



COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

- **PRAY!** Following the Lord's leading is most important.

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

- Engage in family discussion.
- Make a list of what you are looking for in a college (Degree programs, size, distance, public/Christian).
- College Board Search & Comparison



Naviance

Transcripts will be sent through Naviance.

- Go to <https://student.naviance.com/cai> to request your transcript.
- Naviance is also integrated with the Common Application
- Career and interest surveys also available

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CHOOSING A COLLEGE



-Search the internet

-Do comparisons

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

and www.collegeview.com/collegesearch

-Visit the campus

-Attend college fairs in the fall

-Attend preview days sponsored by the college
for potential students

-Speak with college reps who visit CAI – approx. 35

-Narrow choices down to 2-5 schools



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TESTING

- Application information and test dates for SAT and ACT can be found in the counseling office or online.

ACT- www.actstudent.org

SAT- www.collegeboard.org

- Take the practice tests.
- Bring your calculator.
- Test scores must be submitted to the college of choice for the application to be complete.
- Christian Academy of Indiana High School (CEEB)
code is 152-504



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If you have not taken the SAT and ACT as a junior, sign up for one of these dates! Take both at least once and one of these tests twice.

SAT - www.collegeboard.org

Test date August 24, 2019

Test date October 5, 2019

Test date November 2, 2019

Test date December 7, 2019

Test date March 14, 2020

Test date May 2, 2020

Test date June 6, 2020

ACT – www.actstudent.org

Test date September 14, 2019

Test date October 26, 2019

Test date December 14, 2019

Test date February 8, 2020

Test date April 4, 2020

Test date June 13, 2020

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APPLICATIONS

- There are separate applications that colleges require:
 - Admission
 - Housing
 - Financial Aid
- Check with each college to determine application deadlines; make sure you pay close attention to them. Deadlines listed generally mean when the application **MUST** be in the admissions office. It is **NOT** usually a postmark deadline!



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APPLICATIONS

- Counselor and teacher recommendations will be submitted through Naviance.
- In May, request a final end-of-year transcript to be sent to the college. We do not send without a request.



Paying for College

It all starts with the FAFSA - www.fafsa.ed.gov

F- Free

A- Application (for)

F- Federal

S- Student

A- Aid

-The FAFSA is the “Gateway” for ANY sort of Federal Financial Aid.

- Can file as early as October 1, 2019



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FAFSA TIPS

-Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your *federal student aid* documents. Visit

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>

-For State Aid (Indiana), the FAFSA filing deadline is March 10.

-For State Aid (Kentucky), it is recommended to file as soon as possible after October 1.

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Types of financial aid

- Grants
- Loans
- Scholarships
- Work Study Programs

Free Indiana College Costs Estimator

- Generates a student's expected net cost of attending an Indiana college at:

<https://learnmoreindiana.org/cost/college-costs/>

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GRANTS – “Free” money

- Come directly from FAFSA results
- Are awarded by the college financial aid office
- Are generally need-based
- Do not have to be repaid
- Keep trying – Reapply as you go through college





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LOANS

- Can be arranged with the US Dept. of Education or privately
- Usually do not have to be repaid until student is no longer a full time student
- Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized



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SCHOLARSHIPS

-You should never have to pay someone to find scholarship money for you. Information is widely available online.



-Many scholarships are posted on the Counselor's blog on the CAI website.

-There are MANY merit-based scholarships that never come through the CAI counseling office. Many come directly with the award package from the college financial aid office. Check with the college/university to find out more information.

-Write the essays!

-Search online at www.Fastweb.com



Paying for College

WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

- Special jobs available on campus for students who qualify
- Student receives a regular paycheck to help with living expenses
- Student must apply just like they would for any other job



NCAA/NAIA CLEARINGHOUSES

- Students interested in participating in athletics in NCAA Division I or II schools must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. It is recommended that you register at the end of junior year. For more information visit: www.eligibilitycenter.org
- NAIA is the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Students interested in playing at NAIA schools must register at <http://www.playnaia.org>



Acceptance and Scholarship Offers

- Copies of ALL scholarship monies offered and college acceptance letters received should be submitted to the counseling office even if the student does **NOT** plan to accept a scholarship from a particular college.