



**Crosby Scholars**

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CLASS OF

2021

SENIOR NOTEBOOK

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The senior notebook is a comprehensive resource for students designed to help you navigate the college admission and financial aid processes while fulfilling Program requirements according to established deadlines. The information reinforces, and in many instances is complementary to, communication posted in the Crosby Scholars Student Portal. Seniors will benefit most from the notebook by using it along with other Crosby Scholars resources.

### **Senior Program Requirements**

- Attend a first senior meeting typically held during the summer
- Fulfill the terms of the [Partnership Agreement](#)
- Participate in [It's My Call/It's Our Call](#) drug screening
- Attend Senior Advisor meetings throughout the school year
- Visit four college campuses, attend a college fair, or some combination of the two (if not already completed sophomore or junior year) For 2020-2021, seniors can complete this requirement through 4 virtual visits and completing an [online form](#). [Click here](#) for more information on the virtual visits.
- Complete at least two hours of community service and submit an online form by January 31, 2021. More information is posted in the Crosby Scholars Student Portal.
- Attend two Crosby Senior Academies by December 2020
- Complete the program with a minimum 2.0 cumulate weighted GPA in order to be eligible to apply for a Last Dollar Grant
- Maintain enrollment in and graduate from a Forsyth County public school (except HBI program participants)

### **When You Have Questions, We Have Answers**

Remember all these resources at your disposal throughout the year:

- Check your Crosby Scholars Student Portal
- Call or text the Crosby Scholars Office at 336.777.7648 or email [seniorprogram@crobscholars.org](mailto:seniorprogram@crobscholars.org)
- Contact your Crosby Scholars Senior Advisor
- Read the emails from Program staff
- Monthly newsletters—[destinationcollege2021 and Smart Money Moves](#)
- Senior Timeline For Success
- Check out the Crosby Scholars website [www.crobscholars.org](http://www.crobscholars.org)
- Social Media—Follow Crosby Scholars on Twitter, Instagram, and/or Facebook
- Check with your Crosby Scholar liaison in your school's counseling office
- Crosby Scholars President (senior scholar elected per school by his/her peers)

## **Senior Advisor Program**

All Crosby Scholars seniors have an individual advisor who meets with them throughout the school year as they navigate the admission and financial aid processes. Whether assigned or self-selected, advisors provide support and expert knowledge on all aspects of college admission. Advisors submit conference notes to the Crosby Scholars office after every meeting so that program staff can review student progress and provide additional advice or support as needed.

## **Senior Academies**

Crosby Senior Academies are offered through December of senior year, and students must attend at least two. Check your student portal for topics, dates, and times. [Academy pathways](#) direct you to specific topics based on your individual need or interest. Scholars are welcome to choose academics from among the range of pathways and are welcome to attend all of the sessions covering a specific topic.

You must register through your Crosby Scholars Student Portal, and registration is not complete until you see the confirmation page. In order to receive credit for attending a Crosby Senior Academy, scholars must do the following:

- Register online
- Arrive at the academy/log into a webinar on time
- Stay/remain online for the entire session
- Submit a confirmation of attendance form at the end of the session

## **Essay Review**

Scholars can submit their application or scholarship essays to [seniorprogram@crosbyscholars.org](mailto:seniorprogram@crosbyscholars.org) for feedback. Typically, three volunteers will read and critique your essay(s) within a week. [Click HERE](#) to read the full instructions to submit your college admissions essays for feedback. Students, who submit an essay for review before December 2020, will receive one senior academy credit.

## **Mock Interview**

One-hour mock interviews are available to assist students in preparing for admission and/or scholarship interviews. Scholars can bring their resume for review during this time. [Click HERE](#) for instructions on scheduling a mock interview. Students, who complete a mock interview before December 2020, will receive one senior academy credit.

## **Test Prep**

UPDATE: For the 2020-2021 Application year, the UNC System of Schools along with other schools across the country, have waived the SAT and ACT test requirement for admissions. [Click HERE](#) to see what schools are test optional for 2020-2021. The SAT and ACT are standardized tests used in the college admission process and can be a significant factor in admission decisions. Crosby Scholars offers a variety of prep opportunities for both tests that emphasize test taking strategies and completing practice problems. In addition, we will assist you in creating a specific plan for further test prep through ACT Academy or Khan Academy as your goals dictate. Research indicates that focused test prep often leads to improved scores; therefore, Crosby Scholars encourages all seniors to take advantage of both group and individualized sessions in preparing for the ACT and/or SAT.

