



Your Senior Year

Margaretta High School Class of 2021

Information in these hand-outs include:

1. Important numbers, addresses and personal information
2. College information
3. FAFSA information
4. Scholarship information including application procedure, tips, recommendation letters
5. Senior information

MARGARETTA



Senior Class of 2021

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High School Phone No.
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(419) 684-5322

School email address
www.margarettaschooldistrict.com

SCHOOL CODE: 360-825:

SCHOOL PHONE NO.: (419) 684-5351

MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: ____ - ____ - _____

MY CURRENT GPA: ____

MY CURRENT CLASS RANK: ____ / ____

ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: _____ SAT: V ____ M ____

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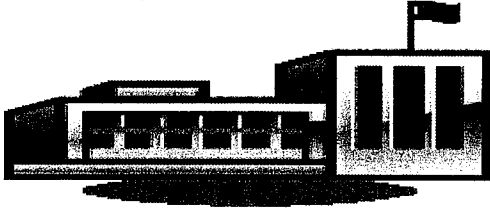
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College Visits

The college visit day privilege is limited to juniors and seniors with a 2.0 accumulative grade point average or better. No student will be allowed more than three (3) accumulated days over a two year period. Students must follow these procedures prior to their college visit:

1. Make an appointment with the college admissions office for your visit.
2. After the appointment is made, inform the Guidance office of the date.
3. Sign up on the college visit clip board in the Guidance office listing your date of the visit and where you will be visiting.
4. Obtain a letter from the Guidance office that must be signed by the college personnel and return it to the Guidance office.
5. Communicate to Mrs. Cullen that you have scheduled a visit.
6. On the day of your college visit, have your parent or guardian call the main office to report your absence.

College Applications

Most applications are completed online with a few still on paper.

1. It is very important to follow all deadlines set by the institution.
2. If you want assistance as you fill out your application, stop by the Guidance office and make an appointment.
3. If you apply online, let the Guidance office know so we can send a transcript.

FAFSA
Free Application for Federal Student Aid
www.fafsa.ed.gov

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form used by the U.S. Department of Education to determine your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) by conducting a “need Analysis” based on financial information, such as income, assets and other household information, which you (and your parents if you are a dependent student) will be asked to provide. All students are expected to contribute towards the cost of their college education. How much you and your family will be expected to contribute depends on your financial situation and is what is referred to as your Expected Family Contribution or EFC.

FAFSA Eligibility

Nearly every student is eligible for some form of financial aid, including low-interest Federal Stafford and/or parent PLUS loans, regardless of income or circumstance, provided that you:

- Are a U.S. citizen, a U.S. national or an eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Are registered with the U.S. Selective Service (if you are a male aged 18-25)
- Complete a FAFSA promising to use any federal aid for educational purposes
- Do not owe refunds on any federal student grants
- Are not in default on any student loans
- Have not been found guilty of the sale or possession of illegal drugs during a period in which federal aid was being received

The FAFSA is **FREE**. Don't go to www.fafsa.com to file your FAFSA. It will cost you money!

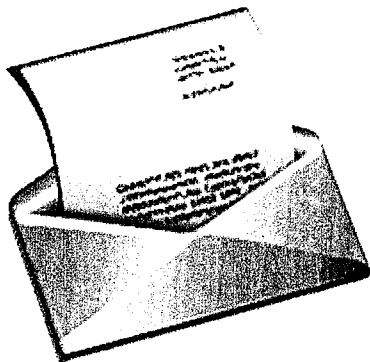
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Scholarship opportunities will be processed through the Student Services Office. Following is a list of procedures that will aid you in making the application process as easy as possible:

1. Be sure to either listen to the daily announcements as they are read each day or stop by the Student Services office and take a copy from the file on the board. The daily announcements are also sent to your school email every day.
2. All available applications are placed in the plastic file folders on the Student Services office wall. Feel free to review the requirements listed on the cover page to see if you qualify. If you do, please take a copy. If you do not, please return to the folder.
3. Return to the Student Services Office by the due date listed on the cover page if you want the Guidance Office to process. If you wish to do this on your own, you can follow the due date on the application. You will see that our due date is a week in advance which gives us time to process our part. Do not expect the Student Services office to be able to process your application if you bring it in a day or two before you need it back when doing it yourself. **PLAN AHEAD!**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

1. Fill out your application when you have plenty of time to concentrate on what you are doing and saying.
2. Read and follow **all** the instructions as stated. For example: Handwritten means handwritten; typed means typed; black ink means black ink.
3. Make sure you give yourself plenty of time to complete your application by the deadline.
4. Prepare a student information sheet of your personal information and activities for use in addition to your application. (Samples are included in within this packet).
5. Make sure that you meet all of the qualifications that are required.
6. Be sure to give those who are writing recommendation letters for you plenty of time to compose them.
7. Don't be afraid to elaborate on your accomplishments.
8. Keep all your papers and materials neat and unfolded. Turn your application in paper clipped together so you do not lose any parts of it.
9. Be creative and professional with the appearance of your application.
10. **SELL YOURSELF !!!!!!!**



RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Please take into consideration the following information when deciding who will be composing a recommendation letter for you.

