



MACHE 2009 Annual Conference Saturday Workshops

Workshop: The College Admissions Process: The Homeschooled Student's Guide

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Session: V **Time:** 1:30 p.m.

You are not only your child's teacher; you are also his guidance counselor! Find out how to maneuver through the entire college admissions process, from narrowing down the selection of colleges to filling out college applications, applying for financial aid, and asking the right questions that will help you discern whether your child is spiritually, academically, and emotionally prepared for college.

Introduction

I. Time Line

- A. Before HS
- B. Freshman
- C. Sophomore
- D. Junior
- E. Senior

II. College Selection Process

- A. College size & location
- B. Proposed major
- C. Cost
- D. Christian or secular
- E. Proximity to local church
- F. Research

III. College Application

- A. On line or hard copy
- B. General info
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Address
 - 3. Phone
 - 4. Social Security Number
 - 5. Email
- C. Educational info
 - 1. High school
 - 2. SAT/ACT scores
 - 3. Credit by Examination (AP, CLEP)
 - 4. National honor societies

- D. Transcript (high school and other schools)
 - 1. High school
 - 2. Other schools
- E. Writing samples/essays
- F. Extracurricular activities/job experience/community service
- G. Letters of Recommendation
- H. Deadlines
- I. Other: Reading lists, major projects, internships/apprenticeships

IV. College Interview

- A. Mandatory or optional
- B. Local or on campus
- C. Preparation

V. Financial Aid

- A. Deadlines
- B. Grants & scholarships
- C. Loans (federal, state, personal)
 - 1. FAFSA
 - 2. Subsidized v. unsubsidized
- D. Work study

VI. Student preparation

- A. Academic
 - 1. College prep courses
 - 2. Computer skills
 - 3. Research techniques
 - 4. Study habits
 - 5. Time management
- B. Emotional
 - 1. Recognize need for assistance
 - 2. Able to form healthy relationships
 - 3. Develop core convictions
- C. Spiritual
 - 1. Personal manifesto
 - 2. Biblical worldview studies
 - 3. Devotional habits
 - 4. Church & campus ministry involvement

Conclusion

Resources:

General HSLDA Links

- Home School Legal Defense Association
www.hsllda.org
- HSLDA's Homeschooling Thru High School webpage
www.hsllda.org/highschool
- For HSLDA members:
HSLDA High School Coordinators: Becky Cooke and Diane Kummer
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540-338-5600

High School Email Newsletter Links

- To sign up for future free monthly Homeschooling Thru High School email newsletters:
www.hsllda.org/highschool
- Past newsletters on this topic:
Transcripts, GPA Calculations <http://www.hsllda.org/elert/archive/2005/11/20051110163649.asp>
Recordkeeping
<http://www.hsllda.org/elert/archive/2005/12/20051201101729.asp>
- Newsletter archives on other high school topics:
<http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp>

Transcript Sample Forms

<http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts>

College Links

- "Preparing for College" Article
<http://www.hsllda.org/docs/nche/000000/00000019.asp>
- College Board Website (includes time line for students)
www.collegeboard.com
- The Common Application
www.commonapp.org

College Search Engines

- College Board
www.collegeboard.com (see College Quickfinder and College Matchmaker)
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/boost-your-skills/index.html> (study skills)
- Christian College Mentor
www.christiancollegementor.org
- Peterson's Guide
www.petersons.com

College Credit Links

- AP or CLEP
www.collegeboard.com

College Tests Links

- ACT www.act.org
- SAT www.collegeboard.com
- SAT II Subject Tests www.collegeboard.com

Christian Colleges

- *College Bound: What Christian Parents Need to Know About Helping Their Kids Choose a College* by Thomas Shaw
- Council for Christian Colleges and Universities www.cccu.org

College Fairs

- National Association for College Admission Counseling
<http://www.nacacnet.org/MemberPortal/Events/CollegeFairs/NCF/>

Financial Aid Links

- FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Smart Student Guide www.finaid.org
- Profile <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>
- US Dep't of Education free booklet: *The Student Guide for High School seniors and College Students Financial Aid Information* <http://studentaid.ed.gov>
- HSLDA Newsletter on Financial Aid
<http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/2006/02/20060202151152.asp>
- HSLDA Newsletter on Competitions, Contests, and Scholarships
<http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/2007/06/20070607150656.asp>

Alternative College Path Resources

- *College Without Compromise*, Scott & Kris Wightman
- Thomas Edison College, NJ
www.tesc.edu
- Excelsior College, NY
www.excelsior.edu
- Charter Oak State College, CT
www.cosc.edu

Home School Legal Defense Association's High School Brochures

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/brochures.asp>

- Developing a Plan for High School – Sample 4-Year Plans
- Recordkeeping for High School: Simplifying the Process
- Homeschooling the College Bound: Successfully Navigating the Road to Admissions
- It's Off to Work We Go: Homeschooling for the Marketplace, the Home Front, or the Military
- Keeping on Track: A Timeline for High School

Recommended Resources for Homeschooling During High School

- *The High School Handbook* by Mary Schofield
- *Homeschooling High School: Planning Ahead for College Admissions* by Jeanne Gowen Dennis
- *Senior High: A Home Designed Form+U+La* by Barb Shelton

Free Computer Tutorials

- <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/on-line.htm>