



Class of 2023

Community College, Trade
School, Employment

Senior Meetings

- Your counselor will call you up individually to go over:
 - Graduation Progress
 - Credits, SOLs, Diploma Seals....
 - Plan for after High School
 - 2 year college, Trade School, Full Time Employment

Benefits of Community College

- Lower tuition cost
 - More flexibility to work
 - Allows for improvement from high school
 - Earning potential!
 - Credits can transfer
 - Certificate
- Programs as well

Community Colleges and Trade Schools

- Germanna
- PVCC
- Lord Fairfax
- Blue Ridge
Community College
- Northern VA CC
- Lincoln Tech
- Lincoln Culinary
- Universal Technical
Institute
- NASCAR Technical
Institute

To Name Just a Few!!

Certificate Program Examples:

Through Local Community Colleges:

- Computer and Technology certifications
- Carpentry
- Automotive/Diesel programs
- Medical Imaging (Ultrasound, CT Scan.....)
- Cybersecurity
- CDL
- Criminal Justice
- Business Administration
- Culinary Arts

AND MANY MORE!



Benefits of Trade School

- Lower tuition cost
- Career Focused
- Shorter Degree pathways
- Earning potential!
- Real world experience

Choosing the Right School....

- RESEARCH!

- ❖ Programs Available
- ❖ Costs
- ❖ Requirements to Apply....

- Come to College/Trade School Visits

- Job Shadow

- Ask Questions!

This is a very personal decision...choose the school best for YOU!

You've Decided... Now What?

- Fill out online application
 - Fill out FAFSA (after Oct. 1st)
 - Research if needed for your trade school
 - Complete the FERPA (Transcript Waiver Form)
 - Register for classes (Spring 2023)
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Individuals in an apprenticeship program may obtain (paid) work experience, classroom instruction (at no cost), and nationally-recognized credentials.

- More like a real job
- Can be paid!
- Hands-on learning
- Offered through an employer or through the program sponsor
- Can last 3-5 years
- Competitive
 - Networking potential
 - Resume builder
 - Basic training
 - Potential for certifications

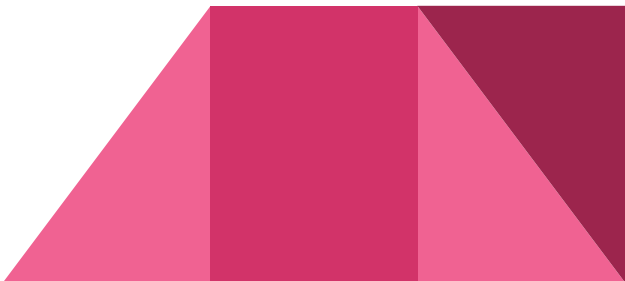
Scholarships.. Scholarships.. Scholarships

Senior scholarship applications will become available in the Spring (February/March) More info. to come...

BUT THEY CAN BE USED FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR SOME TRADE SCHOOLS...

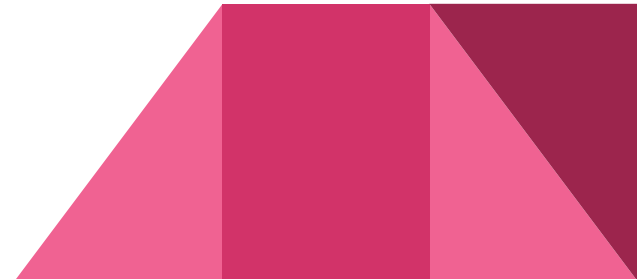
APPLY!!!

Employment

- Meet with your School Counselor
 - Explore your interests
 - Create a list of jobs you can apply for
 - Check age requirements
 - Check other requirements...
 - Certifications
 - Experience...
 - Create a list of references
 - Develop your resume
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- Sign up for College/Trade School/Industry Visits
- Scholarships
- Resume Builder
- Interest Inventories...



Financial Aid

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

- Work with your parents to fill this out- starting October 2022 (based on parents' 2021 tax return)
- **Financial Aid info night:** September 28th 6pm-7pm at MCHS' Media Center (representative from Germanna Community College will be presenting)
- **FAFSA Completion Workshop:** November 16th 6pm-8pm at MCHS' Media Center
- **Additional Financial Aid info night:** October 20th 6pm-7pm at Germanna's Daniel Technology Center, Culpeper

Specific Financial Aid questions...contact the college's Financial Aid department

Important Resources

- Your School Counselor
- Administration
- Ms. Teal: Counseling Secretary/Registrar
- Your Parents
- Your Teachers
- Admissions Officers
- Financial Aid Officers





- **Check Email**
- **Social Media: mchs_info**
- **Naviance**
- **MCHS Website**
- **Senior Class Website**