

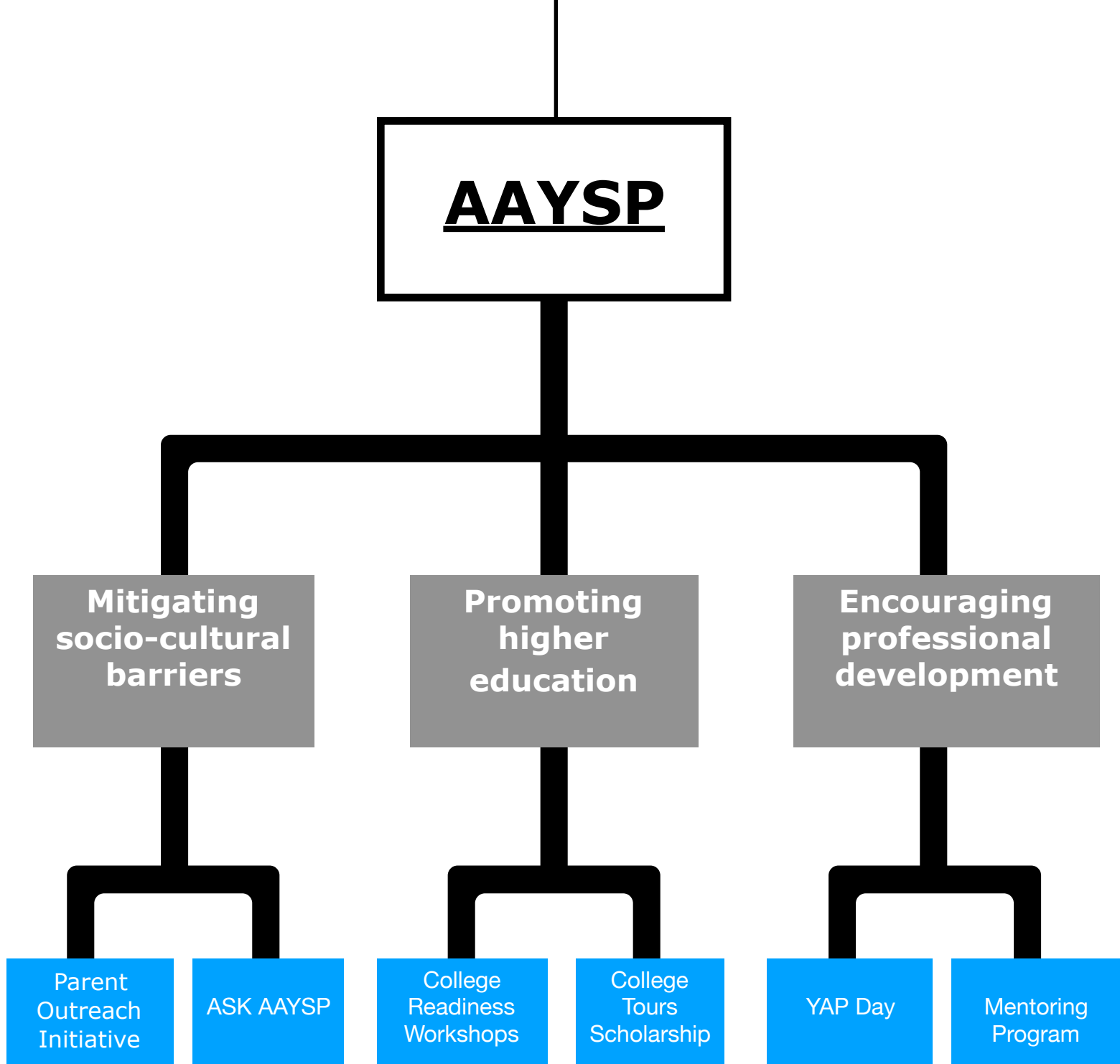


College Readiness Handbook

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TRADE SCHOOL

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM



LENGTH

<2 years

2-4 years

4+ years

WHAT'S



EARNED

certificate/diploma

associate degree

bachelors degree +

LEARNING



MODALITY

**hands on/on the job
training**

**classroom, online, &
hands on**

**classroom, online, & lab/
field research**

AVERAGE



COST

~\$3,400/yr

~\$5,250/yr

~\$13,000+/yr

BEST FOR



CAREERS LIKE

**ex: HVAC, culinary, MA, DA, IT,
CNA, paralegal, cosmetology,**

**ex: RN, CRT, engineering,
OTA, RTA, PTA, rad tech**

**ex: MD, PhD, lawyer,
engineer, PA, NP, educators**

COLLEGES

UNIVERSITIES

Baker
Multiple
Campuses

OCC
Multiple
Campuses

More
Colleges &
Universities
in MI

Madonna
Livonia

U of M Ann
Arbor

HFCC
Dearborn

Schoolcraft
Livonia

Eastern
Michigan
Ypsilanti

Oakland
Rochester

U of M
Dearborn

MCC
Warren

WCCC
Multiple
Campuses

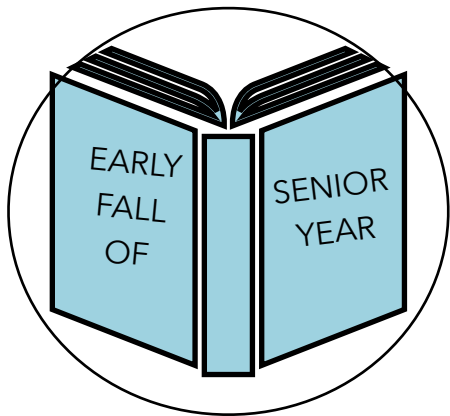
UD Mercy
Detroit

Wayne State
Detroit

CLICK



- Research schools & scholarships
- Visit campuses
- Finalize choice of schools
- Plan for application and scholarship deadlines
- Write college essays
- Plan for recommendation letters

