

# Guidelines

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## Seniors Begin Applying to Colleges

The time is now! To begin, students are encouraged to go to the website of the college of interest and become familiar with their entrance requirements as these can vary greatly. Colleges and universities that have an open admission policy will accept most high school graduates who apply. At the other end of the spectrum are those that are highly selective. If you are applying to a technical college, you will need to search for the requirements for that particular program as these requirements can also vary greatly.

**Application deadlines** vary. However, a general guideline is to plan to have all applications submitted by Thanksgiving. Keep in mind that some *selective* schools have early action or early decision as early as mid-October. Some popular pro-



grams at technical colleges can fill quickly and may have waiting lists so it is in your best interest to apply early. For programs with a waiting list, the student must be "program ready" before they are eligible to be placed on the waiting list.

Most **applications can be found** on the colleges'

website under "Admissions" or "Apply Now." Allow yourself enough time so that supplemental materials (if required) can be submitted by the deadline as well, i.e. transcripts, test scores, letters of recommendation, as these items can only be sent during business hours.

More information can be found at: <https://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/high/services/hsCollegePlanning.cfm>

## Financial Aid Night to be held October 10



We will be hosting a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:00 pm in the Chi-Hi Cafeteria. It is highly recommended for parents of senior students that are attending college and technical college next fall. Mr. Scott Siegenthaler from UW-Eau Claire's Financial Aid Office will discuss types of financial aid, applying for aid and answer any questions you might have. We will also provide information on scholarship postings which are posted throughout the school year through Career Cruising and on our bulletin board. It's not too early to begin gathering information and to apply.

## CVTC Career Tour October 2

This tour is open to juniors and seniors. Students must be preregistered. Permission forms will be available in home-rooms and Student Services the week of September 17. Completed forms are due no later than 4:00 pm on September 25. The bus will leave the Cardinal Entrance at 8:35 am and will return at approximately 1:00 pm. Students will need to bring money for lunch at McDonalds.

## WI Education Fair to be held October 5

The Wisconsin Education Fair (WEF) will be held at the Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center from 9:00-11:00 am on Friday, October 5. WEF provides students with an opportunity to meet with representatives from a variety of post-secondary institutions all in one place. Participants include UW-4 year and 2-year colleges/universities, Wisconsin's independent colleges/universities, Wisconsin technical colleges and many out-of-state institutions. Trade schools and the armed forces are also available. For more information and a complete participant list go to: [www.wefs.org](http://www.wefs.org)

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## Important Planning Dates

Below is a listing of events and application deadlines that will be of interest to current seniors.



October 2 .....	CVTC Career Tour
October 5 .....	WEF, Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center
October 10 .....	Financial Aid Night 6 pm, Chi-Hi cafeteria
October 24 & 25 .....	MN National College Fair
October 27 .....	ACT (National test date)
November 1 .....	Early Action application deadline for UW-Madison & U of MN-Twin Cities
December 1.....	Priority deadline for UW-Eau Claire
December 11.....	ASVAB Testing
December 15 .....	Regular deadline for U of MN-Twin Cities
January 1 .....	Priority deadline for UW-Stout and UW-Whitewater
February 1.....	Priority application deadline for UW-La Crosse, UW-River Falls & Regular Decision deadline for UW-Madison.
Feb. 1-March 1.....	Chippewa Falls Foundation scholarship application available (approx. dates)
May 22 .....	Senior Awards Night 7 pm, HS Auditorium
May 6-17.....	AP Testing Window
June 9.....	Chi-Hi Graduation

## Student Services website

Chi-Hi Student Services website has a variety of information available to students about college and career planning including:

- Technical College Brochure and Checklist for applying to Technical Colleges
- Four Year College Brochure and Checklist for applying to Four -Year Colleges
- How to Request a Transcript
- How to Find Scholarships
- College Credit Now
- Paying for College
- Military Information

## Counselors to hold senior meetings

School counselors will be meeting with groups of seniors during the homeroom time the week of September 17. Students will be asked to do one final check to make sure they have completed and/or have in their schedule the requirements for graduation. Counselors will also review some of the information covered in this newsletter. As a follow-up, we are asking seniors to make an appointment to see their counselor so we can assist them with steps to be completed based on their post-secondary plans. Be sure to ask your senior about this information and remind them to set up an appointment with their counselor, if they haven't already done so.