

Senior Year 25-26

What do I do Next?





Tips for a Successful Senior Year

- ◎ Monitor Grades/Attendance using the Parent Portal
 - Students need to attend school to be successful
 - Students who do not complete all graduation requirements are not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- ◎ Read the School Newsletter (monthly) & email updates (weekly)
- ◎ Encourage students to complete applications early & meet deadlines in a timely manner
- ◎ Communicate with the School Counselor

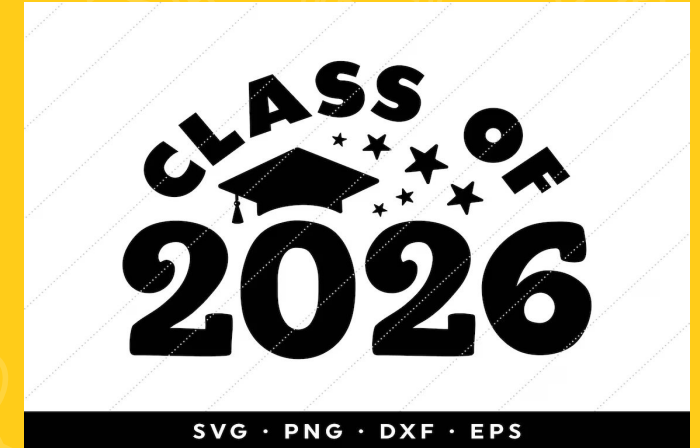


Selective Service Information

- Males who turn 18 years of age are required by law to register with the Selective Service System.
- Registering keeps them eligible for Federal Student Loan Programs, Grants, and Jobs.
- Males can register online, at a post office, by mail, when applying for Financial Aid, or in Bellevue West's Career Center. Here is the link: [Register | Selective Service System](#)

Senior Events

- ❖ Senior Panoramic Photo
 - Monday, October 6 @ 9am
- ❖ College Decision Day
 - Friday, May 1
- ❖ Military Recognition Day
 - May (TBD)
- ❖ Seniors Last Day/Graduation Practice
 - Thursday, May 14 (morning)
- ❖ Senior Picnic and Checkout
 - Thursday, May 14 (morning)



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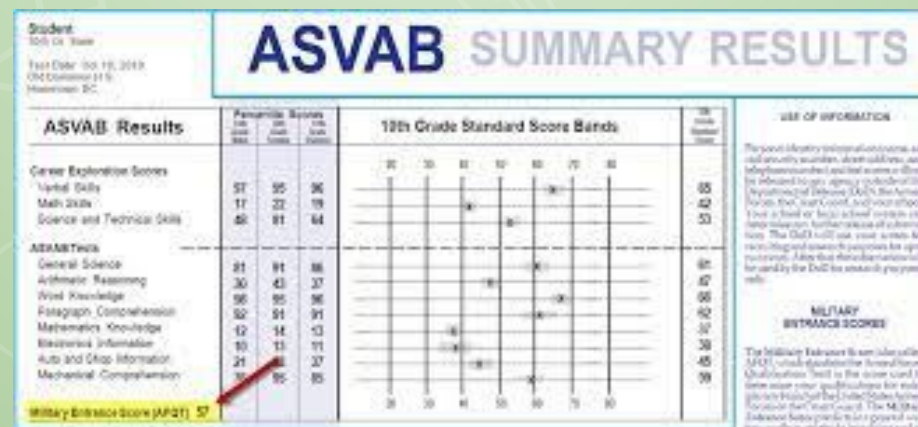
- **Senior Honors Night** (Invitations emailed in April/early May)
 - Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m. in the South Gym
- **Baccalaureate** (Bellevue West & Bellevue East)
 - Thursday, May 21, 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Christian Center
- **Graduation**
 - Saturday, May 23, 9:30 a.m. in the South Gym

Bellevue West Apply2College Days

- Seniors can get assistance completing college applications:
- September 30th—University of Nebraska Schools
- October 1st—State Colleges
- October 2nd—Community Colleges
- Seniors will sign up using a Google Form link in Schoology.

ASVAB

- ASVAB Test: November 6th
- For students planning to go into the military or seeking to identify strengths and narrow down career options.
- Free
- Sign up with Mr. Schultz.