- 1. Be courteous enough to give the person you ask plenty of time to consider what to write, to gather information, and to compile this into a letter for you. At least two weeks prior to the due date should be appropriate.**
- 2. Choose someone you know and respect.**
- 3. Choose someone who can speak about your character.**
- 4. Make sure that you follow instructions on the application as to who you ask such as teacher, minister, counselor, etc....**
- 5. If you need a letter from a teacher make sure it is a current teacher and remember that coaches are not teachers.**
- 6. Make sure that the person writing your recommendation letter addresses the request made of them for the content of the letter.**
- 7. Choose a teacher from a class that you excel in so they can express your academic achievement.**

SENIORS - This booklet contains step-by-step information on what you should be doing now, to prepare for college, career, or the military.....your future.

4-YEAR COLLEGE?? 2-YEAR COLLEGE?? MILITARY?? WORK FORCE??

The time has finally arrived. You are beginning your last year of high school. It is important that you begin to think seriously about the many options available to you upon graduation from Margaretta High School. Mrs. Lott is here to answer your questions, to contact the people who can give you more information, to help you with the forms and the red tape and to help you through this important time of your life. Between now and Christmas, you need to decide in which direction you want to go. If it is college, there are deadlines that must be met. Within the next week, Mrs. Lott will schedule an appointment with you to begin the process.

All students should consider the following when establishing their post-secondary plan:

The 1 : 2: 7 Ratio

- for every one (1) job available in the labor market that requires a Master's degree or higher (more than 4 years of college), there are two (2) jobs available in the labor market that require a Bachelor's degree (4 years of college), and there are seven (7) jobs available that require an Associate's degree or Certificate (2 years of college or less).
- 33% of future jobs will require a Bachelor's degree or higher (4 year degree or more)
- 57% of future jobs will require skilled labor (certificate, journeymen's card or 2 year degree)
- 10% of future jobs will be able to use unskilled labor (high school diploma)

(statistics by Eric Gamble, PhD, MBA)

Included in this booklet are some of the options available to you after high school and the steps that you should be following. **Please use the Ohio Means Jobs website to educate and empower yourself with the most up to date information regarding furthering your education, employment opportunities and military careers** .

www.ohiomeansjobs.com

I. COLLEGE

If you are planning on additional schooling after high school whether it be at a 4-year or 2year school; technical school; business school; nursing school; etc., you should soon do the following:

1. Register to take the **ACT or SAT** as soon as possible if you did not take the test at the end of your junior year and you plan to attend a 4-year university following graduation. Also, register to retake the test if you are not satisfied with your scores. Scores typically increase each time the test is taken. Registration flyers and practice booklets are available in the guidance office. Check college websites now to see scores that are required for scholarships. Don't risk missing out on a scholarship because you missed the required score by a point or two. You do not need to wait for ACT scores to submit your college applications.
2. College applications are available online. **Once you submit your online application, BE SURE TO LET THE COUNSELOR KNOW.** We will need to send in a transcript for you.
3. Ohio alone has approximately **62 four-year colleges**. The first thing you can do to narrow down the selection is to determine **who offers your intended major**. The counselors can get this information for you, but you have to ask. **To help narrow down the choices** even more, begin to consider the following:

-How far away from home do you want to be, 4 hours, 2 hours, 45 minutes? Use the map included in this packet and check out the various schools in Ohio and their distance from your home.

-What size of a school do you want to attend; 60,000 students like Ohio State, 25,000 like Bowling Green, or 930 like Bluffton College? You are used to a small school setting...are you tired of it or comfortable with it?

-Are you ready to dive right into a big campus or would you like a slower and more inexpensive start to college? Credits from Owens or Terra are easily transferred to most 4-year colleges.

-How much can you afford to spend on tuition a year? (\$25,000 at The University of Toledo, \$41,000 at Ohio Northern, or \$5,000 at Owens or Terra). These are approximate figures and include room and board.

-Is it likely you will receive scholarships to help with a private school tuition?

-Do you want a campus that is in the heart of a big city, a big town, or a small town?

