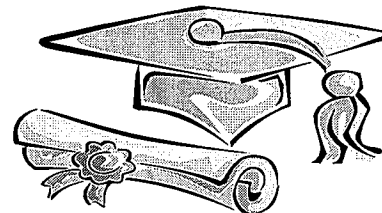


Guidance Newsletter

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Senior Focus

What's next? Making Post High School Plans

The time is quickly approaching when students need to make decisions on what to do after high school graduation. There are many options.

This summer make a list of your preliminary possibilities and research schools and programs. If you can, visit the places you're considering. The best way to do this is to meet with admissions representatives on an official campus visit day. Call the university or technical school admissions office and see when they have a visit day scheduled or make an individual appointment for a campus tour. College representatives come to Whitnall Guidance throughout the year. Check in with Guidance to see when the representative from your school is coming. This summer begin writing your college applicant essay/ statement and developing your activity sheet.

Choosing a College:

What kind of college are you interested in? Think about the possibilities and determine what suits your educational and personal interests. Would you like a large or small campus? Does your college have the major you are interested in? Do you prefer an urban or rural setting? Do you want to be close to home, out of state? Are you considering a college with a religious affiliation? Do you want a two or four year school? Are you thinking about a military education?

College Applications: If you are planning on applying to college, September, October and early November are the best times to apply. State schools will begin processing applications September 15th. Each university will have their own deadline for application. Watch the deadlines carefully. Don't miss out on applying.

How to Apply to a University:

Online Application

All universities would like students to apply online. You can usually pay the college application fee online with a credit card. After submitting your application online, come to the Guidance Office to fill out a transcript request form. There is a \$5.00 transcript fee (check to Whitnall or cash) for each transcript requested. We will then send the official transcript and test scores. Online University of Wisconsin applications can be obtained at: www.apply.wisconsin.edu. Links to all university's websites can be found on uwhelp.wisconsin.edu.

Private and out of state schools may have a counselor sheet. Please print this and turn it in to Guidance with your \$5.00 transcript fee.

Paper Application

Although all schools would now like you to apply online, you can print a paper application from the school's website. University of Wisconsin system applications can be obtained online at: www.apply.wisconsin.edu. Fill out your application neatly (only one

color ink) and completely. **Do not mail applications to the schools yourself.** Bring your completed application to Guidance with a check to the university covering the school's application fee. The Guidance Office will mail your application, check made out to the university for the application fee, along with your transcript and test scores, to the schools. If There is a \$5.00 fee for each official transcript which is sent from the Guidance Office. You do not need to include an envelope or postage. Please note that all "official" transcripts must be mailed directly from the Guidance Office to the college or university. Official transcripts cannot be given to students.

ACT Testing

The most common admissions test for Wisconsin and Midwest schools is the ACT. Most schools will require a composite score of 21-23. Students planning to attend a two or four year university should have taken the ACT (or SAT if appropriate) their junior year. If you haven't done so, or want to re-take it, this should be done early this fall. UW Madison, Marquette University and the University of Minnesota all require that you take the writing component of the ACT. Register online for the ACT at: www.act.org Whitnall High School code: 500-838

College Athlete

If you are interested in athletically competing in a Division I or Division II school, you must be academically eligible to participate. It is necessary to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. You can register on-line at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Please inform your guidance counselor if you intend to participate in college athletics.

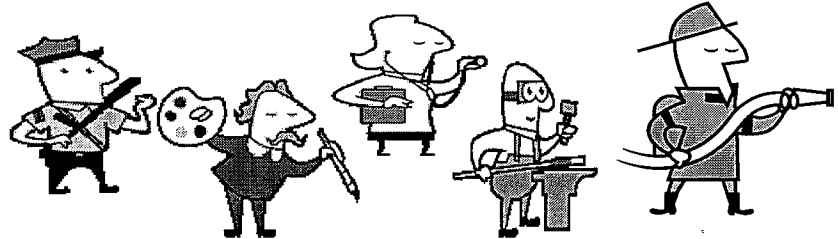
Apprenticeship Information:

Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council offers apprenticeship opportunities in the trades. Some of the trades you might consider include boilermakers, bricklayers, carpentry, cement mason, electrician, iron workers, plumbers, sheet metal workers, steam fitters, etc... Check out their website at:

www.milwbuildingtrades.org to find the appropriate contact person in each trade area or call for further information (414) 475-5580. Stop in Guidance if you have any questions.

Technical College Admission

Milwaukee Area Technical College and Waukesha County Technical College offer excellent opportunities for higher education in both technical and college bound courses. Contact the admissions office and visit the school in which you are interested.



Military Opportunities

Selective Service Registration

Selective service registration is required of all male students within 30 days of your 18th birthday. You may register at your local post office, or on line at www.sss.gov.

Students who don't register with the Selective Service won't qualify for federal student loans or grant programs. This includes Pell grants, college work study, guaranteed student/plus loans, and national direct student loans.

Scholarship Information

Check out the following for scholarship opportunities:

- Your university's financial aid website / office
- Parent's and student's employer
- Community and civic organizations in which you are involved
- Beginning in fall, students should check out the scholarships posted online on Whitnall's website, [www. Whitnall.com](http://www.Whitnall.com). Click on Guidance Services, then Scholarship Information.
- Websites: www.fastweb.com; finaid.org; www.fafsa.ed.gov; studentaid.ed.gov ; www.whitnall.com
- In December we will host a financial aid night for seniors and parents.

All applications should be brought into Guidance and sent from our office. Bring your completed application with your application fee and \$5.00 transcript fee.

MATC and WCTC do not require the ACT. They have their own admission placement test; you will be asked to take this test once you have applied.

All students attending Whitnall High School have an excellent opportunity to use a website on which they can take a career interest assessment, explore career information, educational paths, and employment information.

Please check it out:

<http://wiscareers.education.Wisc.edu>

First time users need to register. The Whitnall High School registration code is: WHS_C755

Military Academy

If you are interested in applying for a nomination for a military academy, please contact Constituent Services Representative, Chad Herbert (1-888-909-7926) they will inform you of the nomination procedure. Academy nominations website is:

www.house.gov/ryan/academy

The deadline for nomination paperwork is November 1, 2011.

Military Branch information

Throughout the year members of each military branch visit the high school. Please visit with your representative—ask in Guidance.

College Information WEBSITES to check out:

uwhelp.wisconsin.edu

www.collegeboard.com

www.collegenet.com

www.petersons.com

Guidance Counselors

Guidance counselors will meet with seniors in fall. Please contact us with questions.

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