

COLLEGE

Applying the Easy Way

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If you hate filling out and mailing in all those paper applications, you might want to try applying online. Almost all colleges have this option, and for some colleges, you don't have to pay the application fee if you apply online.

To apply online, just go to the college's website and find the link to admissions information. Most colleges will have you set up an account with a user name and password. Make sure you write down all your passwords! (I've forgotten a few of mine). The basic information on the application like your name and address and the sections for academic and extracurricular information can all be filled out online. There will be counselor and teacher recommendation forms for you to download and print off. The essay must also be filled out online, but you can save unfinished applications and come back to them later, so you should have plenty of time to think of something to write about. When you're done filling out everything online, you just have to click on the "Submit" button and give the recommendation forms to your counselor or teacher.

Check out the online application option for the colleges you are applying to. You won't have to deal with all that paper, and you could save yourself a \$40 application fee.

Also, if you plan to apply using the Common Application, that can also be filled out online. Go to the Common Application's website, set up an account, print out the supplemental forms, and start filling in the boxes. The best thing about doing the Common Application online is that once you have the application filled out, you can select what colleges you want to send it to, and an online copy will be sent to all of them.

The WRONG Way

by Jesse Gherke
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Once upon a time in the land of Eastview High little Billy was finally a senior. Getting his applications and writing his essays, he was almost ready to turn them into the guidance office. Ooops...one more thing, he needed teacher recommendations! See the steps that Billy followed to get his teacher recommendations and hopefully you can learn from his mistakes:

-Went down to the office on Monday and got a recommendation request form

-Told Mr. Durocher and Mr. Bailey that he needed these done by Friday, he was under a crunch

-Stopped by everyday of the week and dropped threatening letters on their desks

-Picked them up on Friday, complementing them on their ability to finish a task in a week

-Marched them down to the office, dropped them on Mrs. O'Regan's desk with a transcript form and a dollar in pennies.

-Told Mrs. O'Regan they are priority, they need to be mailed today otherwise he will miss the priority deadline.

-Breathed a sigh of relief...ahhh it's over, Billy walked away and went home to play video games.

Free Money is Waiting for YOU!

by Jesse Gehrke
Feature Editor

Need money? Cash? Something to help you get through college??? Perhaps you should take a look at all of the opportunities Eastview has for you. Checking out the Guidance Office as well as searching the Internet can be some of the greatest assets you have when it comes to the almighty college and money search.

Beginning in the Guidance Office you will find the famous drawer of cash, otherwise known as the drawer labeled "scholarships." Paper copies along with addresses for all scholarships that Eastview promotes can be found in these files. They are all updated and kept full as soon as the new version of that specific scholarship comes out. Along with that you can use the handy yellow Eastview scholarship-guide, this will help you follow along with what scholarships can be found.

One quick tip to assist you when reading the yellow packet filled with so many opportunities for cash: find a highlighter. Go through and read the criteria for every single scholarship, and if you are applicable for it,

make a note of it. Make sure you mark the deadline on your calendar, because you want to have it completed by then...

The next step one should pursue if trying to get the most out of their time would be trying out the sources available to students on the Internet. The top three sites on the Internet endorsed by Eastview and students who have used them (me!) include www.fastweb.com, www.wiredscholar.com and www.cfsa.com. When logging on to these sites you have to be prepared to tell them a little about yourself. So grab some chips, put your feet up, and get ready to fill in at least five pages of information regarding what you've done with yourself in the past four years.

Don't worry, it will all be worth it. As soon as the search results come back, whether they are e-mailed to you later or immediately received, you will be very happy with the results. The first part of your scholarship search is over, now all you have to do is sort through them, fill them out, get recommendations, transcripts, ACT scores, and mail them...you know, the easy stuff.

Best of luck to all of the seniors getting started. Juniors, sophomores, and freshman - you can apply too! Check out the Guidance Office's guide to scholarships. The back pages are for underclassman. Don't forget to ask your parents if their employers have any scholarships, along with your church, extra-curricular activities, or community activities you are involved with in and out of school. Money can be found anywhere and everywhere, you simply have to get the search started.



Recommendations for your Recommendations

by Laura Anderson
Editorial Editor

Most colleges will probably ask you to get at least one letter of recommendation to complete your application. Well that sounds easy enough, but what's the right way to do it? Well, here are a few tips on making sure you receive an exceptional letter of recommendation.