-What activities interest you and which schools offer them?

-Where are your friends going?

4. **Many colleges will be visiting our high school throughout September, October and November. Their visits will be posted on the daily announcements.** Listen for the announcements daily and sign up in the guidance office for any schools in which you are interested. This gives you an excellent opportunity to speak with a representative from the school and to receive applications.
5. **Virtual Tours** are available online for many of the colleges via their website. They provide excellent information about the school and give you a quick glance at the facilities.
6. **Talk with a counselor about arranging a campus visit.** You are permitted to take three excused college visits if they are properly scheduled. An approved adult must be attending with you. Remember, you will be spending a few years at the college of your choice—an environment that you find comfortable is just as important as finding a school that offers the major in which you are interested. One of the worst things that can happen is to be dropped at a school you have never visited just to discover you are not comfortable and do not like it. **VISIT THE SCHOOL NOW.**
7. You may **apply to as many schools as you want** but each application will cost approximately \$20 - \$50. You will make your final decision in the Spring. **You should plan to apply to college anytime between now and Thanksgiving break.** After Christmas, you'll be busy with financial aid and scholarships. It is especially important to get the applications out early if you are depending on financial aid. The money is often awarded on a first come, first served basis and when it runs out, it runs out. **Remember, after you apply to a college online, sign up in the guidance office to have a transcript mailed to the school by a counselor.**
8. There are certain guidelines that a **student athlete** must fulfill to ensure eligibility at Division I or II universities. They include, but may not be limited to, obtaining an established grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) in an established core group of courses. Students must also obtain an ACT or SAT score which can vary depending on the cumulative grade point average. Be sure to list NCAA (9999) on your ACT or SAT form. The **NCAA eligibility form** should be submitted as soon as possible at the beginning of the senior year--see a counselor **AFTER** speaking with your high school coach about your potential to participate at the Division I or II level. Athletes should make their coaches aware of their interest to participate in college if they have not yet done so. Coaches can help with contacts, videos, portfolios, etc. It is the responsibility of interested students or parents to contact a counselor, coach, and /or athletic director to obtain the information. **To sign-up with the NCAA Eligibility center, go to www.eligibilitycenter.org. The cost is around \$65.00**

9. If you are planning to apply for **financial aid**

--Fill out the **college's financial aid application** (if required) and return it to the appropriate address. You will know if your school requires this form because it will be included right along with the application. If you do not see the form, this is one less step you have.

--**After October 1st**, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

This form is found at www.fafsa.ed.gov or by calling 1-800-433-3243. **The FAFSA is absolutely REQUIRED if you plan to apply for any type of financial aid.** If you question whether or not you will qualify for aid, fill it out. You'll never know without trying. Many private schools require the Profile form. Check with a counselor if you are applying to a private school in Ohio.

--The counselors have booklets pertaining to financial aid available for you. The booklets will answer many of your financial aid questions. Also, specific questions can be directed to the financial aid office of your intended university. Do not hesitate to call any university at any time. They are there to help you. Also, a financial aid presentation will be available for parents and students at Margaretta H.S. in October.

--Various **scholarships** (local, state and national) become available during the year. Some are announced over the loud speaker and all are posted on the daily announcements and on the Guidance Office door. Also, scholarship sources are listed on **Ohio Means Jobs**. It is very easy to use. There are also several sites on the Internet where you can find scholarship information. If you have earned good grades, have participated in various activities throughout your first three years of high school, and/or have demonstrated leadership qualities, you should look for scholarships. Deadlines are early, however, so start now!

--If your first choice is an expensive school and your attendance depends on financial aid, apply to a backup school that is within your financial range in case financial aid does not come through as you are hoping. Don't rule out an expensive school on cost alone if you have earned good grades.

II. MILITARY

If you are planning to enter the military after high school graduation or if you would simply like to learn more about the various opportunities of the military, contact one of the area recruiters. The guidance office contains a lot of information on all

branches of the service including phone numbers and names of the recruiters. The military offers many programs for those interested in college or the work force along with their military enlistment such as ROTC scholarships. Make an appointment or talk with a recruiter! It is a good idea to talk to recruiters from several branches rather than just one. You learn more that way and are better able to make the right choice for you. Recruiters from all branches will be here at the HS during various lunch periods.

