



WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL for ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Senior Bulletin #4 December 2025



Dear Seniors & Families,

The end of 2025 is upon us. Let's finish strong. Goal is to finish all your college applications before the Winter Recess. Don't wait until the last minute, speak to guidance or a Creative Connections Coach ASAP. And as always, complete your classwork on time. ~ Ms. Terraferma

Let's Get It Done in December

- **1-1 Guidance Meeting** if you did not have your meeting, see Ms. T to reschedule.
- **CUNY Application** if you have not submitted your CUNY Application, see Ms. T for help.
- **SUNY Application** you can still apply to SUNY schools for free. Make sure you indicate our school waiver correctly on the application.
 - Apply online using the SUNY Portal www.suny.edu or the Common Application www.commonapp.org
 - If you applied for EOP, make sure you submit the **EOP Supplement!**
- **The Common Application** allows you to apply to multiple colleges and universities.
 - Check the deadlines and requirements for each college.
 - Students may qualify for Fee Waivers – **BRING BACK YOUR LUNCH FORM!**
 - You must submit a resume and brag sheet for me to write your counselor recommendation.
 - Create your online account at www.commonapp.org

IMPORTANT – DO NOT SUBMIT ANY APPLICATIONS WITHOUT REVIEW!!!!

Letters of Recommendation

Some colleges require one or two letters of recommendation from a teacher who can speak about your skills, strengths, and character. If you need a letter, you should have already asked a teacher and invited them to your CUNY/Common App application. For SUNY, please ask them to email ME a PDF copy and I will send it to SUNY. It is customary to give teachers at least two weeks' notice. If you need help, please see Ms. Terraferma ASAP.

December is FAFSA Time!

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now open for SY 2026-2027 is now open. The application must be filled out by both the Student and Parent.

What you need:

- Student & Parent first and last name
- Student & Parent e-mail
- Student & Parent date of birth
- Student & Parent social security number (if they have one)
- Parent marital status - Date (mm/yyyy) if married, divorced, separated, and widowed
- List of schools you applied to
- 2024 Tax information (IRS 1040/ NYS IT-201)
- For More Information. <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Step 1: Both you and a parent need to create an FSA ID

You will need your Social Security number (SSN) and your own email address to create an FSA ID.

Step 2: Student completes the FAFSA Application. Go to <https://studentaid.gov/> Parent will be sent a link to complete their section of the application. The application will be processed when both parts are submitted.

Step 3: Link directly from the FAFSA summary page to complete the TAP application.
TAP is NYS Tuition Assistance (State Financial Aid)

Step 4: Check your email. You will receive a confirmation email that your FAFSA is being processed.

WHSAD is hosting a FAFSA Night – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11th 5:45pm – 8:00pm. Families can get one-on-one assistance. Please RSVP to [terraferma@whsad.org](mailto:tterraferma@whsad.org).

CSS Profile <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid. Check your college's website for information and deadline!

Scholarships

College scholarships are forms of aid that help students pay for their education. Scholarships can be for students with special qualifications, such as academic, athletic, or artistic talent. Some scholarship opportunities are posted on the Class of 2026 Google Classroom and in the guidance office.

Some recommended websites:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.studentscholarshipsearch.com
- <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/>
- <https://goingmerry.com/>
- www.finaid.org
- www.scholarshiphelp.org
- www.unigo.com

We receive a lot of emails regarding scholarships. I will post a few on Google Classroom. Here are some of the recent ones:

- **\$5000 Albert Shanker UFT Scholarship:** <https://www.uft.org/your-union/uft-programs/uft-scholarship-fund>
 - Deadline to apply is February 28, 2026
- **The Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship** www.amazonfutureengineer.com/scholarships
 - provides high school seniors with up to \$40,000 for college plus internship opportunities at Amazon.
 - Selected students will study computer science while gaining real-world tech experience.
 - Beyond financial support, scholars join a community that provides ongoing mentorship, networking opportunities, and career guidance throughout their academic journey.
 - Deadline to apply – January 15, 2026
- **Men's College Scholarship** <https://foundationfe.org/highschoolscholarship/>
 - The scholarship is designed to identify and reward outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated an ability to excel in the fields of academics, extra-curricular school activities, and community involvement.
 - It is available to any graduating senior male who is enrolling in a four-year undergraduate college program that commences in the fall of 2026.
 - Deadline is April 1, 2026

Senior Dues & Merchandise

Senior dues are \$120 and cover the cap, gown, diploma case, graduation venue, and senior breakfast. The deadline to submit payment is **January 16th, 2026**.

After you pay your dues, you may purchase any or all of the following Senior Merchandise.

See Ms. Nelson for the order form. Cash or money order accepted.

- \$60 Full Swag Package: Pullover Hoodie, 2 T-shirts, 1 Cap
- \$65 Varsity-Style Zipper Jacket: Sweatshirt Material with logo embroidery
- \$25 Duffel Bag
- \$40 Yearbook
- Senior Rings (cost varies)

Senior Rings

You can order a Senior Ring directly through the vendor. A representative from Reed Rings will be at WHSAD on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in ROOM 331 if you would like to see the assorted styles and colors in person. See Ms. Nelson for an order form.

IMPORTANT – THE SEMESTER ENDS JANUARY 16, 2026

THERE IS NO “NEXT MARKING PERIOD”

ALL SENIORS MUST BE PASSING COURSES NECESSARY TO GRADUATE!

THERE IS NO MAKE UP! CHECK YOUR GRADES ON SYNC GRADES.

SATURDAY AND AFTER SCHOOL HELP IS AVAILABLE 😊