Senior Pictures/Yearbook



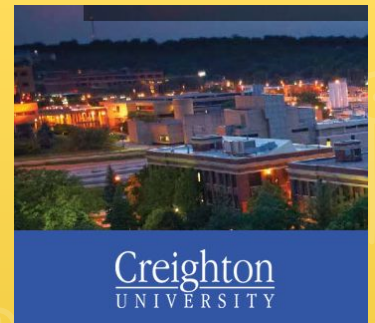
- ❖ Senior pictures & Dedication pages are due for the Yearbook by Friday, December 12 no later than 3:00pm.
- ❖ Send to aaron.stueve@bpsne.net
- ❖ Specifications:
 - Vertical, front-facing, digital or print
 - No watermarks on photo, background not distracting, no props
- ❖ Picture Day at Bellevue West: Thursday, September 4, retakes Wednesday, October 15. All seniors get photo taken; will use if no other photo submitted by December 12.
- ❖ Yearbook Advisor: Mr. Stueve
 - aaron.stueve@bpsne.net



Graduation Cap & Gown

- **School Traditions: Packets will be distributed during senior meetings at end of August**
 - **Cap & Gown package (cap, gown, tassel) (Cost: Responsibility of student—about \$60. Order online at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) beginning September 3. Fall deadline to order October 21 (price increase after this date)**
 - **Graduation Announcements available at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) (for parents/students who wish to purchase)**
 - **Class Rings available at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) (for students who wish to purchase)**

Upcoming College Visits



- College visits will be advertised via email, social media, daily announcements, Bellevue West website & Schoology.
- Students will sign up to visit with a college admissions representative on the Bellevue West website or Schoology.
- September 16: No school for seniors-great day for college visits
 - March 24: No school for seniors
- September 17: Bellevue Area College Fair sponsored by NACRAO
 - BPS Lied Activity Center, 8-10am



Sending Transcripts/ACT Scores to a College

- A transcript release must be submitted by parent/guardian (or student if 18 years of age)
 - Students can request transcripts be sent out to colleges/scholarships.
 - Students/parents can request a copy of transcript for college, scholarships.
 - Electronic release form will be made available on the school's website, and distributed via email to parents in August.
- *Note: Some schools do not require an initial transcript but instead require students to self-report courses/grades.*

Google form

Transcript Release

Scan for release form



Transcript Release Form for the 2025-26 School Year

I, hereby, as the student, parent/guardian of a student under 18 years of age or an eligible student (a student, or former student, 18 years of age or older or enrolled in a post-secondary education institution), freely give my consent to Bellevue West High School, 1501 Thurston Ave, Bellevue, NE 68123 for release of the information below that is identified by a mark in the appropriate box.

Email *

Valid email

This form is collecting emails. [Change settings](#)

First Name of Student *



Paper copy available upon request

Requesting a Transcript

- Students will request their transcripts online via Parchment. Step by step instructions for requesting a transcript will be provided to all senior students and will be discussed during the Senior Presentation later this month.



