

senior year

### Transcript Review

- is it correct?
  - credits
  - courses
  - volunteer hours

what should I do?

- private college
- public college
- technical college
- military
- workforce
- live at home in the basement

Public  
Colleges  
(2 & 4yr)

Private  
Colleges

Technical  
Colleges

## Military

## Workforce

## Volunteer

### testing

public & private: ACT/SAT

technical: ACT/SAT or accuplacer

military: ASVAB

uw public only: placement test

- register online in Feb.

placement testing

### application process

1. apply online
  2. transcript release form to mr. grahl
  3. ACT/SAT require test scores be sent to...UWEC, UWGB, UWLC, UWMADISON
- all other colleges accept test scores on HS transcript

### i send...

1. hs transcript (official)
2. copies of test scores
3. senior schedule
4. recom letters (if any)

do i need recom letters?

only if...

- gpa below 3.0 (UWMadison 3.5)
- test scores below avg
- below avg course rigor

DANGER!: senior slide

!counselors must report significant changes in course rigor

colleges consider

1. course rigor
2. GPA/test scores
3. grade/course patterns
4. Xtracurriculars
5. recom letters

scholarships

- monthly update sent to home
- most up-to-date on SBHS web site
- Follow directions
- honor app deadlines
- scholarship scams

tech college scholarships  
scholarships, inc. & marsden

Financial Aid

\* parent meeting in January

playing college sports?

NCAA  
Eligibility  
Center

\* Division 1 or 2 only

key to success

- Dr. E. Werner & B. Bernard conducted a longitudinal study of students coming from chaotic homes. Results showed that 41% of those students lead productive adult lives and are "doing well." The development of the following characteristics made all the difference...

- social skills
- problem solving skills
- foster mature independence

#1 characteristic...

Presence of at least one  
nurturing adult

**STEPS TO COMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR COLLEGE**  
**IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3**

**#1: APPLY**

1. Check college's recommended timeline for applications.
2. Fill out and send the completed online application. **All UW campuses (private and public) encourage online applications!** This allows more accuracy with less paperwork and less repetition if applying to more than one UW College. Paper applications are available upon request from your counselor.  
  
**APPLY EARLY** – between September 1st and October 31<sup>st</sup>. Most colleges continue taking application until February 1<sup>st</sup> and even later depending upon their enrollment status, but the earlier an application is submitted, the earlier the student hears of their admission decision. Once the college receives all application materials, their decision will generally be given within one to three weeks. If the admission department is bogged down with paper, a decision can take longer.
3. Students who put off applying until after October 31<sup>st</sup> run the risk of forfeiting their chances to receive scholarship money from the college. This can vary depending upon the college.

**#2: TELL MR. GRAHL WHERE YOU APPLIED AND GET TRANSCRIPT SENT**

4. Fill out a *Transcript Release Form* and give to Mr. Grahl ASAP after submitting your application.
5. Submit letters of recommendation – if required. SBHS and colleges prefer recommendations be given to the school counselor to include in their transcript mailing. Recommendation letters are only needed if a student is on the borderline with admissions criteria (i.e., below 3.0 GPA, below average course rigor or ACT scores, low extracurricular involvement).

**#3: SEND ACT/SAT SCORES**

6. Be sure that proper ACT and/or SAT results are sent to the college on time to meet deadlines. Mr. Grahl will record your highest ACT/SAT composite score on your HS transcript. In most cases, this will be acceptable for the college for admission purposes. However, colleges do prefer you send official scores from the testing agency. Only four colleges (public or private) in our state

require that official scores be sent from the testing agency: UW-Madison, UW-Green Bay, UW-LaCrosse, and UW-Eau-Claire.

