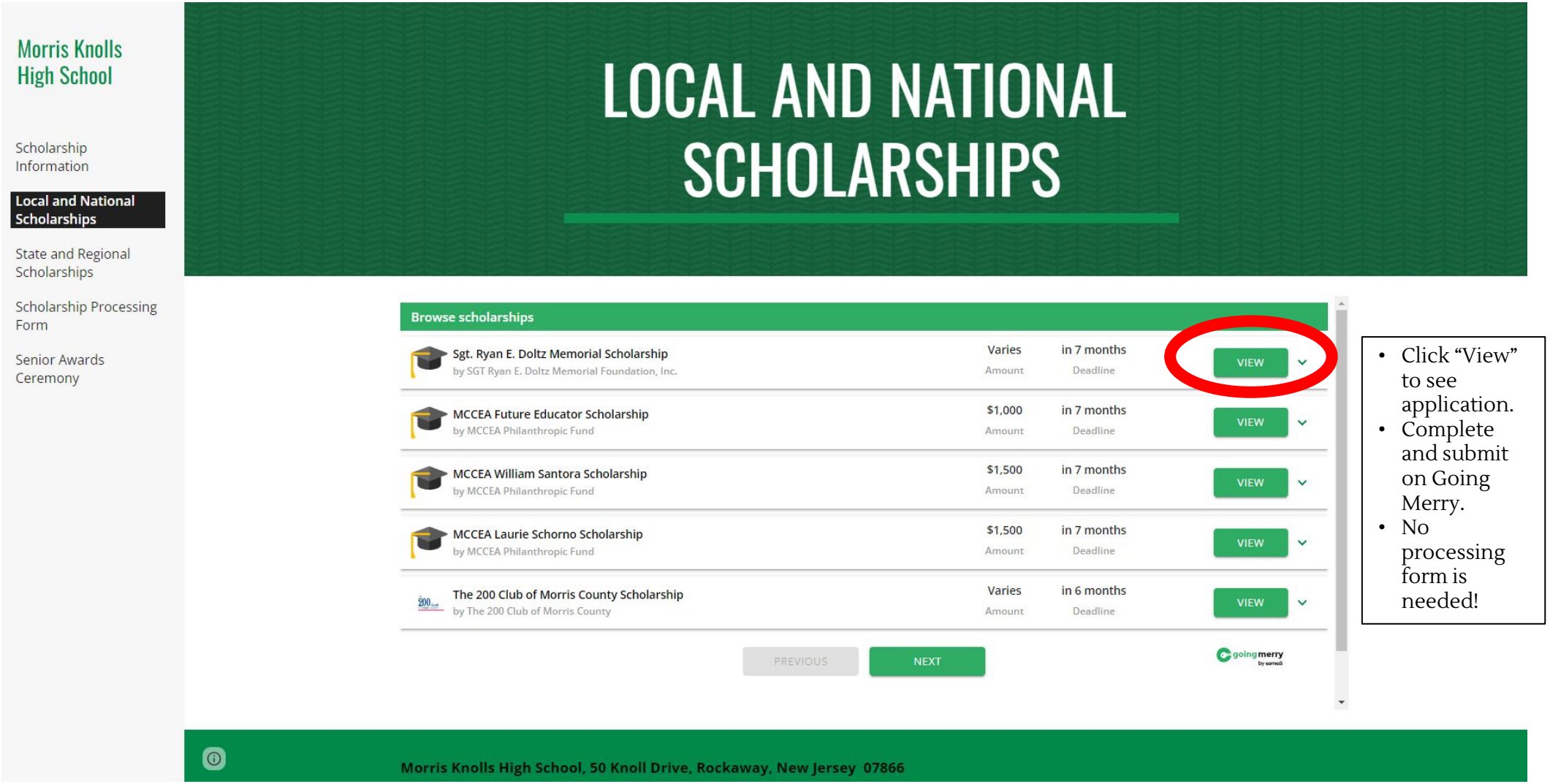
Scholarship Website

Please be sure you have one Going Merry Account!



Click: Local and National to view a list of scholarships on Going Merry

Local and National Scholarships

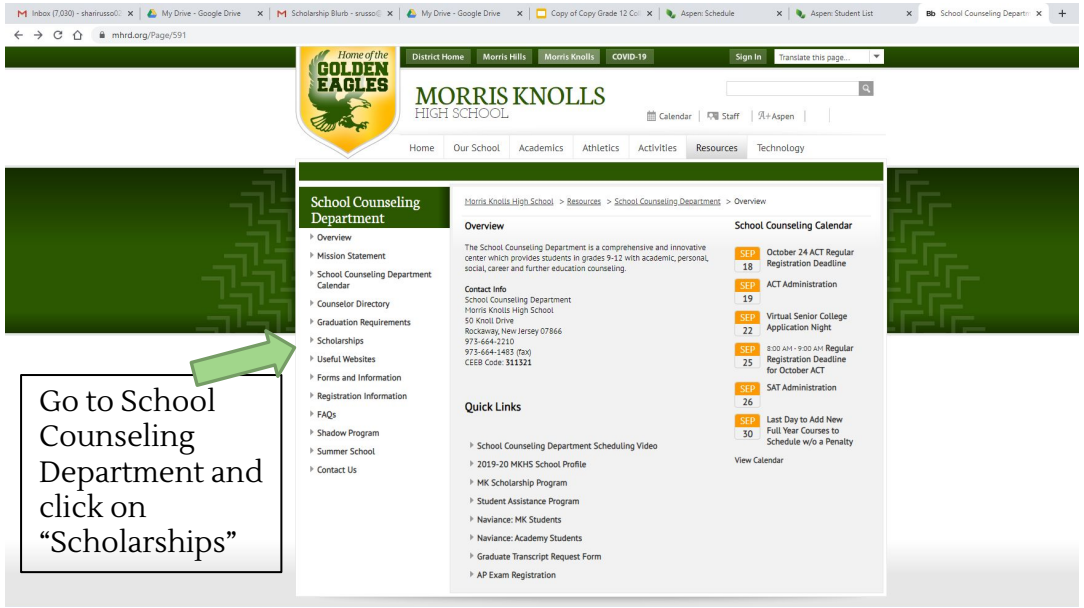


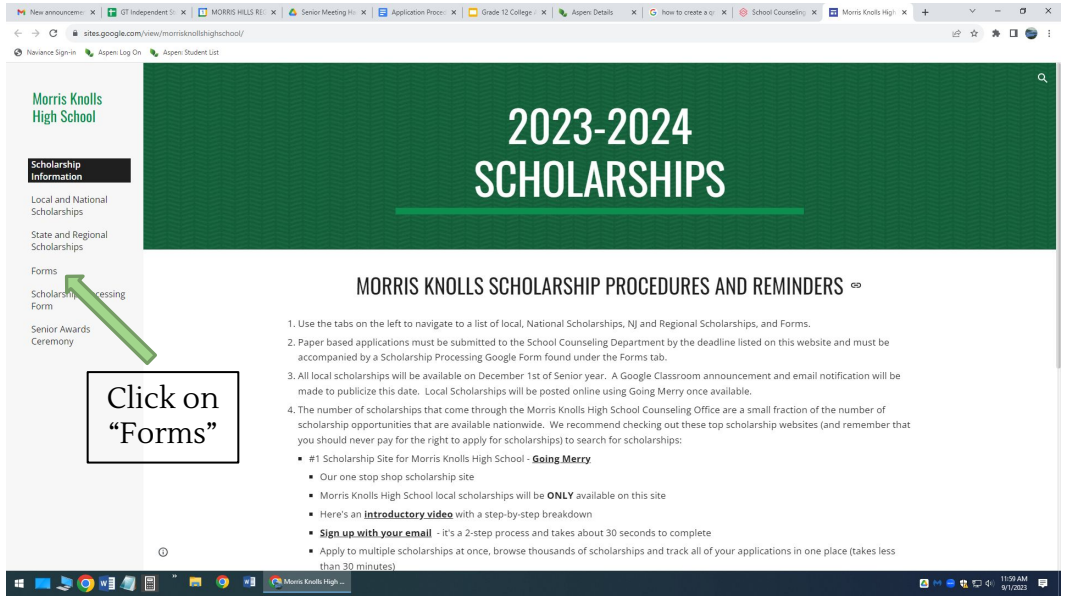
- Click “View” to see application.
- Complete and submit on Going Merry.
- No processing form is needed!

