

The Senior Scoop

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Do's and Don'ts for Online Applicants

- Do... visit the the admission website and print a paper copy of the application to use a reference and to know exactly what you will need to gather before you start your application. Walk through each step of the application so you are well prepared for what is to come.
- Do... create a user name and password that you'll remember easily. Record it and keep it in a safe place.
- Do... disable pop-up blockers in order to view the part of the application that displays in pop-up windows.
- Do... use the correct browser. Most online applications functions only with the latest versions of Internet Explorer, Chrome or Firefox (which you can usually download from the application site itself). The online applications are highly secure; so older browser versions are not usually equipped to handle the necessary level of encryption.
- Do... follow directions and complete all steps. On each page be sure to scroll to the bottom of the page and the bottom of each pop-up to avoid missing any information. More than likely you will get an error message if you have failed to complete a required question.
- Don't... forget to save your work. You usually have no more than 40 minutes per Web page before you'll be timed out. Whenever you save an entry or move to a new page, your work is usually automatically stored, but if you plan to leave your application for any length of time - to go grab a snack or answer the phone - use the save/logout feature to store your application.
- Don't... compose your personal statement online. Take time to compose it in a word-processing application, such as Microsoft Word, save it as a text file, and then copy and paste it into the appropriate boxes online.
- Do... print out copies of your personal statement to cross-check your work with your counselor/advisor or an instructor.
- Do... carefully review the summary page. Look for any instance where it says, "no information added," and if you didn't intend to leave that area blank, click "modify" to return to the step where you can fill it in.
- Don't... be afraid to ask for help. If you have technical difficulties, don't be afraid to ask the "Help Desk," "Technical Support," or use the "Contact Us".
- Do... click "Submit Application" when you've finished. Your application won't be sent to the University until you do.
- Do... print out your receipt and keep it! You will have a record of your application id number and a complete summary of your application.

Monson To Celebrate 3rd Annual College Application Celebration Week

Monson High School will again participate in the Massachusetts College Application Celebration Week (<http://www.mass.edu/gearup/events/mcac.asp>) program from November 13 - 17. This is very exciting as we create an opportunity to honor and celebrate our seniors. The main focus of the week is to get seniors to complete their college applications if they have not already done so.

Members of the school community will assist seniors complete their applications on November 13 and 14. American International College, Bay Path University, HCC, Springfield College, Elms College, STCC and Western New England University will be conducting on-the-spot Decision Day programs that week.

There will also be an assembly on Friday, November 17 from 8:45-9:45 AM in the gym to acknowledge seniors who have applied to college that week (or before). Each participating senior will get a t-shirt and recognition in front of their peers. We also will have our third annual Mascot Madness, a friendly competition between local college/university mascots. Please join us.





November Scholarship Listing

Most Valuable Student Scholarship

November 27, 2017

Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen may apply for an MVS scholarship. For details and to complete an application, visit www.enfelks.org/mvs.

The Filene Music Scholarship Competition at Skidmore

January 15, 2018

Must attend Skidmore College. More information is available at www.SKIDMORE/MERIT.

The Massachusetts JCI Senate Scholarship

January 20, 2018

The Massachusetts JCI Senate will award two (2) \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating students in Massachusetts. The State winners will be forwarded to the National JCI Senate and will be eligible for additional \$1,000.00 scholarships. To obtain an application please visit <http://majcisenate.weebly.com>.

Wace National CO-OP Scholarship Program

February 15, 2018

To qualify for this scholarship, students must: Have a high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or better; Apply and be accepted for the 2017-2018 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutes. Please see application for participating Colleges & Universities. To obtain an application, please visit www.waceinc.org.

Big Y Scholarship

February 1, 2018

All Big Y scholarships recognize **academic merit and achievement**. They are awarded to the most academically outstanding students in the **Big Y market area**. Applications can be printed from the Big Y website: www.bigy.com. Under the Services then the community tab. The scholarships are located at the bottom of the page.

Henry David Thoreau Scholarship

February 1, 2018

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation selects Massachusetts' high school seniors interested in environmental studies to receive up to \$20,000 for tuition to the college of their choice. Please visit: www.thoreauscholar.org for more information and to submit your application.

Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs

March 16, 2018

A \$1000 scholarship opportunity to a young woman between the ages of 16 and 19 as of April 1st, and who lives in the Quaboag Valley. This scholarship seeks to recognize a student who demonstrates a commitment to her community, exhibits leadership ability, and shows global awareness. You may download an application at <http://www.zontaqv.org>.

Nov. College Rep. Visit Schedule

Newbury College	November 2	8:00
Westfield State University	November 2	1:00
Colby-Sawyer College	November 3	10:00
Sacred Heart University	November 6	8:00
Fashion Institute of Design	November 6	10:00
Southern Vermont College	November 6	1:00
Framingham State University	November 7	10:00
Johnson & Wales University	November 7	11:00
St. Joseph's College of Maine	November 8	10:00
University of New Haven	November 8	12:00
Keene State College	November 5	12:00
Castleton University	November 13	10:00
Monserrat College	November 22	8:20-9:50
University of Hartford	November 29	12:00



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