7. Follow up immediately when you receive any mail from admissions offices requesting further information
8. Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, register for the UW Placement Test. This is a mandatory test for all students applying to any UW public college (private colleges don't require it). It provides UW colleges one more assessment to help determine which level of English, math, and/or foreign language incoming freshman need to begin with. Placement tests can be taken at any UW campus.  
**Register early since spots fill up fast.**
9. Prospective college athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if attending a Division I or II college. You must also contact ACT/SAT to have your official test score sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse, which will cost you about \$8. To save money, when registering for the ACT/SAT, fill in "9999" in the "College and Scholarship Choices" section of the test registration form. Doing this will enable ACT to automatically have your test score sent to the NCAA for FREE.
10. Keep your own record of *everything* you send out. Make copies!
11. When in doubt about anything, feel free to contact Mr. Grahl.

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

### College Admissions:

- **College Source:** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- **UW System:** <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu>
- **KnowHow2Go:** [www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org/](http://www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org/)
- **WI Private College:** <http://www.privatecollegezone.org/home.aspx>
- **WI Tech Colleges:** <http://www.witechcolleges.com>
- **Common Application:** [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- **UW Placement Test:** <http://testing.wisc.edu/>
- **NACAC:** [www.nacac.com](http://www.nacac.com)
- **College Prep Calendar:** [www.nacac.com/p&s.html](http://www.nacac.com/p&s.html)
- **NACAC College Fairs:** [www.nacac.com/fairs.html](http://www.nacac.com/fairs.html)
- **Steps to College:** [www.nacac.com/p&s\\_steps.html](http://www.nacac.com/p&s_steps.html)
- **Admission Trends:** [www.nacac.com/research.html](http://www.nacac.com/research.html)
- **Space Availability Survey:** [www.nacac.com/survey/results.cfm](http://www.nacac.com/survey/results.cfm)

### Testing

- **ACT** <http://www.act.org/>
- **SAT** <http://sat.collegeboard.com/register>
- **ACCUPLACER** (see your counselor)

### FREE Test Prep

- [http://www.privatecollegezone.org/Plan\\_and\\_Prep/Test\\_Prep.aspx](http://www.privatecollegezone.org/Plan_and_Prep/Test_Prep.aspx)
- <http://testprep.knowhowtogowisconsin.org/>
- [http://www.collegeboard.com/prod\\_downloads/student/testing/accuplacer/accuplacer-sample.pdf](http://www.collegeboard.com/prod_downloads/student/testing/accuplacer/accuplacer-sample.pdf)

### Sources of Aid:

- **Scholarship Search:** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- **AmeriCorps:** [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org)
- **City Year:** [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)
- **Direct Loans:** [www.ed.gov/DirectLoan](http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan)
- **JobCorps:** [www.jobcorps.org](http://www.jobcorps.org)
- **Resources by State:** [www.finaid.org/otheraid/state.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/state.phtml)

### Financial Aid Information:

- **FinAid:** [www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)
- **FastWeb for Educators:** [www.fastweb.com/highschool](http://www.fastweb.com/highschool)
- **EduPASS: International Students:** [www.edupass.org](http://www.edupass.org)
- **FAFSA Free App. For Federal Student Aid:** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- **Federal Student Aid For Schools:** [www.fsa4schools.ed.gov](http://www.fsa4schools.ed.gov)
- **Fed. Student Aid for Counselors:** [www.ifap.ed.gov/FSACounselors](http://www.ifap.ed.gov/FSACounselors)
- **IFAP- Information for Fin. Aid Professionals:** [www.ifap.ed.gov](http://www.ifap.ed.gov)
- **Mapping Your Future:** [www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org)
- **NASFAA:** [www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)
- **Office of Postsecondary Education:** [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope)
- **Federal PIN Registration:** [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
- **Project Scholarship Scam:** [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscam](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscam)
- **Student Guide to Federal Aid:** [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

- Think College: [www.ed.gov/thinkcollege](http://www.ed.gov/thinkcollege)
- U.S. Department of Education: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

