



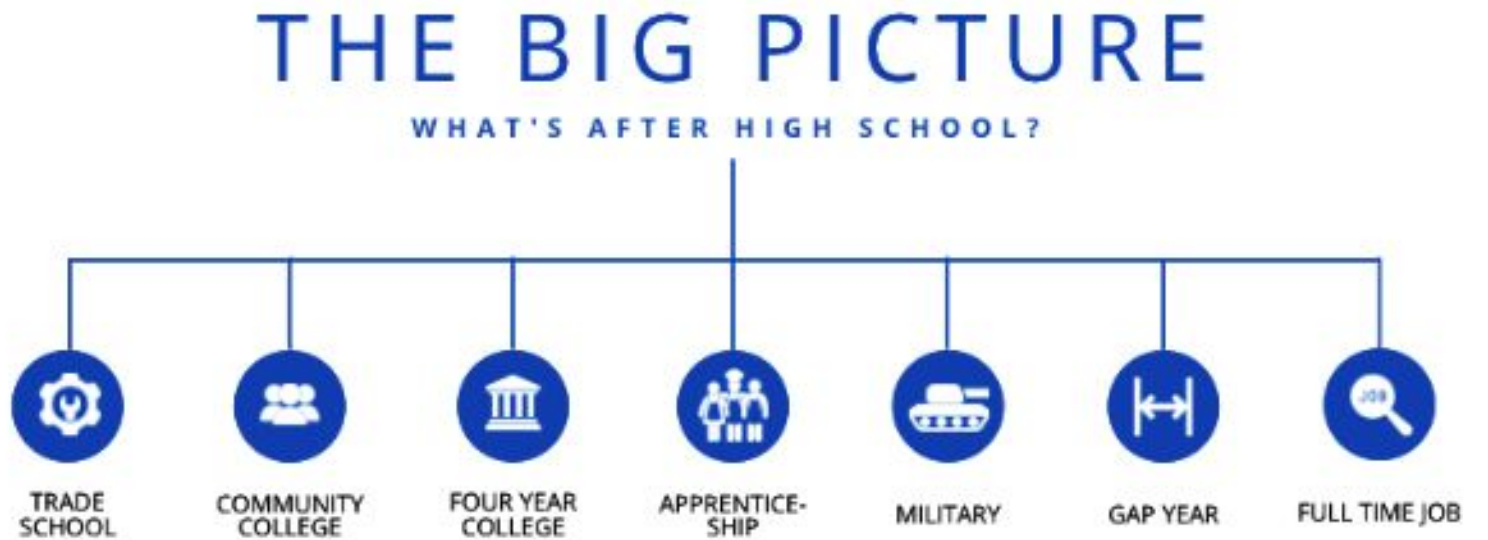
# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student & Parent Program

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# *Program Outline*

- Course Selection Process
- High School Opportunities
- College Selection Process
- Application Process
- Financial Aid
- SAT / ACT Information
- Scholarships
- Important Dates
- Contact Information



# ***Course Selection Process***

**Prior to the December break, we met with all students during English class to select courses for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Individual student and parent/guardian meetings will also take place.**

**Letters will be mailed home with meeting date/time.**

**Review transcript/graduation requirements, review selected courses for senior year, discuss potential post high school plans, review application process, financial aid, and scholarships.**

# *Senior Internship Program*

## Program Overview

- Full year = 108 hours (1 credit); Half year = 54 hours (1/2 credit)
- Students spend 8-10 weeks in 2-3 careers, 2-3 days/week for 1½-3+ hrs.
- Students must have their license and own transportation
- Students meet mentors prior to starting an internship
- Weekly time sheets, journals, and other career related activities
- Students can still take honors/AP courses and participate in sports/clubs



# *Senior Internship Program Continued ...*

## **Application Process:**

**Students apply late winter/early spring:**

- 1. Application (includes resume, essay, teacher recommendations)**
- 2. Review of:**
  - grades
  - attendance
  - transportation
  - career interests
  - disciplinary issues
- 3. Interview with Ms. Bean**

# *New Visions Program*

## *Health Careers Exploration*

- Academically rigorous one year program for college bound seniors who plan to major in pre-med or other health related field.
- Application process includes written statement, letters of recommendation, transcript review, attendance report, interview with selection committee.



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

# ***Empire Boys & Girls State***

- Junior students are invited to participate in the American Legion Empire Boys and Empire Girls State.
- State citizens will build the government of a mythical 51st state, from the local level up to the state level.

## Boys State

June 27th - July 2nd  
SUNY Morrisville

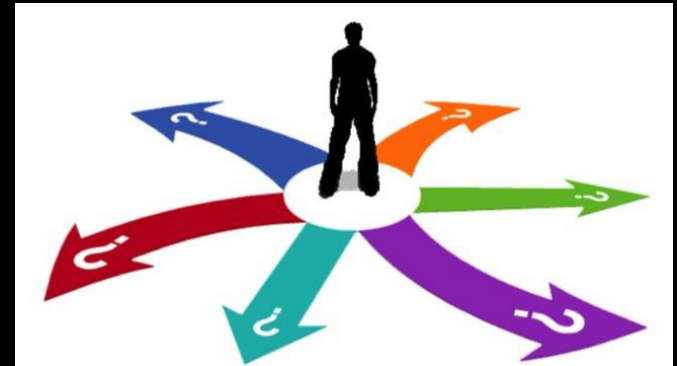
## Girls State

June 30th - July 6th  
SUNY Brockport



# Selecting the “right” college

- Consider your priorities and academic needs
- Use all available resources to identify those that match your priorities/needs
- Visit the campus/community
- Interview and ask questions







# Sources of College Information

- Your school counselor
- College webpages/catalogs/viewbooks
- College visits (virtual and/or in-person)
- College Representative visits to Student Services
- College fair programs
- Parents/relatives/teachers/friends
- Professionals in your intended career field/college major



# The College Application Process

- **Application**
  - Online Common Application/SUNY Common Application
- **Official SAT and/or ACT Scores**
  - *Students send scores directly to the college/university from their College Board or ACT account \*\*some schools are now test optional\*\**
- **High School Transcript**
- **College Essay**
- **Portfolio/Auditions** (Art, Music, Performance Majors)
- **Letters of Recommendation**
  - Counselor, Teacher(s), Coach, Mentor
- **Application Fee** (varies by institution)





# What Are Colleges Looking For?

- **Transcript**
  - Strength of program
  - Grade Point Average (GPA)
  - Class rank
- **Involvement**
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Athletics
  - Community service
  - Employment
- **Standardized Test Scores**
  - SAT
  - ACT
- **Special Interests**
  - Art
  - Music
  - Athletics
  - Scout Awards
  - Noteworthy experiences...
- **Other**
  - College essay
  - Demonstrated interest
  - Interview (if offered)
  - Recommendations
  - Diversity

# Financial Aid - Forms to Complete

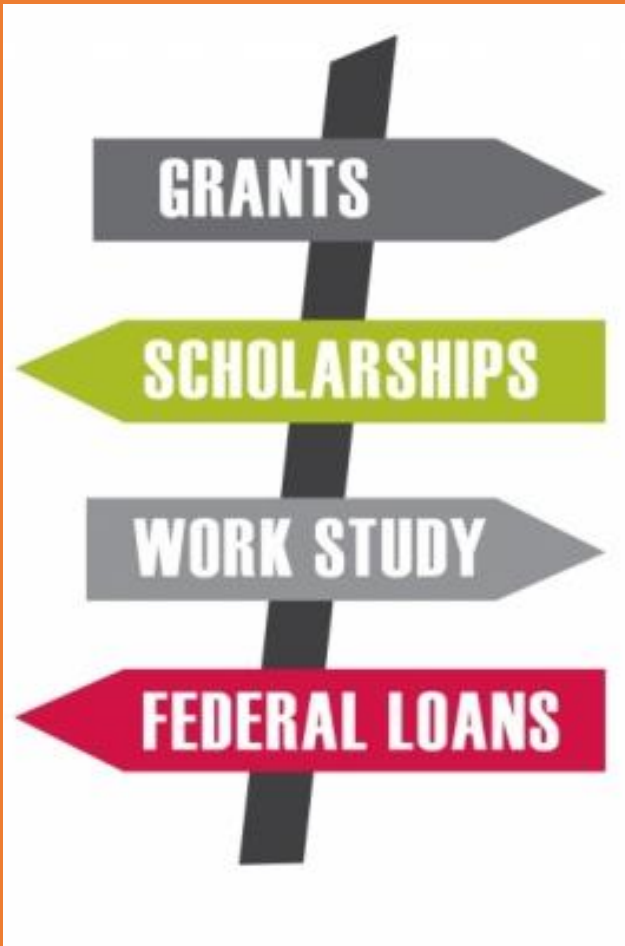


- **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**
  - Anticipated to open 10/1/2026
  - Contributors to the FAFSA must apply for FSA ID  
<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
  - Visit FAFSA website to complete the form: [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- **NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**
  - Attend a college/university within New York State
  - Link to complete application provided after completion of FAFSA application
- **CSS Profile**
  - Required by more selective colleges and universities
  - Visit the College Board website to complete the CSS Profile: [www.collegeboard.org](https://www.collegeboard.org)
- **Institutional Forms**

# Financial Aid Continued ...

Nearly all students receive some form of financial aid:

- Grants (free money): PELL, TAP, Institutional
- Scholarships: School Specific, Private, Regional, National
- Federal Work Study: Employment on campus
- Loans: Stafford/Perkins Federal Loans, PLUS (Parent Loans)



# *Excelsior Scholarship*

The Excelsior Scholarship allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free. *\*this does not cover room/board/misc fees*

- The program covers tuition for eligible SUNY and CUNY students.
- Adjusted combined federal household income of \$125,000 or less.
- Enroll in full-time study (at least 12 credits per semester)
- Complete at least 30 credits per year.
- Live and work in NYS for a duration equal to the number of years you received the scholarship.
- Must complete the FAFSA & TAP application each year for payment.

The Excelsior scholarship application typically opens late Spring of senior year.



# ***SAT & ACT Information***

**When and how often should you take them?**

- SAT (*collegeboard.org*)
- ACT (*act.org*)

**How do you register for these?**

**Where will you take the test?**

**School Based Testing**

- March 13th (payment due to the Main Office by February 2nd)

**How do you test with testing accommodations?**



# *Important Dates to Remember*

- **Student & Parent/Guardian Meetings**
  - Letters with meeting dates/times will be mailed home
  - Please contact Student Services to change meeting date/time if necessary
  - Review course selections/begin post graduation planning
- **New Visions Information Session**
  - January 13th - 1:00 pm @ Schuylerville - Health Careers Exploration; *see school counselor if interested*
- **SAT School Based Testing**
  - March 13th - 9:00 am @ Schuylerville High School







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