

# Seton Guidance Corner

February 22, 2024

## FAFSA Video Walkthrough

Click on the link below to watch a step-by-step breakdown of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) addressing the unique challenges of the 2024 academic year.

Video highlights include:

- A list of documents needed for families to prepare before they file
- Top 10 FAFSA tips for filling out the application
- Which sections of the FAFSA to fill out first
- How to file a financial aid appeal

<https://www.earnest.com/blog/tips-to-manage-2024-FAFSA-issues/>

## NOVA Summer Bridge Programs

Northern Virginia Community College's Summer Bridge Programs are focused on Engineering Technology (ET), Data Center Operations (DCO), Information Technology (IT), and Computer Science (CS). These programs provide high school students an opportunity to explore either ET/DCO or IT/CS through hands-on activities and industry site visits. Students will be introduced to NOVA's campuses, offices (e.g. student services, financial aid, etc.), and career pathways. The programs are free, but space is limited. To sign up for an information session, visit <https://form.jotform.com/240164609084152>. To apply, visit <https://form.jotform.com/233454784736164>. Early application deadline is February 29.

## The United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar

Students, who are currently in their junior year of high school and considering the Naval Academy as their college of choice, are encouraged to apply to the USNA Summer Seminar. The Summer Seminar will introduce students to life at the Academy, where they will experience first-class academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities as well as leadership training programs. Summer Seminar applications will also serve as a preliminary application to the Academy. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/NASS.php#fndtn-panel1-Steps-For>. Application closes on April 15, 2024.

## Upcoming College Visit at Seton

Ben Marsh, Associate Director of Admissions at Christendom College, will be visiting Seton on Tuesday, February 27, during both lunch periods. Students, please welcome Mr. Marsh and ask your questions! Need ideas?

- What are the admission requirements for Christendom College?
- How many students attend Christendom?
- What clubs and activities are offered?
- What are some careers paths taken by Christendom graduates?
- What types of financial aid and scholarships are available?

## Christendom College Open House

Christendom College invites high school students and their families to an upcoming Open House scheduled this Saturday, February 24, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Meet President Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, experience a class with a Christendom professor, take a tour of campus, learn about financial aid offerings, and more. To register, visit <https://www.christendom.edu/admissions/open-house/>.

## Grow Manassas Tuition Assistance Fund

Residents of the City of Manassas (with zip code 20110) can now pursue their higher education goals at **no cost** through the Grow Manassas tuition assistance fund. This program, made possible by the City of Manassas, provides full coverage tuition assistance for select certificates offered at Northern Virginia Community College that lead to careers in high-demand sectors. Areas of study and certificates include IT, Healthcare, Business, and Applied Technologies (i.e. HVAC, Welding, Automotive Repair, etc.). Click [here](#) for a complete list of programs and certificates. For more information, visit <https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/workforce/grow-manassas.html>.

## 2024 Teen Summer Volunteer Program

The UVA Health Auxiliary Teen Volunteer Summer Program gives students an opportunity to learn about healthcare by assisting staff, visitors, and patients with non-medical tasks at the UVA Health Prince William Medical Center. Over the course of two weeks, volunteers rotate through several different positions (i.e. Emergency Department, Surgical Services, Registration, Materials Management, etc.) to gain a better understanding of the healthcare setting. Three two-week sessions are offered, and successful completion of the program may lead to year-round volunteer opportunities. For more information and to apply, visit <https://uvahealth.com/services/volunteer/prince-william/summer-teen>. Applicants must be between 15 and 18 years old and have finished their sophomore year of high school by summer 2024. Deadline to apply is April 12.

## CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

**CLT Test Date – March 16** (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – March 6

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for CLT's free practice test.

**Digital SAT Test Date – March 9**

Registration Deadline – February 23

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free SAT practice test.

**ACT Test Date – April 13**

Registration Deadline – March 8

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free ACT test prep.

*\*\* Click [here](#) for a voucher to receive \$5 off a new registration for any April, June, or July 2024 ACT test date. Voucher must be redeemed by March 24, 2024.*

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Apple Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: March 15, 2024

<https://www.applefcu.org/community/applescholarships>

### Plein Environmental Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: March 15, 2024

<https://www.cfnova.org/scholarship/plein-environmental-scholarship-fund>

*\*Please note, opportunities in the Guidance Corner are not endorsements of the programs. They are shared as options for students and parents to carefully consider.*