Student Application Instructions Form

Congratulations! You are taking the first step necessary for going to college – applying! Be aware, there are several things you will need to do after today to complete the college application process. Most importantly, as part of this event, you will have an opportunity to begin the process of submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which will help you determine the financial aid you are eligible to receive.

Go to the college application website and find the colleges to which you are prepared to apply.

If there is an application fee – talk to your school counselor about a fee waiver.

Complete the application(s) to the colleges and universities to which you want to apply.

Make note of any additional items you need to submit with your application (essay, transcripts, SAT or ACT scores, recommendation letters) and
SUBMIT!

Print out a copy of your confirmation page if you applied online. Keep the confirmation page or a copy of the application for your records! Your **College Portfolio** is a good place to keep it!

Register for your FSA ID – you will need this to complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form between October 1st and March 1st. Many grants, loans, and scholarships will require a FAFSA so this is a very important step. Go here to register for your FSA ID http://www.pin.ed.gov

After you submit your college application(s) and register for your FSA ID, be sure to submit the **MCAC student survey**. Your feedback is extremely important to us.

If available, complete the student sign-out sheet before you leave the computer lab. You will need to list the colleges for which you applied, whether you completed the FSA ID process and if you registered for the College Goal Maryland FAFSA Completion Events.

Follow-up! Make sure you submit any additional information the colleges you applied to require. This could include recommendation letters, test scores, and high school transcripts.

Remember to put October 1st on the calendar to begin filling out the FAFSA!