Air Force:

912 W. Perkins Ave
Sandusky, OH 44870
419-625-9656

Army:

2136 Enterprise Dr.
Fremont, OH 43420
419-334-4451

Marines:

314 S. Front St
Fremont, OH 43420
419-332-9985

Navy:

557 South Reynolds Rd.
Toledo, OH 43613
419-531-7615

III. WORK FORCE

To those students who are planning to begin a career upon graduation, it is not too soon to begin gathering references, updating your resume, and collecting the information that will be needed to complete an application. Also, it is possible to go to college part time or to simply take one class while you work. Just be sure that if your plan is to work for a year and then go to college, you keep us in mind. The counselors are always available to help graduates with their college plans.

www.Careerbuilder.com

www.Monster.com

www.Career.com

www.Jobster.com

Your Name:

Address:

Sample resume for scholarship applications

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES / ORGANIZATIONS

Student Government	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
National Honor Society	11th, 12th grade
Ruriteen	10th, 11th, 12th grade
International Club	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Leadership Class	12th grade
Band	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Cross Country	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Swimming	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Track & Field	11th, 12th grade

AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS

Honor Roll	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Academic Letter	10th, 11th grade
Citizenship Award	9th, 10th, 11th grade
Perfect Attendance	9th, 10th, 11th grade
Class Representative	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Advanced English I Student of the Year	9th grade
World Studies C.P. Student of the Year	9th grade
Advanced English II Student of the Year	10th grade
American Studies C.P. Student of the Year	10th grade
Spanish II Student of the Year	10th grade
Ruriteen Executive Chair	11th grade
Ruriteen President	12th grade
Band Letter	10th, 11th grade
Percussion Squad Leader	10th grade
Percussion Section Leader	11th, 12th grade
Solo and Ensemble Participant	10th grade
Cross Country Letter	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Cross Country SBC All-Academic	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Cross Country Team Captain	12th grade
Cross Country Most Improved	10th grade
Cross Country Civista Bank Award	12th grade
Swimming Letter	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Swimming SBC All-Academic	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Swimming Freshman Award	9th grade
Swimming Coach's Award	11th grade
Swimming Team Captain	12th grade
Swimming MVP	12th grade
Swimming Civista Bank Award	12th grade
Track & Field Letter	11th grade
Track & Field Distance Captain	11th grade
Track Distance MVP	11th grade
OHSAA Student Leadership Conference	11th grade
Wendy's Heisman State Finalist	12th grade
Buckeye Girls State Delegate	11th grade
Rotary Student of the Month	12th grade
Castalia Lion's Club Student of the Month	12th grade
Civista Bank Student of the Month	12th grade

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Red Cross Bloodmobile	11th, 12th grade
ECBDD Santa Workshop Community Event	10th grade
Booster Drive	11th grade
Castalia Lion's Club Boys & Girls Club Volunteer	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Stein Hospice 5k Volunteer	11th grade
Clothe-A-Child	11th, 12th grade
Margaretta's Dodgeball Tournament	11th, 12th grade
Margaretta's Dance-A-Thon	11th, 12th grade
Relay for Life	10th, 11th, 12th grade
Ruritan Pancake Breakfast Volunteer	10th, 11th, 12th grade
Ruritan Pork Chop Dinner Volunteer	11th grade
Weekly Volunteering with Margaretta	
Elementary Speech Pathologist	12th grade

Sample resume for scholarship applications

Your Name:

Address:

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

National Honor Society	12 th grade
SADD	10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade
Academic Challenge Team	11 th , 12 th grade
Student Government Representative	10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade
International Club	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade
Yearbook Staff	11 th , 12 th grade
Class Officer	9 th , 12 th grade
Football	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade
Wrestling	10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade
Baseball	10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade

AWARDS/HONORS/ACHIEVEMENTS:

Honor Roll	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade
Rotary Student of the Month	12 th grade
Elks Student of the Month	12 th grade
Citizens Banking Company Student of the Month	12 th grade
Castalia Lions Club Student of the Month	12 th grade
Government Student of the Nine Weeks	11 th grade
Spanish Student of the Nine Weeks	10 th , 11 th grade
Academic Letter Winner	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade
Trig-Pre-Calculus Student of the Year	12 th grade
Football SBC 1 st Team	12 th grade
Football All Academic Team	11 th , 12 th grade
Football Citizens Banking Company Award	12 th grade
Wrestling SBC Honorable Mention	12 th grade
Wrestling Coaches Award	12 th grade
Baseball Team Captain	12 th grade
Baseball All Academic SBC	11 th , 12 th grade

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Red Cross Bloodmobile	11 th , 12 th grade
Senior Safe Shop	12 th grade
Clothe-A-Child	12 th grade
Tutor Elementary Aged Students	11 th , 12 th grade
Safety Village Volunteer	12 th grade
Athletic Booster Drive	10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade
Teachers Aide	10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade
Church Youth Group	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade