



# SENIORS 2024

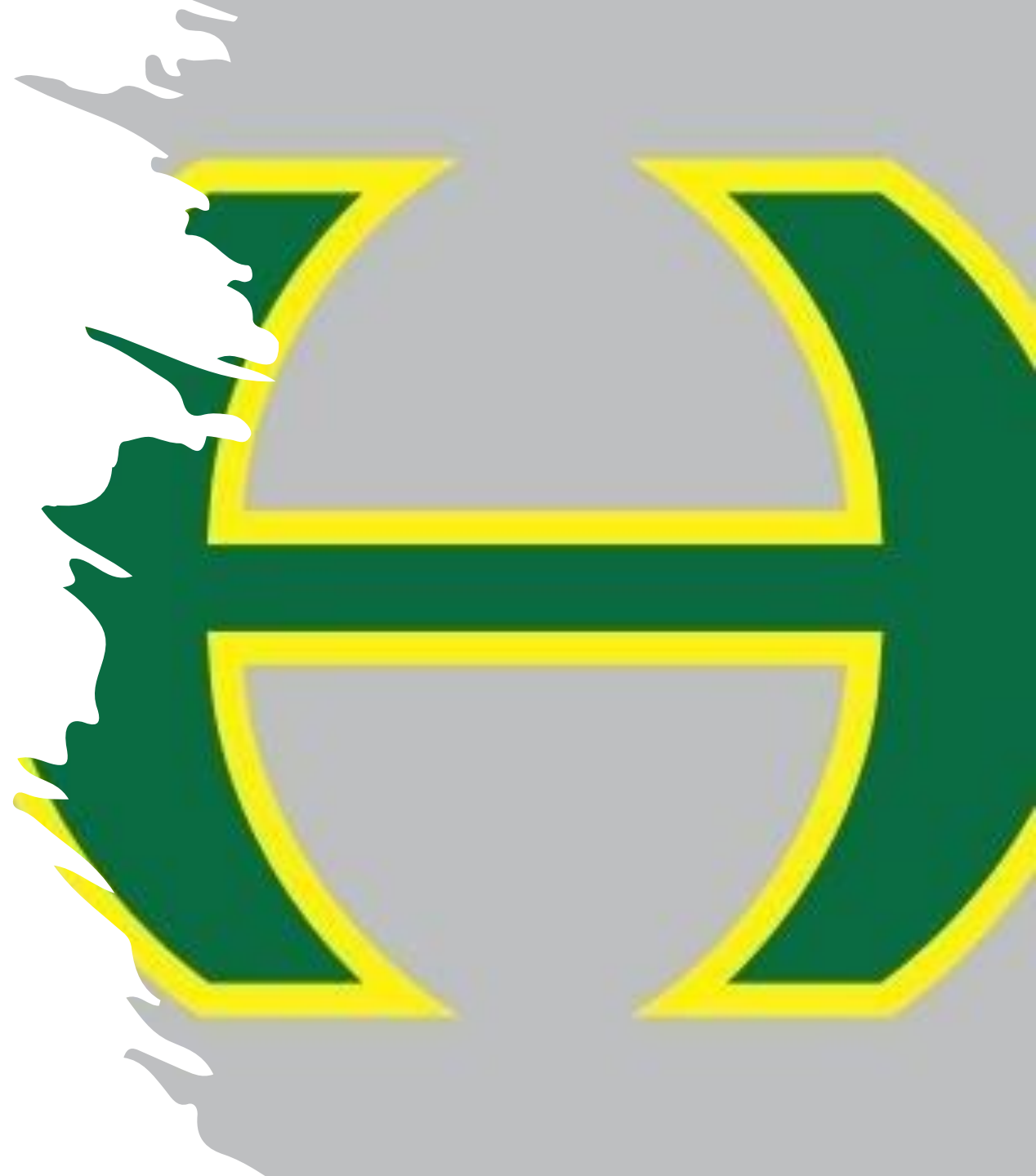
**HILLSBORO  
SENIOR PARENT NIGHT  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

## YEARBOOK

- [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)
- Yearbook sales & ad sales are coming - be on the lookout for an update from Ms. Shipman in the next few weeks!

## MONEY

- Senior Fee = \$30
  - Open Now
- Cap & Gown = \$36
  - Opens on Sept 15th
- Senior Pictures = \$0 - \$400
- College App & ACT fees = varies





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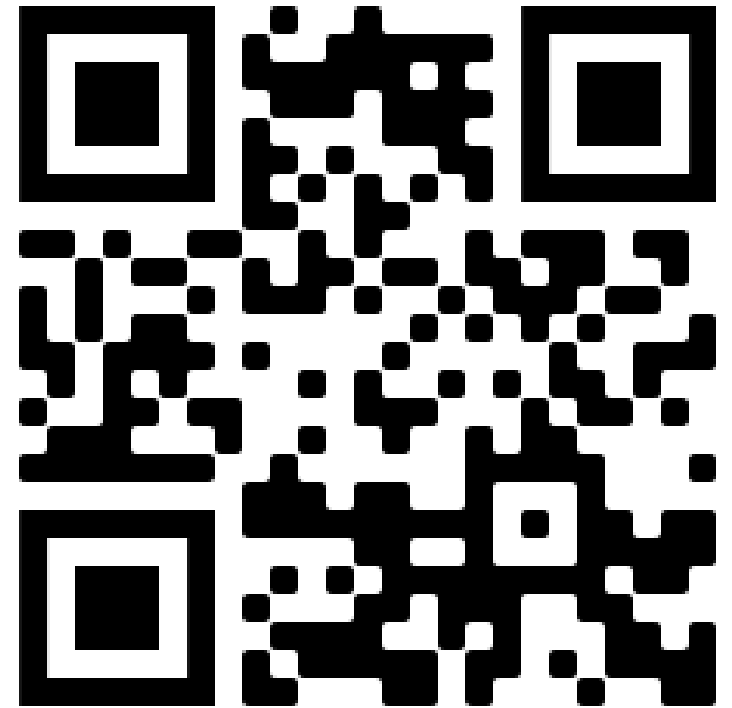
**2024**

**WHAT'S NEXT  
AFTER GRADUATION?**

**[www.hhscounseling.com](http://www.hhscounseling.com)**

**SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH  
YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA TO  
GO TO OUR WEBSITE**

- **SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **FAFSA INFO**
- **COLLEGE INFO**
- **MUCH MORE!**



# SENIOR ACT

- October 17<sup>th</sup> at Hillsboro
- Free and nothing you need to do ahead of Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>
- **REQUIRED if you have not taken an official ACT**
- Last chance to take ACT at Hillsboro

Taking the ACT at least once is a graduation requirement in the State of Tennessee. Students who do not take the ACT or SAT will not graduate.

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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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- **English: 4 credits**
- **Math: 4 credits** (*must be enrolled in a math class each year of high school*)
- **Science: 3 credits**
- **Social Studies: 3.5 credits** (*Personal Finance is a Social Studies credit*)
- **World Language: 2 credits** (*must be the same language*)
- **Fine Art: 1 credit**
- **Lifetime Wellness: 1 credit**
- **Physical Education: 0.5 credit**
- **Focus Elective Pathway: 3 credits**
- **Electives: 6 credits**





HAVE YOU  
STARTED  
LOOKING AT  
COLLEGES  
YET?

GUIDANCE  
COUNSELOR



# What are some important college considerations?

- **Fit** – Safety, Core, Reach
- **Location** – close or far from home
- **Size of campus** – big, medium, small
- **Setting** – urban, suburban, rural
- **Cost** – financial aid or scholarships available
- **Historically Black College or University** (HBCU)
- **Hispanic Serving Institution** (HSI)
- **Academic programs/majors** offered
- **Student life** – athletics, Greek life, student organizations
- What else?







**CONNECT TO**  
*your* **FUTURE**

Monday, September 11  
3-6:30 p.m.

Southeast Community Center & Library  
5260 Hickory Hollow Parkway  
Antioch, TN 37013

**GET INFORMATION ON:**

College & University Admissions • College Life  
Financial Aid • Academic Programs  
Career & Job Opportunities • Military Service  
TN Education Lottery Scholarship Program

# MNPS COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO

- **100+ Colleges!**
- **Students & Families**
- **Monday, September 11th 3:00pm – 6:30pm**
- **Southeast Community Center & Library**

# Importance of Admissions Criteria for Selective Colleges

- **Grades** in college prep courses (AP, IB, Honors, Dual Enrollment)
- **Rigor** of Coursework, Strength of school curriculum
- Admissions **Test Scores** (ACT, SAT)
- Grades in All Courses
- **Essays**
- **Demonstrated Interest**
- **Counselor Letter of Recommendation** (ASK EARLY)
- **Teacher Letter of Recommendation** (ASK EARLY)
- **Activities**
- Special skills, talents, awards, community service & passions
- Interview





# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- **Common App & Common Black College Application**
- **Recommendations**
  - Complete Request Form
  - Tell us at least 2 weeks ahead of deadline!!
- **Sending transcripts**
  - Parchment vs. Common App
- **Sending ACT scores**
- **MNPS does not rank**
- **[www.hhscounseling.com/applying-to-college](http://www.hhscounseling.com/applying-to-college)**

# FREE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Apply to many TN colleges for free
- Seniors should check Schoology Senior Group for more info



## 2023-2024 College Application Video Toolkit

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) has partnered with Tennessee higher education institutions to provide college application instructional videos. These videos, created by Tennessee colleges, walk students step-by-step through each college's application process. The Video link below will open the college's instructional video. The Application link will bring you to the college's admissions application or website. To celebrate Tennessee College Application and Exploration Month, many institutions are offering application fee waivers during September, and you will find the dates below.

The institutions listed are those that volunteered to create an application video. If the institution you are looking for is not listed, please visit the institution's website for access to their college application. More schools may be added during September. View all videos on our [Playlist](#).

College Name	Video Link	Application Link	Is this institution offering an application fee waiver?
American Baptist College	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Application</a>	No application fee
Austin Peay State University	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Application</a>	Yes, Sept. 1-30, use code "APAPPLY2024"
Belmont University	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Application</a>	Yes, Sept. 18-22
Bethel University	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Application</a>	Yes, Sept. 1 - 30
Carson-Newman University		<a href="#">Application</a>	No application fee
Cleveland State Community College	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Application</a>	No application fee
Columbia State Community College		<a href="#">Application</a>	No application fee
Dyersburg State Community College	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Application</a>	No application fee
East Tennessee State University	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Application</a>	Yes, Sept. 1 - 30, use code "TNFreeApp24"
King University	<a href="#">Video</a>	<a href="#">Application</a>	No application fee



# EARLY ACTION

VS.

# EARLY DECISION

- **Early Action**
  - **Nonbinding**
  - Can apply to multiple schools EA (unless specified "single-choice")
  - Receive response by January
- **Early Decision**
  - **Binding - you must attend if accepted**
  - Can only apply to one college ED
  - Cannot apply to any schools EA, but can apply Regular Decision
  - **Not recommended if you want to compare financial aid offers**
- **EA and ED Deadline: November 1 (for most colleges)**

# FINANCIAL AID

- **SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **GRANTS**
- **LOANS**
  - **SUBSIDIZED**
  - **UNSUBSIDIZED**
- **WORK STUDY**



# FINANCIAL AID SOURCES

- **SCHOLARSHIPS – MERIT VS. NEED-BASED**
  - **OUTSIDE & UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS**
  - **PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES – THESE MAY DIFFER FROM ADMISSIONS DEADLINES!**
- **FAFSA**
- **CSS PROFILE (USUALLY MORE SELECTIVE COLLEGES)**
- **TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION (TSAC): STATE GRANTS**
- **TN PROMISE**
- **“NO LOAN” SCHOOLS**

# **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

- **Application for Grants, Loans, Work-Study, Scholarships**
- **Required for Hope Scholarship, TN Promise, and other \$**
- **This year, the FAFSA is projected to open in December 2023 - the updated form will be shorter and will include updated terminology**
- **[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) - not [www.fafsa.com](http://www.fafsa.com)!!!!**