#### General Information:

- Student Gateway to U.S. Government: [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)
- Adventures in Education: [www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org)
- Chronicle of Higher Ed.: [www.chronicle.com](http://www.chronicle.com)
- College is Possible: [www.collegeispossible.org](http://www.collegeispossible.org)
- ERIC- Educational Resources Info Center: [www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov)
- Gateway to Ed. Materials: [www.thegateway.org](http://www.thegateway.org)
- National Center for Ed. Statistics: [www.nces.ed.gov](http://www.nces.ed.gov)
- Security on Campus: [www.securityoncampus.org](http://www.securityoncampus.org)
- Selective Service: [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)
- Social Security: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)
- Trio Program: [www.trioprogams.org](http://www.trioprogams.org)
- U.S. Department of Ed.: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)
- **NCAA Clearinghouse: [http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA\\_EMS/NCAA.html](http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html)**
- **Cappex: [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)**

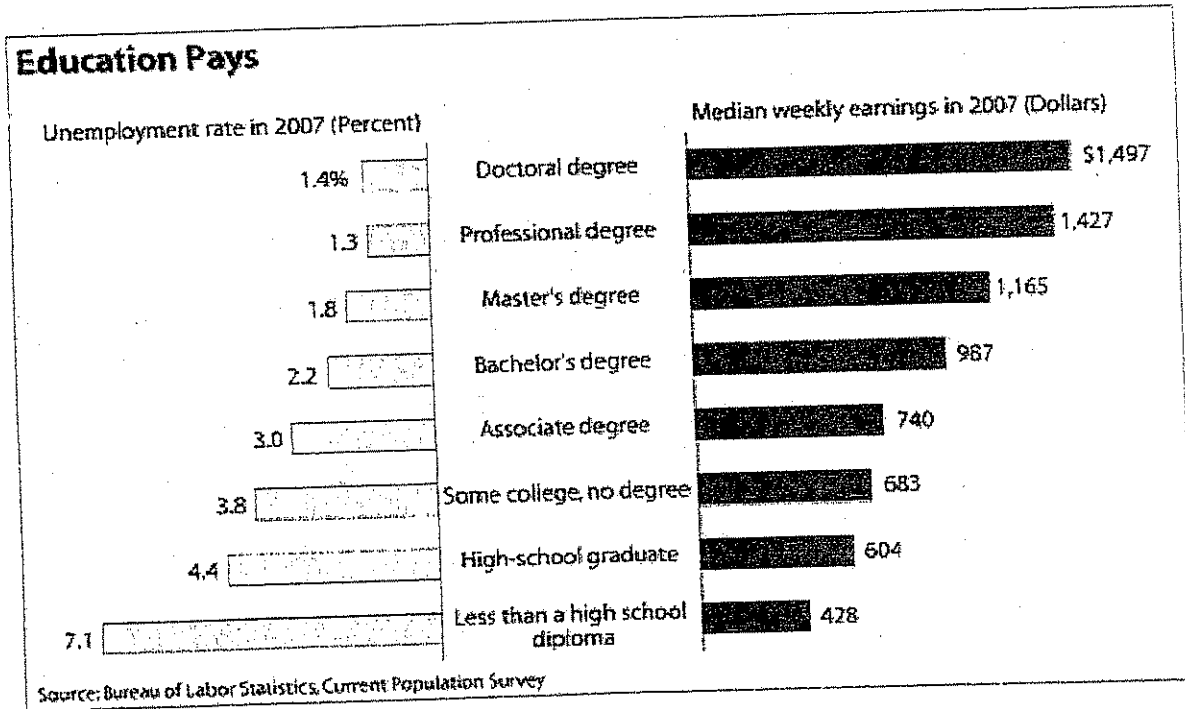
#### Choosing a Major/Career:

- Monster (Job Search): [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)
- Career Planning: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- America's Career Infonet: [www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)
- Bureau of Labor Statistics: [www.stats.bls.gov](http://www.stats.bls.gov)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)
- A to Z Colleges: <http://www.a2zcolleges.com>
- College Info: [www.collegehound.com](http://www.collegehound.com)  
(password: ST3525JST1775)



# Education pays ...

Education pays in higher earnings and lower unemployment rates



[Chart data—TXT]

Note: Data are 2007 annual averages for persons age 25 and over.

Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

BLS has some data on the employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 25 years and over by educational attainment, sex, race, and Hispanic origin online.

The Bureau of the Census also has some data on the educational attainment online.

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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Varsity Soccer:	9, 10, 11, 12
Team Captain:	11, 12
All-Conference (Fox River Valley) Honorable Mention	10
Team's Most Valuable Offensive Player	11
Attained "school all time scoring leader"	11
Attained school assist record	12
All-Conference (Fox River Valley) First Team	12
All Green Bay Area Honorable Mention Team	12
Varsity Football	10, 11, 12
All-Conference (Packerland) First Team Kicker	11, 12
Freshmen Basketball	
Varsity Swimming	10, 11, 12
team captain	11, 12
All Conference (Fox River Valley) 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Medley Relay	10, 11, 12
All Conference (Fox River Valley) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team 200 Free Relay	11, 12
Conference Medalist (Breaststroke)	10, 11, 12
School Record - Medley Relay Team	12
School Record - 200 Free Relay Team	12
State Qualifying Medley & Free Relay Teams	12
Varsity Track	9, 11, 12
Intramural Basketball	10, 11, 12
team captain	12
Academic Letter	9, 10, 11, (12)
City Rhythm Show Choir	9
Choir	9, 10, 12
AODA (Alcohol & Other Drug Awareness)	10, 11, 12
National Honor Society	10, 11, 12
Science Team	11, 12
captain	12
Future Teachers of America	11, 12
Vice-President	12
Badger Boys State Representative	11
Opening Doors Youth Service Award	12
Service Learning - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade classroom	12

## NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Door County Soccer Association for Youth (summer program)	
player	age 6 till present
referee	1997, 1998, 1999
coach/teaching assistant - 5 year old program	1996, 1997, 1998, 1999
Sturgeon Bay Booster Club Fund-Raising Volunteer	1996, 1997, 1998, 1999
North American Soccer Ambassadors - Team Wisconsin	1997
Green Bay Lightning Soccer Team (select)	1998
Green Bay Media Management Blast (select soccer)	1999
Green Bay United All-Star Soccer Team	1999
Homework, Inc. Soccer Team (select)	2000

# Academic Recognition, Extracurricular Activities, and Community Involvement

## 2000-2001

Freshman Volleyball

- 120 hours

JV Dance Team

- 120 hours

## 2001-2002

Varsity Dance Team Fall

- 80 hours

Varsity Dance Team Winter

- 120 hours

National Honor Society

- 5 hours

Mathematics Team

- 30 hours

## 2002-2003

Varsity Dance Team Fall

- 80 hours

National Honor Society

- 5 hours

Service Club

- 25 hours

Destination Imagination

- 130 hours

Mathematics Team

- 30 hours

Ecology Club

- 20 hours

## 2003-2004

Participated in the Rotary Summer

Youth Exchange to Italy

- July 2003-August 2003

National Honor Society

- 5 hours

Service Club

- 25 hours

Mathematics Team

- 30 hours

Ecology Club

- 20 hours

## Leadership Positions:

Door County Service Club Coalition

Representative

4-H Secretary

Ecology Club Secretary

Mathematics Team Captain

## Awards or Recognitions:

Valedictorian of my class

"A" honor role throughout high school (4.0 for two and a half years)

Starred first in clarinet choir and first in quartet at Solo and Ensemble

Competition

Lettered in dance

Lettered in band

Lettered in academics

Academic award

Received second place in Destination

Imagination Competition

## Community Service:

Vacation Bible School Assistant -

20 hours

Altrusa of Door County - assisted in

many service projects in the past 5

years = unlimited hours

Reading Buddy - read weekly with

first grade students - 5 hours

YMCA summer camp assistant and

youth activity assistant 2 years -

unlimited hours

High School office assistant - 67 hours

## AP and College Courses:

AP Calculus AB and BC

College Writing through UWGB

Expository Writing through UWGB