



Streamwood High School

College Application Tips

- **Linking Schoolinks & Common App**

When linking your Schoolinks & Common App accounts, just clicking the link button in Schoolinks & accepting the terms doesn't actually give your counselor all of the access they need to send your transcript to your Common App schools. [Please follow these important steps!](#)

- **When to Submit Your College Application**

Regardless of what type of application you're using (Common App or a School-specific application) - you do NOT have to wait for your transcript and/or letter of recommendation to be sent to submit your application. As soon as you feel that your application is ready to submit, go ahead and hit submit! Colleges consider applications "submitted" the student hits submit - not when they receive your transcript/letter of recommendation.

- **Requesting Letters of Recommendation**

You will need to add teacher requests to each college/university that you want the letter sent. You should choose the same 1-2 teachers for each school (depending on how many letters they will accept). Please make sure you ask your teacher to write the letter IN PERSON before you submit the request via Schoolinks. It is also very helpful to fill out as much in Schoolinks as you can as it will be shared it with the people who are writing the recommendation for you.

- **General Overview of College Application Manger in Schoolinks**

Check out this [flowchart](#) that gives you a breakdown on how to add college applications to your account. ALL colleges you are applying to must be entered in Schoolinks!

- **Utilize your resources**

Counselors will meet with each senior individually to go over their post-secondary plans. Make sure to ask questions during that time and schedule a follow up appotiment. Also, do not be afraid to reach out to other staff in our building. We are here to help you reach your goals!