# TENNESSEE PROMISE

- **FREE college tuition**
- **Deadline is November 1**
- **No GPA or ACT or income requirement**
- **Use at**
  - **2-year community colleges**
  - **technical schools**
  - **a few associate programs at 4-year schools**
- **Mandatory Meeting**
- **8 hours of community service due in July**
- **[www.hhscounseling.com/tn-promise](http://www.hhscounseling.com/tn-promise)**

# UT PROMISE

- Last-dollar scholarship at UT
- Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin and Memphis
- Deadline is November 1
- Must qualify for HOPE Scholarship (next slide)
- Household income under \$50,000 a year
- [www.hhscounseling.com/tn-promise](http://www.hhscounseling.com/tn-promise)





# HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

- **3.0 unweighted GPA OR 21 ACT**
- **4-year college:**
  - Up to \$2,250 per full-time enrollment semester as a freshmen and sophomore
  - Then up to \$2,850 per full-time enrollment semester as a junior and senior
- **2-year college:**
  - Up to \$1,600 per full-time enrollment semester as a freshman and sophomore
- **Must complete the FAFSA**
- **[www.hhscounseling.com/scholarships](http://www.hhscounseling.com/scholarships)**



- Must make an account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Must have 2.3 NCAA core GPA
- [www.hhsounseling.com/ncaa-info](http://www.hhsounseling.com/ncaa-info)





- **October 17: ACT** for seniors at Hillsboro
- **November 1: Deadline to sign up for TN Promise**
- **December: Start your FAFSA**
  - for the 2024 - 2025 school year!
- **March 1: FAFSA due** for TN Promise - *aim for sooner though!*



# TIPS TO MAKE THE COLLEGE PROCESS EASY-ISH

- **START EARLY**
- **BE ORGANIZED**
  - Get a **college folder or binder** and **organize bookmarks online**
  - **Write down passwords** - you'll have 2,986,342 user ID/passwords
- **BE EARLY FOR DEADLINES**
- **CHECK YOUR (student's) EMAIL DAILY**
- **START APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS EARLY**

# PARENT/GUARDIAN HINTS

- **Communication with your child**
  - College choice
  - Money conversations early
- **The student is going to college...**
- **Recognize the changes that are happening**
  - Leaving home, high school, comfort-zone
  - Roller coaster ride

**COLLEGE  
CONNECTION**

**OASIS**

**Mr. Daniel Mehus**

**He can help with FAFSA, college applications, scholarships, TN Promise, etc.**

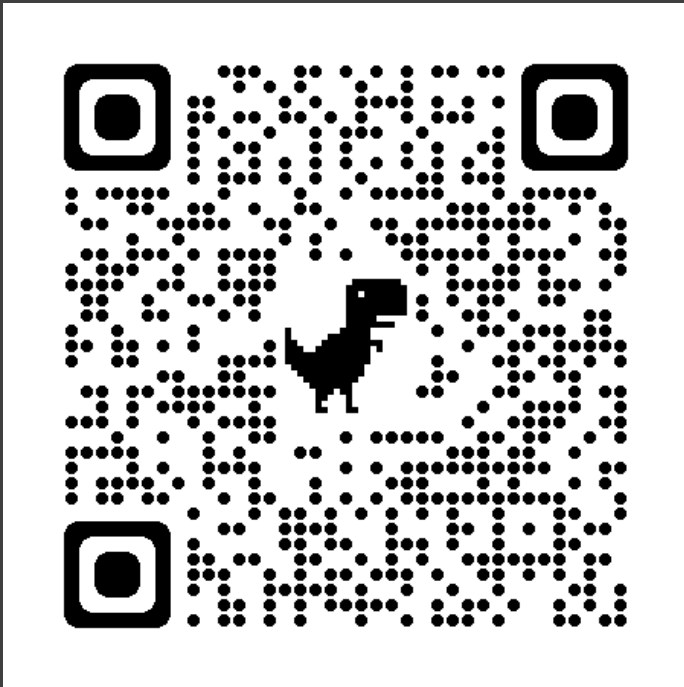
**Available on an as-needed basis - email him to set up a time**

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**[hhsounseling.com/oasis-college-connection](http://hhsounseling.com/oasis-college-connection)**



# JOIN THE SENIOR PARENT REMIND!



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