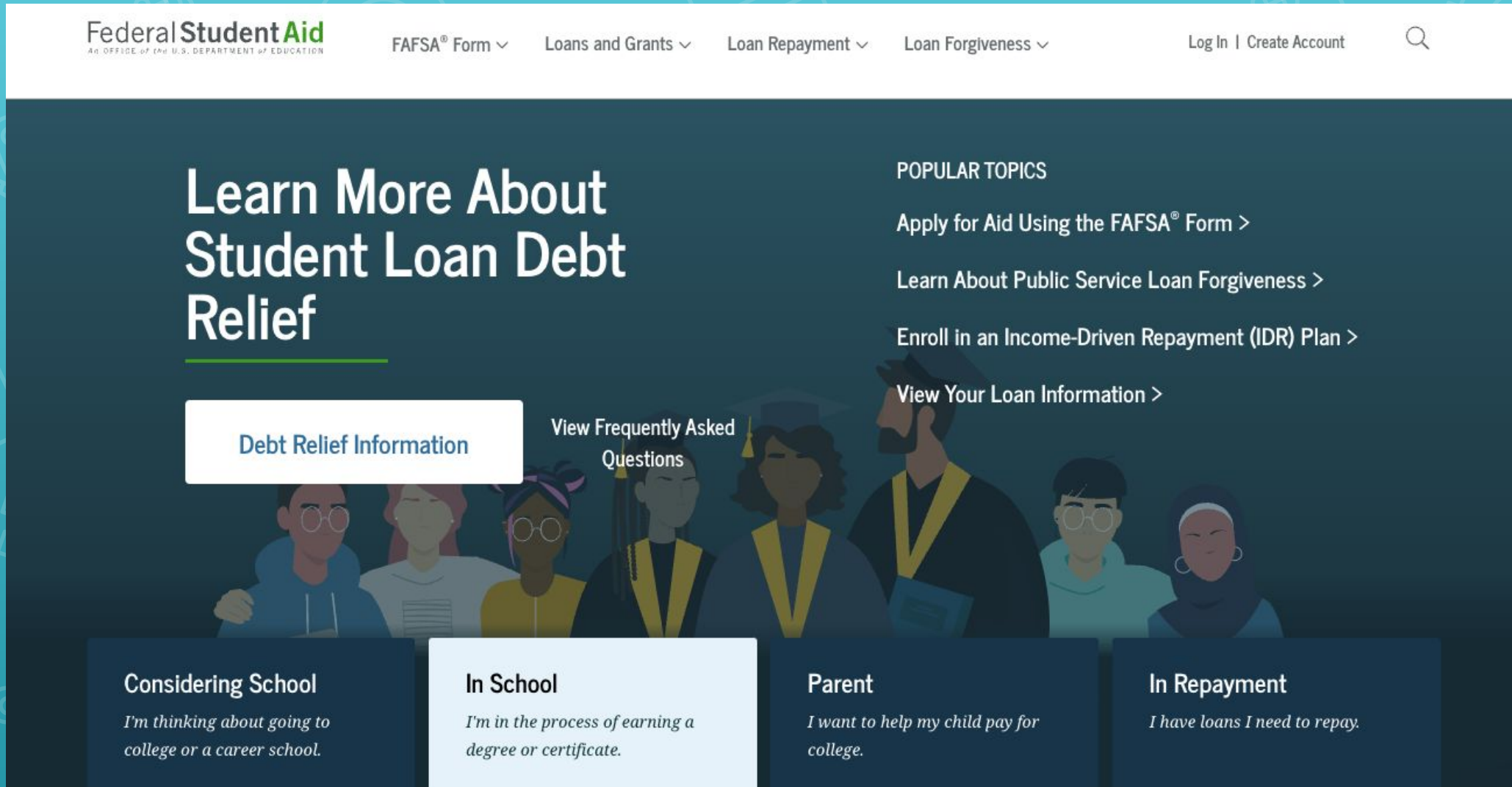
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Completing the FAFSA

- **Graduation requirement for the Class of 2026**
 - **Opt out option and process**
- Families can apply for financial aid using the FAFSA form beginning likely December 1st.
(2024 tax information will be used for this year's senior class)
- Parents and students need to apply for a FSA ID that will be used as their electronic signature for when they file their FAFSA form. We suggest you obtain an FSA ID before beginning the FAFSA form due to 3 day wait period.
- Go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing> to create your FSA ID account.
- Financial Aid Presentation by EducationQuest Foundation: TBD

FAFSA Website

Note: Please make sure you are going to studentaid.gov



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An Office of the U.S. Department of Education

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Learn More About Student Loan Debt Relief

Debt Relief Information

View Frequently Asked Questions

POPULAR TOPICS

- [Apply for Aid Using the FAFSA® Form >](#)
- [Learn About Public Service Loan Forgiveness >](#)
- [Enroll in an Income-Driven Repayment \(IDR\) Plan >](#)
- [View Your Loan Information >](#)

Considering School
I'm thinking about going to college or a career school.

In School
I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.

Parent
I want to help my child pay for college.

In Repayment
I have loans I need to repay.

Applying for Scholarships


- Bellevue West Scholarship Coordinator
- Kathie Britten
 - Kathie.britten@bpsne.net
 - (402) 827-5990
- Scholarships available for academics, financial need, activities, volunteering, leadership, military, health issues, dependents
- Sources: Colleges, Social Media, Websites, Emails
- Reminders & new scholarships emailed to seniors weekly/monthly
- View a monthly scholarship list and multiple scholarship search websites on our Bellevue West website under Scholarships


Scholarships (continued):



- ACE Scholarship—for students who are Free/Reduced applying for dual enrollment
- Bellevue Comprehensive Scholarships—local scholarships for Bellevue West students only—available in October and due in December
- Requesting transcripts and supplemental material for scholarships
 - Students complete a request via Google Form. Link will be emailed to Seniors in late August
 - The link will also be available in Schoology
- Complete college scholarship applications for general and program specific scholarships
- October 27-31: Scholarship week at Bellevue West


Bellevue West Website

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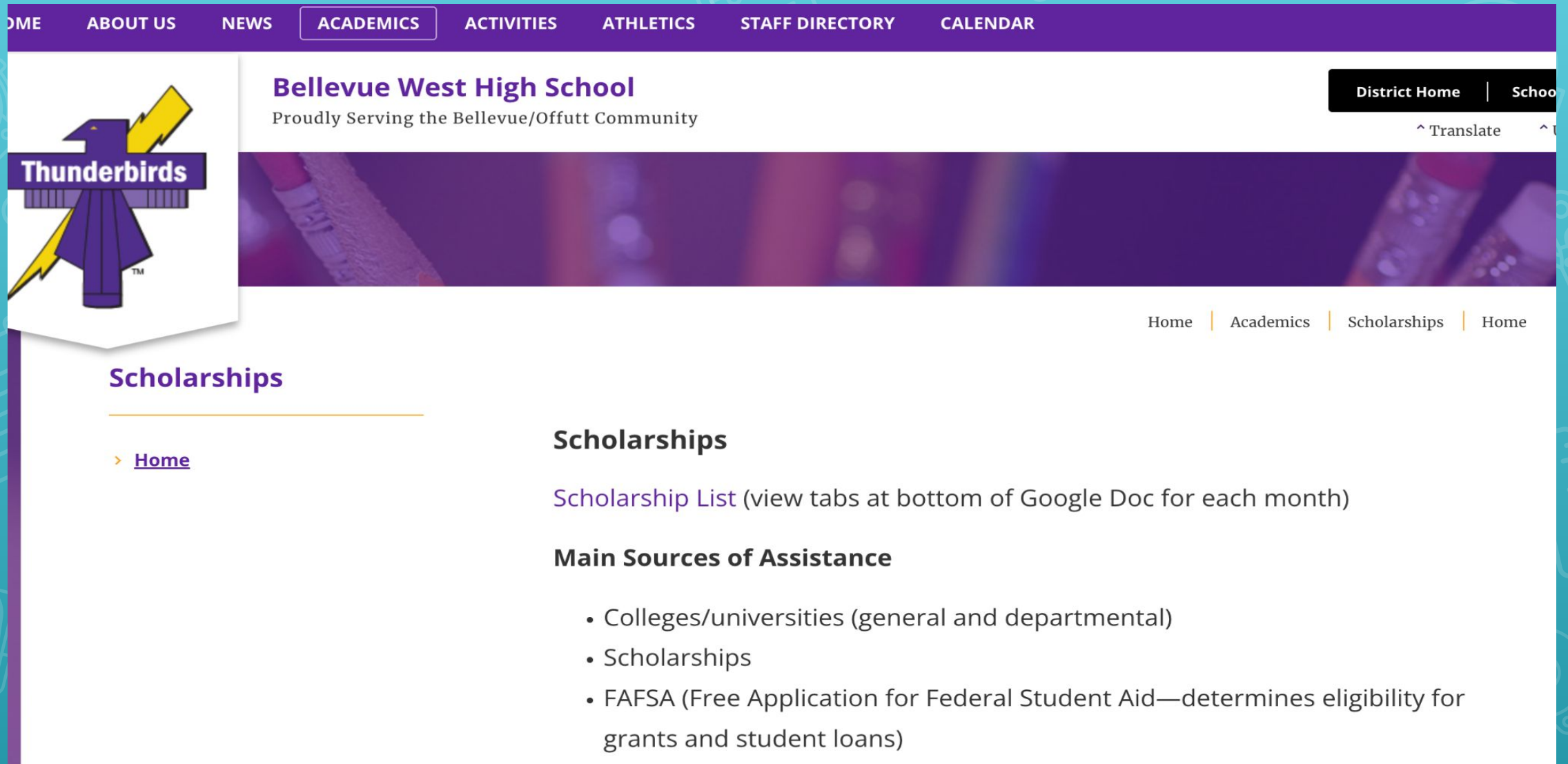
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Bellevue West>Academics>Scholarships



The screenshot shows the website for Bellevue West High School. The top navigation bar is purple with white text for links: HOME, ABOUT US, NEWS, ACADEMICS (highlighted), ACTIVITIES, ATHLETICS, STAFF DIRECTORY, and CALENDAR. Below the navigation bar, the school's name "Bellevue West High School" is displayed in purple, with the tagline "Proudly Serving the Bellevue/Offutt Community" underneath. To the left is the Thunderbirds logo, which features a stylized purple and yellow bird with the word "Thunderbirds" in white on a purple banner. On the right, there are links for "District Home" and "School Home", and a "Translate" button. Below the header, a secondary navigation bar contains links for "Home", "Academics", "Scholarships" (highlighted), and "Home". The main content area has a purple header with the word "Scholarships" in white. Below this, there is a link for "> Home". The section is titled "Scholarships" in bold black text. Underneath, a link for "Scholarship List" is provided, followed by the instruction "(view tabs at bottom of Google Doc for each month)". A section titled "Main Sources of Assistance" in bold black text lists three items: "Colleges/universities (general and departmental)", "Scholarships", and "FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid—determines eligibility for grants and student loans)".

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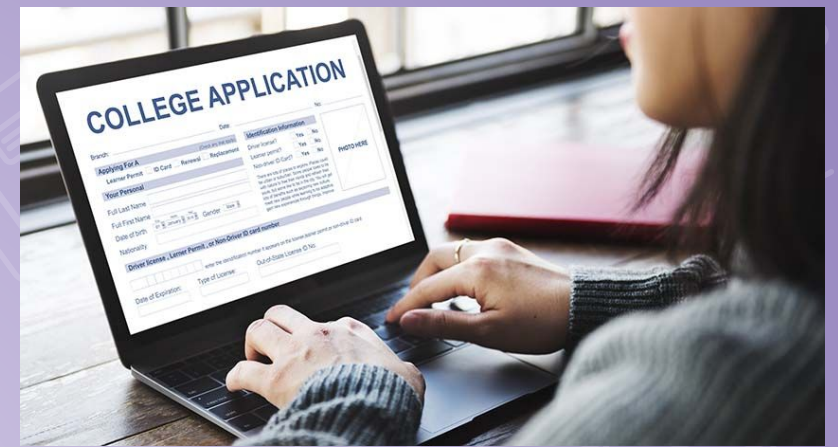
[Scholarship List](#) (view tabs at bottom of Google Doc for each month)

Main Sources of Assistance

- Colleges/universities (general and departmental)
- Scholarships
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid—determines eligibility for grants and student loans)

Applying for College

- **Apply on the college's website.**
 - Usually under their Admissions' link
 - Transcripts, application fee, test scores and supplemental materials may be required.
 - Application fee may be waived for students on Free/Reduced lunch. Students should contact their counselor.
- **Apply early to make sure all documents are received by the school's application deadline.**