When asking a teacher to write you a recommendation, make sure you chose someone who knows you well. The teacher should know more about you on a personal level, and not just academically. They should be able to note your quality characteristics and personality traits outside of the classroom setting.

It's an excellent idea to set up an appointment with the teacher to talk about when you need the recommendation completed (give them two weeks to a month to complete it), some activities you would like to have included, and to discuss your accomplishments in greater detail. Make sure you get a "Recommendation Request Form" from the Guidance Office and fill it out completely. This form will cover your activities, awards, GPA, future goals, etc. and help your teacher write a more complete letter.

To make your recommendation letter stand out from the rest you could also answer the following questions on a piece of paper for your teacher. The answers to these questions will help them to personalize the letter.

- What is your greatest fear in life?
- What is your greatest weakness?
- What is your best piece of work (composition, research paper, etc...) that you did for the class?
- In your experience in this class, of what piece of work are you most proud? What did you find most challenging?
- What is your favorite memory of this class?
- What was your proudest moment in this classroom?

The best people to get recommendations from are teachers, counselors, or co-curricular advisors. It's okay to include those from a coach, boss, pastor, or non-teacher, but just make sure you meet the required number of academic recommendations first. And don't include seven or eight recommendations because there is such a thing as overkill.

As a final touch be sure to send your teacher a handwritten thank-you note when they have completed the letter. Teachers spend a lot of time on these letters and you owe them a thank you to show them your appreciation. It's also a nice gesture to get them a small \$3-5 gift. Chocolate, any type of food, or gift certificates for coffee will always work and your teachers will appreciate it.

COLLEGE CALENDAR	SAT Dates Register Late Reg.		
	Dec. 1	Passed	Standby
	Jan. 26	Dec.	Jan. 2
	Mar. 16	Feb. 8	Feb. 20
	May 4	Mar. 29	Apr. 10
	June 1	April 26	May 8
	ACT Dates Register Late Reg.		
	Dec. 8	Passed	Standby
	Feb. 9	Jan. 4	Jan. 18
	Apr. 6	Mar. 1	Mar. 15
June 8	May 3	May 17	

*To register for the SAT I, SAT II, or standby testing, visit www.collegeboard.org
To register for the ACT, visit www.act.org

VISITING COLLEGES	DATE	HR
NDSU	11/21	3
MN School of Business	11/26	6
UND	11/27	2
Medical Institute of MN	12/5	4
Army	12/5	5
U of MN-Twin Cities	12/6	3
National Guard	12/6	4
Michigan Tech	12/7	3
Marines	12/19	5

*Get a pass from the Guidance Office to attend any of these sessions

The New Foundation on the Block

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For many years every other high school in District 196 was associated with an independent community foundation. Now the Eastview community has a foundation all its own. After years of planning, the Eastview Community Foundation (EVCF) became a reality last March.

The Eastview Community Foundation provides leadership and addresses community needs through the cumulative efforts of Eastview staff members and people in the community. It is the goal of EVCF to be an organization that exists to build and administer funds for the long-term benefit of the Eastview Community. The Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in the areas of academics, arts and athletics. The Eastview Community Foundation will lead the community, by bringing it together as it addresses the needs of the community.

Eastview administrators Bruce Miller (Athletic Director) and Rob Franchino (Assistant

Principal) and community member Lee Strom are the original founders of the organization. Today there are many community volunteers who work behind the scenes to help make this foundation possible. In June, the foundation received its 501(c)(3) status, making it an independent non-profit organization. The foundation is also governed by a board of directors who serve without compensation. The foundation is now able to accept community support and involvement in the form of donations, bequests, trusts, and memorials. The Eastview community foundation will be responsive to the needs of the community with the funds gathered and carefully invested while being managed by the Minnesota Foundation.

This foundation isn't just for the high school, however. It serves a much broader group. EVCF offers scholarships to students and staff members and also offers grants for other needs that may arise within the community.

For example, should the community theater group need a place for their productions, the EVCF would like to work with another local foundation to help them out with grant dollars. Likewise, if the art department at Eastview saw that a student needed more challenging material to work with, they could ask for some funds for that material.

To get more information on the Eastview Foundation go to evcf.org or contact Bruce Miller or Rob Franchino.