



Wouldn't it be great if you could just scan your brain to figure out what sort of college or university is right for you?

It's not quite THAT easy — but College Application Week is a chance for you to have some fun exploring colleges and degree programs, so you can get ready for education and training beyond high school.

Even better, if you participate in College Application Week, you'll be entered to win great prizes. And if our school's senior class submits more applications than other GEAR UP schools, our students can audition for the chance to star in a new statewide advertising campaign!

College Application Week will be held November 15 through 19. To get ready, visit www.cfww.com and create an account. You'll need it to participate in our College Application Week activities!

What do I have to do to participate in College Application Week?

Well, you pretty much just have to come to school. Our school will host many activities you can participate in throughout the week — and most of them are during school hours. In order to be **counted** as a College Application Week participant, however, (and be entered to win the prizes we're giving out as part of College Application Week), you must do two things:

- 1) Submit at least two college applications during the week of November 15-19; at least one of the applications you submit must be to a West Virginia community and technical college. (You may submit more than two applications, but you will only be entered in the contest once).
- 2) Complete the online College Application Week questionnaire before midnight, Sunday, November 21st. The GEAR UP coordinator at your school will explain the steps to complete the questionnaire.

Can only seniors participate?

Only seniors can submit applications and be entered to win prizes, but students in other grades can join in on the fun. College Application Week is sort of like spirit week — except it's about college spirit, instead of school pride.

Why should seniors participate in College Application Week?

College Application Week is a chance for you to have some fun learning about your options for education and training beyond high school. Plus, if you complete the two steps listed above, you will be entered to win great prizes, including t-shirts, backpacks, college gear, and gift cards. Plus, students at the school with the highest percentage of seniors participating in College Application Week will win the chance to star in a statewide advertising campaign!

Tell me more about how I can star in the advertising campaign...

If more seniors in our school submit applications than in any other GEAR UP school, staff from GEAR UP and the College Foundation of West Virginia (CFWV) will come to the school and hold auditions. If our school wins, students in any grade can audition. Five students from the winning school will be selected to star in a statewide advertising campaign **and** GEAR UP and CFWV will host a star-studded, red carpet campaign launch party for the entire student body!

So wait... how can smaller schools compete with bigger schools?

Schools will be judged by the percentage of the senior class that participates, not the actual number of participants. So aim to get 100% of our seniors to submit two applications and complete the questionnaire!

Ok, I'm a senior. Will I have time during the school day to submit applications?

Yes, we will have "College Application Labs" throughout the week to help you submit your college applications and complete the online questionnaire.

What should I bring in order to complete a college application?

You'll need to have certain information on hand during the "College Application Lab" in order to complete and submit your application. You should bring (or know):

- Your social security number (but keep this secure - don't leave it lying around!)
- Your permanent mailing address
- Your grade point average
- The date you took the ACT or SAT (if you have taken either test)
- The name, course number and date of any college courses you've already taken (if any)

What should I do to get ready for College Application Week?

It is a good idea to explore colleges and degree programs during and before College Application Week, so that you know where you want to apply before you get to the lab. If you don't already have one, you should also create an account on cfwv.com. You can submit applications to many colleges and universities directly through cfwv.com — and you can explore schools nationwide and save their information in your cfwv.com portfolio.

What about application fees?

Some colleges and universities do charge an application fee. You will NOT be expected to bring a credit card or other form of payment to school. Most institutions will allow you to submit the fee by mail, and you will need to work with your parent or guardian to submit any necessary fees after you apply. Many institutions do not charge for applications.