**UNL/UNO/UNK Fee Waiver:
Enter “HUSKER” for free application
from August 1st–November 1st.**

**Free applications:
University of Nebraska–Omaha
Metro Community College
Creighton University**

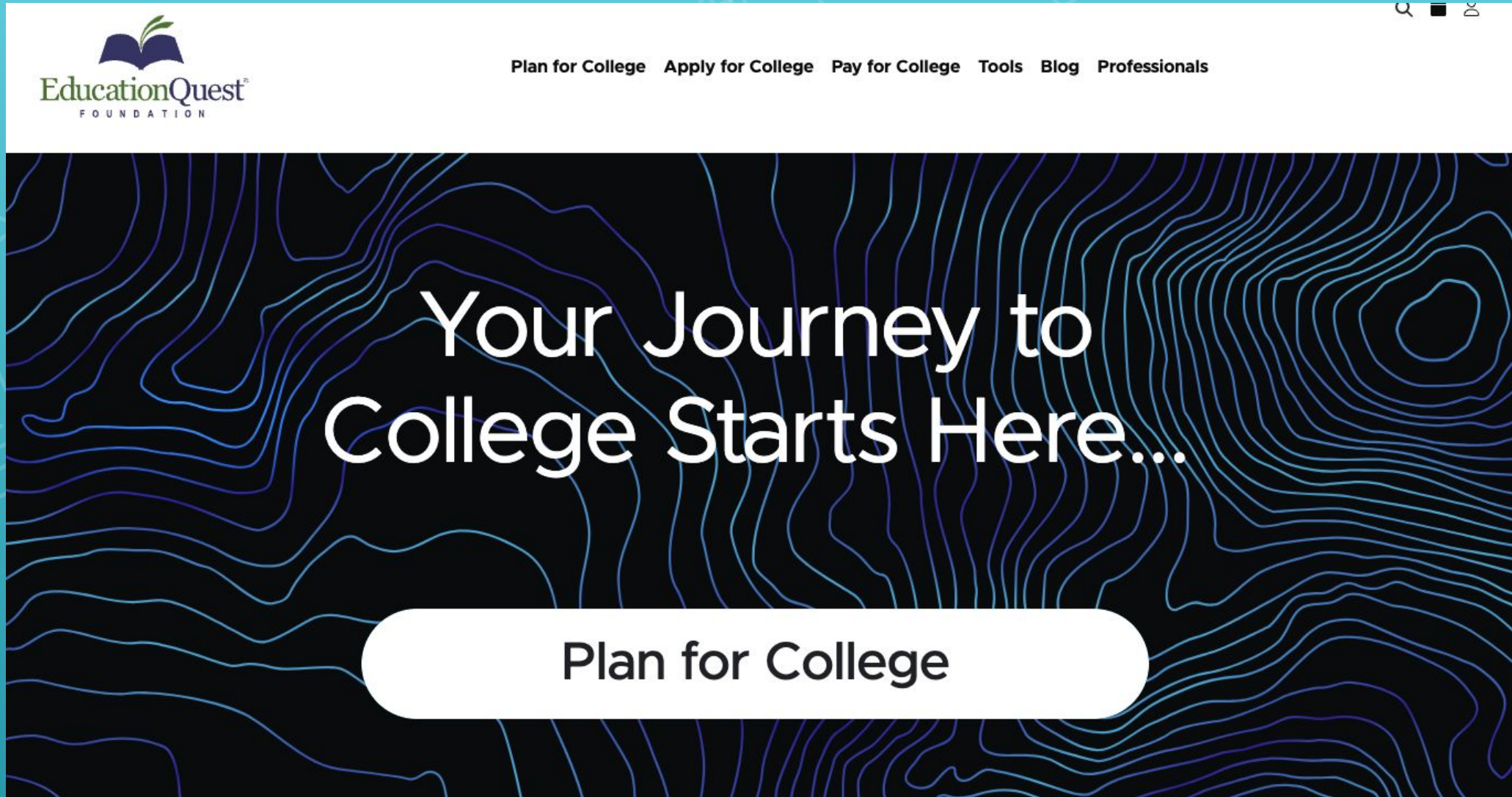


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Join a community that believes in academic excellence through a curriculum that is relevant to the real world. All of UNO's colleges offer unique opportunities in research and hands-on experiences that are critical to gaining an edge in a competitive global marketplace.

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College Admissions Tests

- **2-Year/Community College (Metro)**

- Accuplacer Test—Placement Test, Free, (Test is taken at Metro Testing Center—testing is available daily)
- IWCC—No placement test required

- **4-Year Colleges**

- ACT Test: Offered in Sept., Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June, & July. \$69 for Basic--\$94 Basic + Writing (register at actstudent.org)
- SAT Test: Offered in Aug., Oct., Nov., Dec., Mar., May, & June. \$68 for Basic (register at www.collegeboard.org)
- **Fee waivers are available for the ACT and SAT for students who are on free/reduced lunch. Students should see a counselor for a form if they qualify.

Note:

- Most colleges will not accept ACT scores sent from Bellevue West. (UNL, UNO, UNK & the NCAA—scores must be sent directly from ACT)
 - When students sign up for the ACT test, they can list 4 colleges that receive the scores for free.
 - Students can go on to www.actstudent.org to request scores be sent (if ACT was already taken--\$19 per report).

Metro CollegeNOW!

- Free tuition for high school students wanting to take college classes through the 25-26 school year.
- Contact Alyssa Wiese via email: awiese@mccneb.edu or phone at 531-622-2343. You can also call 531-622-2400 to speak with a Metro Advisor or set up an appointment.
- For more information, go to <https://www.mccneb.edu/getting-started/secondary-partnerships/collegenow>



Bellevue West Website

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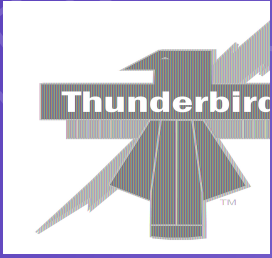
Senior Parent Presentation

Click below for the Senior Year "What do I do next" presentation.

[Senior Year "What do I do next"](#)

Transcript Release Link

Please click the link below to complete the release form to allow Bellevue West to send transcripts to colleges, scholarships, for financial aid or insurance. One required per senior.



Stay up to Date!



Ways to stay up to date on important reminders or information throughout the year:

- **School Newsletter each month**
- **Emails from West.Counseling@bpsne.net or kathie.britten@bpsne.net**
- **Follow us on X**
 - **@BWCounseling**
 - **@TbirdEMPIRE**
- **Instagram: [west.counseling](https://www.instagram.com/west.counseling)**
- **Bellevue West webpage— www.bellevuepublicschools.org**

Counseling Office

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