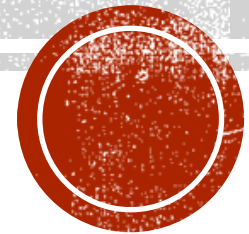


# SENIOR COLLEGE NIGHT

**SWCS**



[www.southwestcovenant.com/academics/ccguidance.cfm](http://www.southwestcovenant.com/academics/ccguidance.cfm)

# AGENDA

- Perspective
- How to apply
- What do you need to apply
- How do colleges evaluate applications
- Types of Decisions
- Timeline of Admission Process
- Other options

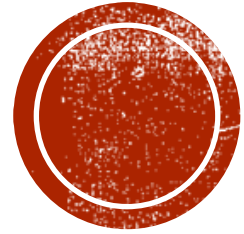


# MISSION STATEMENT

- The mission of the Southwest Covenant Guidance Counselor Program is to educate and equip students to..
  - discern their *unique purpose* as part of God's creation
  - understand how their academic and personal goals help *build the kingdom of God*.

**Your Work is Your Ministry**





# **COLLEGE / CAREER READINESS: ADMISSION PROCESS**

# QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- Are we preparing to get into a college?

or

- Are we preparing to be successful in the next step, following where God leads?



**“Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.” (Psalm 55:22)**

**“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, I will give you rest.” (Matt. 11:28)**



- “To follow God is to surrender control. God can do more through your surrender than you can with your control.”
- “To be loved by God is the highest relationship, the highest achievement, and the highest position in life.”

**CRAIG  
GROESCHEL**

**HENRY  
BLACKABY**



# WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP....

- Where I will be encouraged to develop as a believer in Christ?
- Where I can invest my time and effort in the honoring the Lord with my mind, knowing that early adulthood in college/career tend to be some of the most formative years of my life?





# HOW DOES THIS APPLY WITH THE ADMISSION PROCESS?

- Don't change your application to conform – Give a true reflection of who you are.
- Trust God in where He will place you.



# THE GREAT SORTING GAME



# HOW DO YOU APPLY?

- College Website – Paper/Online
- National Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))
- Coalition Application ([www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org))



# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO APPLY?

- Resume – List of achievements, activities, leadership positions
- Copy of your transcript – Request to send an official one
- Essays: Narratives that show GRIT and Growth
- Letter of Recommendations: Teacher, Mentors or Counselor
- College Entrance Test Scores



# HOW DO COLLEGES EVALUATE APPLICATIONS?

- Deadlines



# APPLICATIONS DEADLINES

<u>Name of College/University</u>	<u>Fall Deadline</u>	<u>Scholarship Deadline</u>
<b>University of Oklahoma</b>	November 1 (Early) February 1	December 15
<b>Oklahoma State University</b>	November 1 (Early) February 1 (Priority)	November 1 (Early) February 1 (Priority)
<b>Southwestern Oklahoma State University</b>	February 1 (PLC)	March 1
<b>University of Central Oklahoma</b>	February 1	February 1
<b>Southern Nazarene University</b>	February 15	March 18
<b>Oklahoma Baptist University</b>	January 1	January 1



# HOW DO COLLEGES EVALUATE APPLICATIONS?

- Deadlines
- Simple minimum requirements to complex formulas



# ADMISSION MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Source: OKCollegestart.com

## Research Universities

**Oklahoma State University<sup>1</sup>** - Score a 24 ACT/1160 SAT<sup>2</sup> **or** have a 3.0 GPA and rank in the top 33 percent of your class **or** have a 3.0 GPA and a 21 ACT/1060 SAT<sup>2</sup> **or** score between current OSU admission standards and the minimum State Regents' standards (22 ACT/1020 SAT<sup>2</sup> or unweighted high school core curriculum GPA of at least 3.0), cognitive factors (60%) and non-cognitive factors (40%).

**University of Oklahoma** - Applications are evaluated using a holistic admissions process that takes into account academic success as well as several other factors.<sup>3</sup> You should fulfill the following requirements: take required high school classes and graduate from an accredited high school or have a GED and take the ACT or SAT exam.

## Public Liberal Arts University

**University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma** - Score a 24 ACT/1160 SAT<sup>2</sup> and have a 3.0 GPA or rank in the top 50 percent of your class **or** have a 3.0 GPA and rank in the top 25 percent of your class **or** have a 3.0 GPA and an 22 ACT/1100 SAT<sup>2</sup>.