State and Regional Scholarships

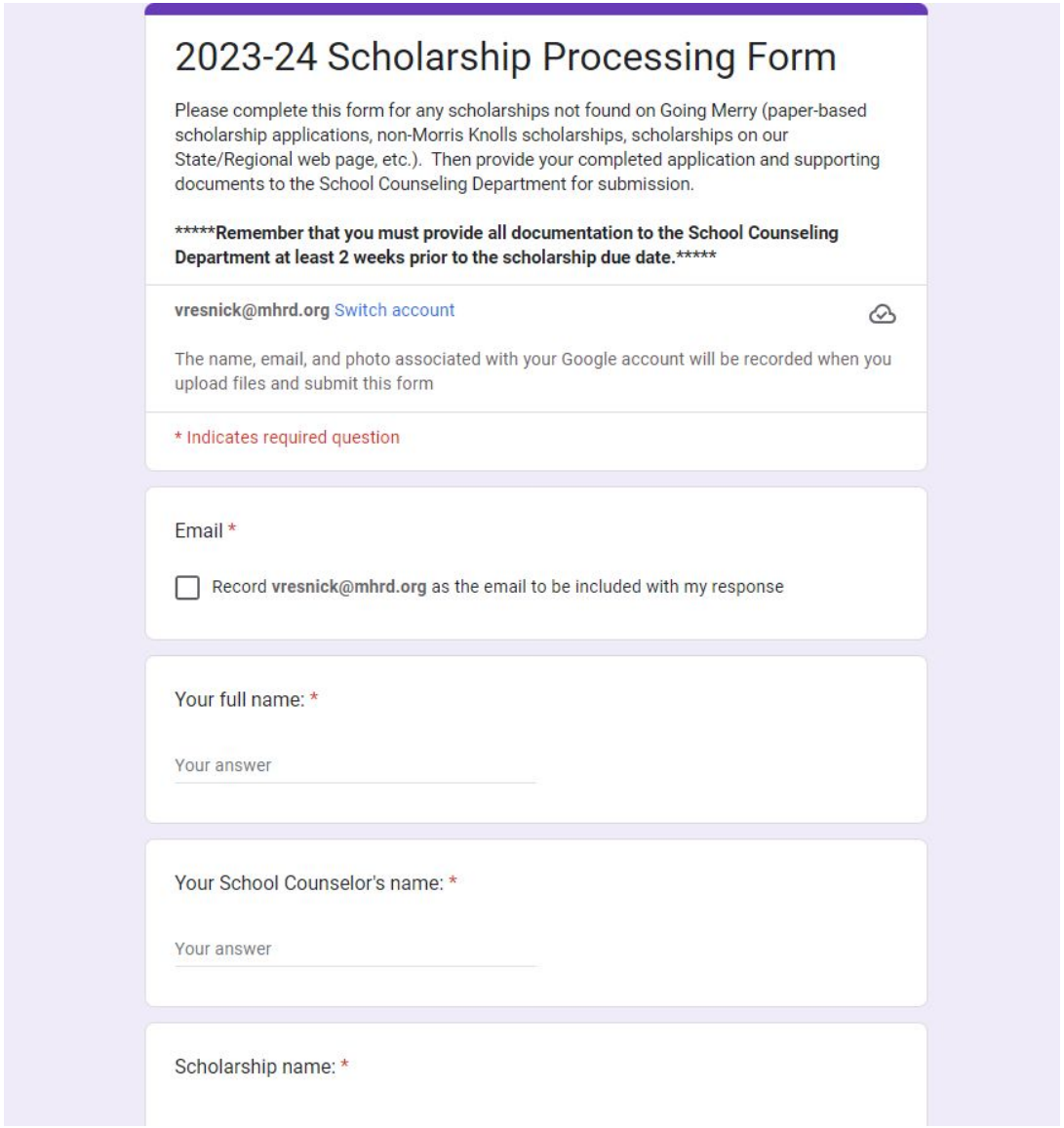
Click: "State and Regional" to view a list of scholarships with separate applications.

