



~ SENIOR YEAR ~ HELPFUL INFORMATION



Number of students in the Class of 2026= 40

Applying to Colleges

How?



Check the school's website to see what applications they take: their own, the UW System, the Common Application, etc.

Fox Valley Technical College Application - <https://www.fvtc.edu/programs/apply>

UW System Guidelines - <https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/admission-guidelines/freshman/>

UW System Application - <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/homepage>

UW System Special Admissions Programs -

<https://www.wisconsin.edu/students/first-year/> Common Application -

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

(list of schools that take the Common App - <https://www.commonapp.org/explore/>)

Common Application

If you use the common application -

1. Put my name and email for the School Counselor: **Ms. Jerris McDermott**, **jmmcdermott@lourdes.today**
2. Put the name and email for anyone you have asked to write a letter of recommendation
3. I attach your transcript, so you do not need to use Parchment if you are using the Common App.
4. Other information - Lourdes uses a weighted 4.0 scale; honors courses are only recognized by our school

Test Scores

If the schools you are applying to ask for your OFFICIAL test scores - you must request the scores directly from the testing service. If they do not need the scores to be official, ask the counseling office to upload your score report (w/test date) to your Parchment account and you can send them through Parchment. Links to requests scores -

ACT =

[https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/sending-your-scores.ht](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/sending-your-scores.html)

ml SAT = <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/sending-scores>

Sending Lourdes Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation and UNofficial test scores

We use a service called Parchment to send this information (**UNLESS you are using the Common App or have uploaded a PDF of your transcript to your application, such as the UW application**).

Transcripts - are automatically in your Parchment account to send to schools **and yourself** Letters of Recommendation - if there isn't another process/link for letters of rec from your college, have the writer send his/her letter to Mrs. Neubauer to upload in your account (Mrs. Neubauer will email you when uploaded) Unofficial Test Scores - you must let us know what score report you would like uploaded (some students take ACT/SAT multiple times); scores are **not** automatically put into Parchment

* Parchment Registration Codes were sent via email April 26 - search your email.

Parchment = <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/197245/account>

Sending College Transcripts

You must send all college transcripts to your college regardless if you want to or not (the courses and grades are on your Lourdes transcript so the colleges will be expecting the college transcript). These transcripts must be requested by you and received directly from the college. **Unless specifically noted on the application, you just need to send your college transcript(s) to the college you will be attending.** Click these links to order your college transcripts:

St Norbert College - <https://www.snc.edu/registrar/transcripts.html>

UW Oshkosh - <https://uwosh.edu/registrar/alumni/transcripts/>

Fox Valley Tech - [FVTC Transcript | Fox Valley Technical College](#)

NWTC -

<https://www.nwtc.edu/admissions/student-admissions-resources/student-records/transcript-request>

Letters of Recommendation

Why?

- The college(s) you are applying to may require one or two letters.
- If they don't require it, they will still read it. Especially with schools being test-optional, colleges may weigh a letter of recommendation more heavily. Letters can only help you - recommendation, at least 2. How?

- Be sure to select teachers who know you best and that you have had recently; ask them well in advance (now) and agree on a deadline. Some teachers may say no, that's ok, some receive many requests..
- Many do not allow you to view the letter.
- Give the recommender your activity resume; or he/she may have something for you to fill out or there is a form on my webpage..
- Follow up with a huge Thank You (cards are nice) - teachers write letters on their own time, it can be an unpaid, part-time job!

Letter for Common Application:

- Put the recommender's name and email address in the recommender section. They will receive an email with a link to upload the letter. Be sure to ask them for a letter BEFORE putting their name as a recommender!

Letter for UW Madison:

- Go here to fill out (scroll to bottom):
<https://apps.admissions.wisc.edu/apply/recommendations/invite/index.php>. Be sure you asked for the letter BEFORE putting a name as a recommender.

Other School or Applications:

- Ask the recommender to email the letter to Mrs. Neubauer. Mrs. Neubauer will upload it to your Parchment account and will email you letting you know it is ready to be sent. Log into your Parchment account and select Letter(s) of Recommendation and send to your school(s).
- It is up to the recommender to give you a copy of your letter (most do not); you are **not able** to have your letters sent to you via Parchment.

Application Essay

- Select something original to write about - stay true to yourself, do not copy and paste from google. - Be sure to have a second or third set of eyes to proofread.
- Get the essay(s) done ASAP ... do not let it/them hold up your application!
- UW application essays- [HERE](#)
- Common App essays - [HERE](#)

College Course Information

- Info needed for most applications:

SCHOOL	DEPARTMENT COURSE TITLE	COURSE NUMBER	# COLLEGE CREDITS
UW Oshkosh - CAPP	Biology Biological Concept - Unity	BIOLOGY 105	4
(Oshkosh, WI)	Chemistry General Chemistry I	CHEM 105	5
	General Chemistry II	CHEM 106	5
	Mathematics Calculus I	MATH 171	5
St Norbert College	English English Composition	ENGL 101	4
Fox Valley Technical College	Criminal Justice Criminal Justice Systems	CRIM JUST 204	3
(Appleton, WI)	Health Science Medical Terminology	MEDTERM 101	3
	Social Science Intro to Psychology	SOCSCI 198	3
	Intro to Sociology	SOC SCI 196	3

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	Communication Oral/Interpersonal Comm Skills	COMMSK 196	3
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Financial Aid/Scholarships

- General scholarships come through my office starting late Sept/Oct. I put them on a spreadsheet and post on my webpage (“General Scholarships”), along with many links to other scholarship resources. The scholarships from the Oshkosh Community Foundation typically aren’t available until Dec 1 - <https://www.lourdesacademyoshkosh.org/high-school-student-services>
- Here is the link to the FAFSA -
- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>; be aware of deadlines for your school(s).
- UW school deadline list - <https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/pay-for-college/about-financial-aid/>
- Assistance in completing the FAFSA - <https://collegegoalwi.org/>