

MARYLAND COLLEGE APPLICATION CAMPAIGN RESOURCES

Following measures from Maryland's Governor Larry Hogan, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to limit the spread of the COVID-19, Maryland schools are closed until Friday, April 24, 2020. To ensure the continuum of support from the Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC), see below a list of reminders and resources for students and families. Be safe and stay healthy!

FOR MARYLAND COLLEGE APPLICATION CAMPAIGN (MCAC) SITE COORDINATORS

Remind students or even create tasks for them to complete during this time. Most school systems have a scope and sequence for the school year based on the MOU with Naviance that includes college and career tasks for juniors spaced throughout the year. MCAC coordinators may remind students to check for tasks that are already created.

Ask juniors to create a Common App account and add at least five colleges to their list to start researching schools. Juniors may use the [College Fit Worksheet](#) to narrow their choices of schools. This will help them get ready to complete college applications in the fall.

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (MHEC)

The following provides information that the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) has posted concerning COVID-19: <https://mhec.state.md.us/Pages/Information-for-Postsecondary-Institutions-on-Coronavirus-COVID-19.aspx>

FOR STUDENTS

If you already have an online account with [CollegeBoard](#), you may use the Big Futures feature to conduct college searches.

If you already have an online account with Naviance, you may conduct college searches.

You may use the [College Fit Worksheet](#) to assist guide the college search discussion, and to help document and remember needs and concerns about attending postsecondary programs. This electronic College Fit Worksheet can be found on the Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC) website at www.marylandpublicschools.org/mdcac.

FOR JUNIORS - FEDERAL STATE AID (FSA) ID

For juniors preparing to pursue postsecondary next year, students should create their Federal State Aid (FSA) ID. The student will need the FSA ID when completing the FAFSA. **The FAFSA opens on October 1, 2020.** The URL for more information is <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/pub/faq.htm>.

MARYLAND COLLEGE AID PROCESSING SYSTEM (MDCAPS) ACCOUNT

In addition, students should create a Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) account. The MDCAPS is a comprehensive financial aid system that allows the State to process State scholarship applications and allocate funds efficiently to students awarded funds for the school. All students who apply for state funding will need an MDCAPS account. The link to create is <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us/>. To get more information about MDCAPS, click <https://mhec.maryland.gov/>

BIG FUTURE

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

[Compare colleges](#)

[Explore Majors and Careers](#)

Get Schooled (for informational purposes only)

[Get Schooled](#) is a free college and career resource for students and educators. It is a non-profit organization committed to helping youth with:

- college applications
- financial aid
- starting college
- finding their first job
- & much more!

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Tool: College Admission Status Updates

As a service to students and families, NACAC has created a tool that compiles in one place campus changes to college admission due to the coronavirus outbreak. With information submitted by nearly 900 institutions, the tool includes changes to deposit and decision deadlines, admission events, and more.

<https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/college-admission-status-coronavirus/>

NACAC Tool: Secondary Schools Counseling Updates

This tool provides insight from the high school side of the desk. Counselors are invited to provide information on the challenges of providing students with transcripts, guidance, and other services for finalizing college plans at a time when many schools are closed or disrupted.

<https://www.nacacnet.org/> (scroll down and click on “Tools”)

FOR PARENTS/FAMILIES

Visit the [Maryland State Department of Education](#) (MSDE) and the [Maryland Higher Education Commission](#) (MHEC) website for resources on **college**, **career**, and **cost**. You can also explore your child’s school website for activities to do at home.