



Welcome to Senior Year

It is time to start preparing
for the next step.



Choosing a College



When deciding on school, think about what you want from your college experience and do your research to learn all you can about prospective schools.

Use the following as a guide as you work out details of what you want out of a college

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Campus Visit

Campus Visits:

Hopefully you have been on several campus visits by now. If not, this is priority number one. The campus visit is your ultimate research task. It's important to get a true feel of the campus vibe to see if the college is a good fit for you. Be sure to make the most of it by asking questions and keeping track of what you learn. Don't forget to ask students about the local hangouts, best places to eat, and activities on campus. If possible, check them out while you are visiting.

Upcoming College Fairs 2023

Wisconsin Education Fairs provide easy access to information about postsecondary options on a timely basis for all Wisconsin citizens, regardless of geographic location.

Please refer to website for registration and directions.
This WEF is free and open to the public.
<https://www.wefs.org/fair-schedule/>

School Counseling Link Letter Of Recommendation Request Form

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/schools/fhs/students/letter-of-recommendation.cfm>

The screenshot shows a XELLO interface. At the top, there's a blue and purple header with the XELLO logo and 'Share' and 'Done' buttons. Below the header is a profile card for 'TONY H. GRADE 12' with a circular profile picture and the text 'ABOUT ME'. To the right of the profile card, there is a handwritten-style text overlay: 'Share your portfolio that you have in your XELLO account'. Below the profile card, there is a section titled 'RESUME' with the text 'Last updated: 09 / 12 / 2022'. To the right of the resume section is an illustration of a student sitting at a desk with a laptop, with speech bubbles above her.

Or use an updated Resume



WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGES

<http://witechcolleges.org/>

- The Wisconsin Technical College System offers more than 500 associate degree, technical diploma and short-term certificate options. The System is also a major provider of customized instruction and technical assistance for Wisconsin employers. About 250,000 people enroll each year.
- Our unique connections to employers – from multinational to Main Street – allow us to consistently increase the economic vitality of students, employers, and communities throughout Wisconsin.



APPLY NOW!

<https://www.fvtc.edu/programs/apply>



<https://www.nwtc.edu/admissions/getting-started>





ACCUPLACER

<http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/>

The ACCUPLACER is an entrance exam that technical colleges use. You can take the ACCUPLACER before and/or after you apply to the college. Different programs will require scores and you will need to speak with an admission counselor or check the website for details.

If you already took the ACT, some technical colleges will accept that score in place of the Accuplacer. Including FVTC Again, you will want to confirm what is needed with the technical college's admission's office. **However all program will accept an 18 or above in Reading, English & Math; exception of some of the nursing programs.**

You must be a FVTC (Fox Valley Technical College) registered student to take the ACCUPLACER at Freedom High School. You will need a student ID number

There is no cost to taking the ACCUPLACER at FHS, but it will be put on your tuition bill if taking classes at FVTC



<https://www.fvtc.edu/admissions/skills-assessment>



- Placement Assessment Scores General Education Levels

General Education requirements for Associate Degree and Technical Diploma programs:

	Accuplacer	Next Gen	ACT	HS GPA
Reading	54	250	18	2.75
Sentence	83	250	18	2.75
Arithmetic	65	263	18	2.75
Algebra	51	250	18	2.75



<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/next-generation>

TESTS	Classic ACCUPLACER	Next Gen. ACCUPLACER
Reading Comprehension	20 Questions	20 Questions
Sentence Skills	20 Questions	25 Questions
Arithmetic	17 Questions	20 Questions
Elementary Algebra	12 Questions	20 Questions

59 Questions

85 Questions



ACCUPLACER PREP / DATES



DATES

- FHS will give the ACCUPLACER test on a need basis. I will try to test on the same day with all applicants.
- Prep time will allow scheduled dates to be about a month out from the request to test.

PREP

- You should prepare yourself with some test samples

[https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/
practice](https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice)

<http://www.testprepreview.com/accuplacer>

<http://www.varsitytutors.com/practice-tests>

[http://www.fvtc.edu/SearchResults/tabid/87/
Default.aspx?Search=Accuplacer](http://www.fvtc.edu/SearchResults/tabid/87/Default.aspx?Search=Accuplacer)

Test Components

reading, writing, arithmetic, and quantitative reasoning, algebra, & statistics (QAS). Students take an average of 2 hours to complete.

PROGRAM PREPARATION COURSES

Set yourself up for success! If you need to work on math, science, sentence skills, and/or reading, Program Prep courses will help build your academic skills to be successful in your program. Your Program Prep courses are based on your individual needs and program selection.

<https://www.fvtc.edu/academics/program-preparation/program-preparation-courses>

MORE ABOUT PROGRAM PREP

[WHO TAKES PROGRAM PREP COURSES?](#) STUDENTS THAT DID NOT MEET THE CUT OFF ON THEIR ASSESSMENT

[IS THERE A COST?](#) YES, NORMAL TUITION COST OF A COURSE

[CAN I USE FINANCIAL AID?](#) YES, AID IS NEED BASED, NOT CLASS BASED

[HOW DO I REGISTER?](#) REGISTER LIKE ANY OTHER CLASS

PROGRAM PREP COURSES

[PRE-ALGEBRA](#)

[INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE WRITING](#)

[INTRODUCTION TO READING & STUDY SKILLS](#)

[PREPARATION FOR ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY](#)

[PREPARATION FOR BASIC CHEMISTRY](#)



Technical Colleges will ask for a student's high school transcript. Students will need to request these electronically.