## Regional Universities

Score a 20 ACT/1030 SAT<sup>2</sup> **or** have a 2.7 GPA and rank in the top 50 percent of your class **or** have a 2.7 GPA in the 15 high school core courses required for college entry.

## Community Colleges

You don't need to make certain scores, but you should fulfill the following requirements: take required high school classes **and** graduate from an accredited high school or have a GED **and** take the ACT or SAT exam.





# HOW DO SCHOOLS EVALUATE APPLICATIONS?

- Deadlines
- Simple minimum requirements to complex formulas



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- Deadlines
- Simple minimum requirements to complex formulas
- Complex considerations:
  - Goals – Enrollment targets, diversity, special populations, first generation
  - Institutional Constraints/Resources – Fiscal/Tuition Revenue, Physical, Alumni, Legislative



# HOW DO COLLEGES EVALUATE APPLICATIONS?

- Deadlines
- Simple minimum requirements to complex formulas
- Complex considerations
- Holistic Portrait of an Applicant: Seven P's
  - Program – Curriculum
  - Place – Context
  - Performance
  - Pattern
  - Potential
  - Participation
  - Personality



TABLE 7. PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2017

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Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	221	45.7	37.1	12.2	5.0
Essay or Writing Sample	220	23.2	33.2	24.1	19.5
Student's Demonstrated Interest	218	16.1	23.9	28.0	32.1
Counselor Recommendation	218	15.1	40.4	26.6	17.9
Teacher Recommendation	219	14.2	40.2	26.5	19.2
Class Rank	220	9.1	29.1	34.1	27.7
Extracurricular Activities	219	6.4	42.9	32.0	18.7
Portfolio	219	6.4	11.9	26.9	54.8
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	219	5.5	18.3	35.2	41.1
Interview	219	5.5	16.4	28.3	49.8
Work	217	4.1	28.6	36.9	30.4
State Graduation Exam Scores	218	2.3	8.7	18.8	70.2
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# TYPES OF DECISIONS

- Rolling Decisions: Approve as applications are sent in
  - Early Decision: Only apply to one school; if accepted, it is binding – More Selective
  - Restrictive Early Action/Single Choice: Not obligated to attend, but limits what others school you can apply to
  - Regular: Acceptance notification around April
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- Acceptance
  - Waitlist/Deferred Admission – Demonstrated Interest
  - Denial – Not now; Can pursue a different route



# ADMISSION PROCESS TIMELINE

- July/August
  - Applications Open
- Fall
  - Collect Letters of Recommendations
  - Finalize College Essays
  - Prepare for Interviews
  - Request Transcripts
- October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Fill out Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or College Scholarship Service (CSS)
- November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Early deadlines begin
- Spring
  - Receive college admission decision
  - Compare financial aid packages
- May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Submit enrollment deposit



# WHAT OTHER OPTIONS ARE THERE FOR MY NEXT STEP?

- Career Tech – Next Step Scholarship: Tuition waiver for adult program

Accounting & Business Education

Auto Collision Technology

Auto Service Technology

Aviation Maintenance Technology

Biomedical Services

Computer Aided Drafting & Design

Computer Information Systems

Computer Programming

Construction Trades

Cosmetology

Diesel Technology

Digital Media Technology

Early Care & Education

Electrical Trades

Health Careers

Medical Assistant

Medical Coding

Medical Office Assistant

Pre-Engineering

Precision Machining Technology

Service Careers

Welding

## How to apply:

- Transcript with test scores
- Utility Bill

Notify myself or Career Tech Counselor





# WHAT OTHER OPTIONS ARE THERE FOR MY NEXT STEP?

- **GAP Year Programs:** Notify college admission counselors of intention. If you do not take any college classes outside of the GAP Program, many times your freshmen scholarships are still available.

Impact 360 Institute – Partners with ChickFilA Corporation; Pine Mountain, GA

Summit Semester – Pagosa Springs, CO

Kanakuk Link Year – Branson, MO

**Apply Early (FALL) as program space is limited. Scholarships are available for most programs.**



# WHAT OTHER OPTIONS ARE THERE FOR MY NEXT STEP?

- **Military**
  - 20% of Congress; 30% of all American Business Owners
  - Benefits: Serve your country, learn valuable skills, attend college w/ minimal debt, travel, enlistment bonuses, service benefits
  - Minimum requirement of 8 years
  - Tuition/fee assistance up to \$4500 during active duty and up to 36 months for both active duty and veterans
- **Work/Internships**
  - Allows you to gain experience and leadership.
  - Provides focus for further education.