## **Financial Aid Counseling**

Applying for financial aid and understanding the many nuances of the award process is one of the most critical aspects of college admission and enrollment. The Crosby Scholars Financial Aid Coordinator is available to meet individually with families to provide advising and has created a series of documents to help students and families understand the financial aid process and Crosby Scholars' Last Dollar Grant funding. The documents, listed below, are also posted in the Crosby Scholars Student Portal.

[Overview of the Financial Aid Process](#)

[Creating and Using the Federal Student Aid \(FSA\) ID](#)

[Financial Aid Tips for Seniors](#)

## **College Admission and Financial Aid Websites**

### College Information

- College Foundation of North Carolina [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
- College Board Big Future <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
- College View [www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)
- UNC System Schools Virtual Tours <https://www.northcarolina.edu/our-17-campuses/virtual-reality-campus-tours>
- Virtual Campus Tours [www.ecampustours.com](http://www.ecampustours.com)
- My College Options [www.mycollegeoptions.com](http://www.mycollegeoptions.com)
- Colleges That Change Lives [www.ctcl.com](http://www.ctcl.com)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)
- Comparing Colleges <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-colleges>

## Applying to College

- Common Application [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- College Foundation of North Carolina [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
- Coalition for College Access [www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)
- Universal College Application [www.universalcollegeapp.com](http://www.universalcollegeapp.com)

## Testing

- [Understanding the differences between the ACT and SAT](#)
- ACT [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- SAT [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Comparing ACT and SAT scores  
<https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-SAT-Concordance-Tables.pdf>
- Test Optional/Test Flexible Schools [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)
- [SAT Subject Tests](#)
- [AP and IB Exams](#) (receiving college credit/course placement)

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- CSS PROFILE [www.cssprofile.collegeboard.org](http://www.cssprofile.collegeboard.org)
- NC State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) [www.ncseaa.edu](http://www.ncseaa.edu)
- Winston-Salem Foundation [www.wsfoundation.org](http://www.wsfoundation.org)
- [Crosby Scholars scholarships](#)
- See the comprehensive list of colleges (public and private) in North Carolina with links to every school's scholarships page. This is posted in your Crosby Scholars Student Portal.

## **Senior Honors Gala**

Each spring, the Program hosts an honors gala to celebrate the accomplishments of seniors. Seniors in attendance from all participating high schools are recognized individually, and the student in the Program with the highest GPA overall receives the Michael Nachman Scholarship. Seniors with the most community service hours and those who enrolled in the Program in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and remained through 12<sup>th</sup> grade without interruption while completing all requirements are also acknowledged.

## **Executive Director's Award**

Seniors who enrolled in the Program in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and remained through 12<sup>th</sup> grade without interruption while completing all requirements will receive the Executive Director's Award. This means that the student did not miss any deadlines, they were not dismissed and reinstated, or they did not reapply to the program in grades 7-10 after being dismissed for missing a requirement. All requirements must be met on time without discrepancy.

## **Crosby Scholars Last Dollar Grant (LDG)**

*The Crosby Scholars Last Dollar Grant is need-based financial aid. A scholar must apply for financial aid by submitting a FAFSA to be considered for a Last Dollar Grant.*

(If you are not eligible to complete a FAFSA, please contact our office directly for instructions on how to apply.) Students must demonstrate not only financial need but also remaining need after the school of choice has awarded aid. To determine the eligibility, the Crosby Scholars staff completes a need analysis form on each scholar individually.

Crosby Scholars who complete the Program their senior year with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher are eligible to apply for a Last Dollar Grant for up to 4 years of undergraduate study within 6 years of high school graduation. Even if a Last Dollar Grant is not awarded the first year, the student may still reapply 3 more times. **Students must reapply each year.**

A student who does not graduate from high school with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, may apply once his/her college cumulative GPA is 2.0 or higher.

[Last Dollar Grant Instructions](#)

[Last Dollar Grant FAQ](#)