Purpose of UCAW:

The purpose of UCAW is to help high school seniors navigate the college admissions process and ensure each participating student submits at least one admissions application.
Step #1 – The Application

- Submit your application to the college(s) you want to attend.
- Check the school deadlines

Early Deadlines/Merit Based Scholarships based on 2023-2024

Merit scholarships are based on grades/ACT at the time of admission. Students are automatically considered at the time of application.

There are cutoffs for merit scholarships.

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Early Action vs Early Decision

**Early action**
- Apply early
- Receive admission decision early
- Do not have to commit upon receipt
- Make sure you meet or exceed admission profile

**Early decision**
- Plans are binding. If you are accepted you must attend that college
- Apply only to one college early decision
- Make sure you meet or exceed admission profile

Meet with a College Representative & Campus Tours

Admission representatives are coming to Diamond Ridge High School to meet with students on 10/25/23 from 230-630!

Seniors will be taking a fieldtrip to SLCC and UVU Campus this fall!
Applicant Fees Waived During UCAW

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Step #2 – Send transcript

–Request your transcript in the Registrar’s office.
Step #3  Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid

▪ FAFSA
▪ Merit based scholarships
▪ College/departmental scholarships
▪ Need based scholarships
▪ Grants
▪ Loans

Need-Based Scholarships/Grants

▪ FAFSA – applications opened October 1st. Apply early! (fafsa.gov) & apply each year. The following are awarded through the FAFSA:
  – Federal PELL grants
  – Federal supplemental educational opportunity grants
  – Teach grants
  – Work study

***These awards do not need to be re-paid***
Creating a FAFSA Account (FSA ID)

- 1. Go to www.studentaid.gov
- 2. Click “Create and Account”
- 3. You are the “Student”

Loans

- **Student loans**
  - **Direct subsidized loans (FAFSA)**
    - * school determines loan amount
    - * government pays interest while in School
  - **Direct unsubsidized loans**
    - * No financial need requirement
    - * School determines loan amount
    - * Interest accrues while in school

- **Parent loans**
  - **Direct plus loans**
    - * can borrow up to the cost of attendance
    - * have good credit
    - * can defer while student is in college
    - * interest accrues from time of disbursement
Step # 4 Scholarships

- Merit Based Scholarships
  - Regents/Opportunity Scholarship

- College and Departmental Scholarships

Merit Based Scholarships
How much money can I get??

Utah State University

- To apply:
  - Complete Admissions Process by Dec. 1
  - No additional application necessary
  - Based on cumulative GPA and the holistic admissions process
  - Course Rigor Considered

University of Utah
Opportunity Scholarship

- Beginning September 2021
- 2021 graduating class can apply for either Opportunity or Regents scholarship
- Applications open this fall. Check website regularly! www.ushe.edu
- Requirements:
  - 3.3 GPA
  - Complete 3 advanced courses in core area (math, science, language art)
  - Complete FAFSA application
  - Graduate from high school

College and Departmental Scholarships

- Awarded after admission
- Scholarships are listed on a college's website
- Scholarships can be college (ie. College of Health) or major specific (ie. Nursing)
- Scholarships are added throughout the year, so check back often
- Housing scholarships are available
- Don’t be afraid to contact college directly and ask for additional money.
The College Essay

When will I have to write an essay?

1. Applying to out of state schools/ BYU.
2. Scholarships

Tips for a Great College Essay

1. Write about something important to you.
2. Don’t just recount, reflect
3. Humor (Know your audience)
4. Start early and write several drafts
5. No repeats
6. Write how you speak. Use your voice.
7. Have someone edit your essay.
8. Do NOT have your parents write it!
Choosing your topic

Write about something important to you. What has had an impact on your life? What do you care about?

Your essay should show how you think, or what you value, or a personal strength.

Some of the most memorable essays were written on the dining room table (a place), a bathroom (someplace where I lose track of time), the commute (an activity).