- **These MUST be submitted to your School Counselor in person prior to the deadline listed on our website.**
- *You WILL need to submit a processing form!*





Where to Find the Scholarship Processing Form



2023-24 Scholarship Processing Form

Please complete this form for any scholarships not found on Going Merry (paper-based scholarship applications, non-Morris Knolls scholarships, scholarships on our State/Regional web page, etc.). Then provide your completed application and supporting documents to the School Counseling Department for submission.

*****Remember that you must provide all documentation to the School Counseling Department at least 2 weeks prior to the scholarship due date.*****

vresnick@mhrd.org Switch account

The name, email, and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form

* Indicates required question

Email *

Record vresnick@mhrd.org as the email to be included with my response

Your full name: *

Your answer

Your School Counselor's name: *

Your answer

Scholarship name: *

Complete the Scholarship Processing Google Form for <u>each</u> state and regional scholarship that you are applying to!

****All documentation is due to the School Counseling office <u>two weeks prior</u> to the scholarship due date****

Financial Aid

FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

1. You must register for a FSA ID Number. This will be your secure access to your FAFSA online **(Available in December).**
2. Once you have secured a FSA ID, fill out the Pre-Application Worksheet – using previous year taxes.
3. Follow the directions as provided on the website.

****Be aware of deadlines****
Each individual college has its own filing deadline!

CSS Profile
CollegeBoard's Financial Aid Service

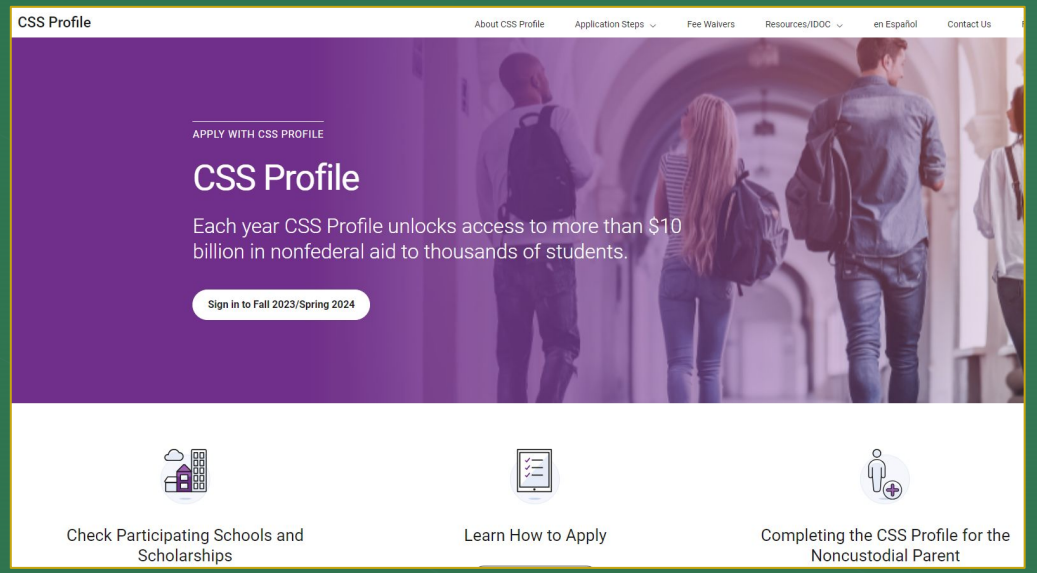
- CSS PROFILE is used by colleges to determine eligibility for institutional funding.

- You will need to check with your college/university if they require the CSS PROFILE

OR

- You can also check here for a complete list of schools that participate.

- CSS PROFILE Online Application for 2024 -2025 will be available on October 1st. You should file this application if your school requires it for the fall of 2024 or the spring of 2025.



Thank You!