HOW TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT

<http://www.parchment.com/>

- Go to the parchment website.
- Go to the student sign up page
- Create a username and password and send transcripts and credentials only.
- Need a credit/debit card - \$4.00 per transcript
- You will need to have an email account to validate your information. DO NOT use the Freedom School email. Create an email used for a professional communication.

HOW TO REQUEST YOUR ACT RESULTS

- www.actstudent.org
- Go to ACT website
- Click on Send Test Scores
- Follow Directions
- Some universities/technical colleges still accept informal copies.

Technical College – The Cheaper Alternative

- Fox Valley Technical College offers the most efficient and affordable option for higher education in the Fox Valley. On average, FVTC's tuition costs less than half that of two years of in-state tuition at a four-year public university.

Academic year 2024-2025 tuition for Wisconsin residents is \$188.90 per credit for associate degree, technical diploma and certificate classes.

– $165.85 \times 15 \text{ credits} = \$2833.50 \times 2 \text{ semesters} = \5667.00

Room & Board Projected cost to live away from home - \$13,142.00

Tuition costs do not include books, program supplies, tools/equipment, uniforms or field trips. Since additional costs vary by program, please check with a program advisor for specific information.

Books and program supplies are purchased separately from tuition. If you have available financial aid, those funds may be used for qualifying books, supplies and equipment at the FVTC bookstore. The estimated annual cost for books and supplies is $\$1,940.00 + \$4,975.40 = \mathbf{\$6,915.40}$



- Take your college experience to a higher level! Create a circle of friends in an exciting new living-learning community located just two blocks from Fox Valley Technical College. Tech Village will give you the opportunity to meet international students from around the globe as well as students from the local area. Reinforce your learning outside the classroom in fun and creative ways and expand your horizons with special events in the brand new apartment community built for Fox Valley Technical College students.

The Tech Village offers apartment-style student living. Share a comfortable, fully furnished four-bedroom two-bath suite with four other students. Community amenities will include high-speed Internet, a fitness center, walking path.

www.foxvalleytechvillage.com

- The estimated rent expense per academic year for off campus housing is \$7,008 per year. Works out to be \$584.00 month. This is the lowest end of costs and includes roommate sharing the apartment paying the same cost.



\$\$ PAYING FOR COLLEGE \$\$

Families NEED to discuss the costs of college and what the financial arrangements will be. Do *not* assume that scholarships will cover the costs.



SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarships – Links from XELLO lesson and FHS Website:
<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/schools/fhs/students/scholarships.cfm>
- Scholarships for UW Colleges, Private Schools and Technical Colleges:
UW System Scholarship Info
<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/pay-for-college/explore-financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants/>
- Private Colleges of Wisconsin Scholarships
<https://www.waicu.org/working-students/scholarships>
- Wisconsin Technical College Scholarships
<https://www.wtcsystem.edu/technical-college-benefits/affordable/scholarships-and-promise-programs/>
Check your individual colleges for Some colleges require a separate application for scholarships.
- *Local Scholarship Information* will be out during third quarter of this academic year.
 - Memberships and Affiliations
 - Workplace (yours and parents)

FINANCIAL AID

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

(FAFSA)

Begins Processing

Applications December 1st

- Grants and Loans based on Financial Need
- Will need family tax information and paperwork (i.e. W2's)
- Refer to website to helpful information and application
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

FINANCIAL AID Continued... COLLEGE GOAL WISCONSIN

<https://collegegoalwi.org/>

- [College Goal Wisconsin](https://collegegoalwi.org/) is a national event that provides free information and assistance to families who are filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid.)

COLLEGE GOAL WISCONSIN



CONTACT INFORMATION

College Goal Wisconsin
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Wausau, WI 54401

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- **Virtual event dates:**
- Wednesday evenings, October 5, 12, 19, and 26
- **In person event dates are:**
- Monday evenings: October 3, 10, 17, 24, and November 7
- Tuesday evenings: October 4, 11, 18, 25, and November 1 and 15
- Thursday evenings: October 6, 13, 20 and 27, November 3



- **TUES., OCT. 3 2023 | 3-7 P.M. | ALL LOCATIONS OPEN**
- **Explore your options by visiting one of our FVTC locations!**
- Learn about 200+ programs
- Talk to college faculty & staff
- Free info session: How to Pay for College
- **Visit the Appleton campus to learn about any FVTC program, or travel to the location of your choice to learn about specific programs of interest. Tours of labs are available at all locations.**
- Apply for FREE during the event. No registration necessary.
 - <https://www.fvtc.edu/open-house>



WORDS OF WISDOM FOR SENIORS

Learn to **ADVOCATE** for yourself

Advocate: (verb) to *push* for something.

Push by:

Attending informational meetings sponsored by your guidance office

Establish a personal yet professional-sounding email account (other than your parent's.) CHECK YOUR EMAILS DAILY

Searching on-line for career and college information

Asking questions when taking campus tours or speaking with a college representative

Attaining letters of recommendation in a timely manner

Provide the people who will be writing your letters with plenty of notice

Send transcripts through Parchment website. Informal transcript??

Review your application from a desktop or laptop computer prior to submitting it.

Have a conversation with your parents regarding the costs of college (SOON, if not ALREADY)



What NOT TO Do

Do Not:

Wait until the last minute to apply for colleges/technical colleges

Ask for letter of reference at the last minute

Use school email account on your applications

Apply solely for college from your phone

EXPECT YOUR MOM/DAD/GUARDIAN

DO ALL OF THIS FOR YOU!



BEST OF LUCK WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS!



Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions! We are here to help you!

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**You can also refer to our website for help with :
questions~forms~updates ~information~helpful links**

<http://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/>

Click on High School Link

Click on School Counseling Link