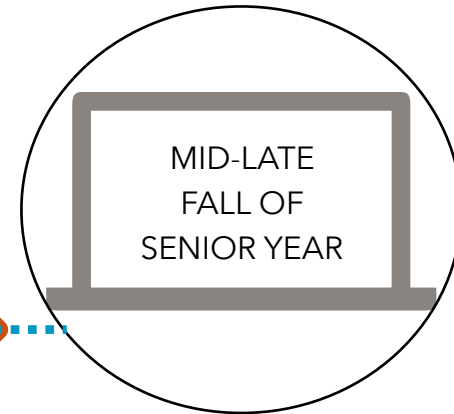
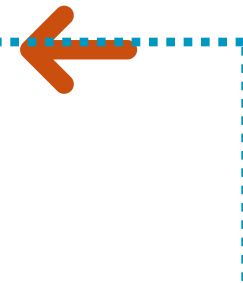


- Request recommendation letters
- Work with counselors to get application waivers
- Complete applications
- Request high school and dual enrollment transcripts to be sent to schools
- Send SAT/AP exam scores
- Submit Applications

APPLICATION PROCESS



- Prepare for and attend interviews
- Continue applying for scholarships
- Finalize decision
- Begin preparing for the orientation/registration process



- Work on scholarship essays
- Submit early scholarship applications
- Gather information for FAFSA
- Create FSA ID and begin application process
- Continue applying for scholarships

COMMON APP

Common App is a website that has simplified the college application process, and allows you to apply to multiple colleges using one application. If you prefer to apply to a college directly, please go to page 4 and select on the institute's name to redirect you to the school's website for the online application process, or visit your school of interest's welcome center for an in person application.

For a step-by-step guide on how to create a Common App account, add colleges, and apply for a fee waiver, click the Common App header on this page

FEE WAIVERS

No Application Fee: Eastern Michigan, Oakland University and University of Detroit Mercy



FINANCIAL AID

1

Apply for federal aid, even if you are not sure if you are eligible.

Click the link below for a step-by-step guide



2

Link your CommonApp with Scholar Snapp to easily apply to many scholarships. Also research and apply for additional scholarships (e.g. unigo.com, scholarships.com, aaysp.org). Below are some links to get you started.

HFCC | OU | UD-Mercy | UM-Ann Arbor | UM-Dearborn
WSU

AAI | Metro Detroit | FastWeb | Yemeni

3

Make loans your last resort. If you must, opt for federal loans over private loans, and subsidized over unsubsidized.

CHOOSING A MAJOR

What do you enjoy doing? (i.e., reading, field work, research, etc.)

What are you good at? (i.e., writing, math, science, etc.)

What are your chances of landing a position following graduation?

Do you know what your potential day-to-day work looks like?

If you're unsure of the answers to any of these, consider meeting with your school's career counseling office, seek an internship, lab/research assistantship, or a mentor.

GEN ED REQS.

General Education requirements are courses required in addition to major concentration courses. They vary from each institute, and account for a specific amount of credits towards your Bachelor's degree. You can search on "general education requirements" on your schools website.

Click the links below to see some of the school's requirements:
[HFCC](#) | [UM-D](#) | [WSU](#)

MAJOR REQS.

When you commit to a major, you will be required to complete specified courses.

Be sure to take note of what classes should be taken before others. You can find major specific classes by completing a Degree Audit (pg. 10), meeting with an advisor, or searching your school's bulletin catalog for each major (e.g., search "Nursing Major requirements on school website).

DEGREE AUDIT

To help with planning your curriculum for the next few years, consider utilizing your school's Degree Audit tool (e.g. Degree Works). It's a tool many institutes are using to help students track the classes they have taken and still need to take for their major. Click the links below for step by step guides for some of the schools

[EMU](#) | [UM-D](#) | [WSU](#)

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Before each semester starts, your school will post courses being offered in the following semester. Take time to review what courses are being offered- on what days and times, and plan out your potential schedule. Account for commute between classes, breaks, and etc. Classes fill up fast, so once you are happy with your schedule REGISTER.

[HFCC](#) | [EMU](#) | [UM-D](#) | [WSU](#)

REGISTRATION

When you're ready to register for your classes, click on your school's name for a step-by-step how to guide.

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[EMU](#) | [UM-D](#) | [WSU](#)

TIP: IF YOU'RE NOT A MORNING PERSON, DON'T REGISTER FOR AN EARLY CLASS!

ON CAMPUS SUPPORT

ADVISING

When you're unsure of major requirements, considering transferring, would like advice on graduate programs, schedule to meet with an advisor.

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TUTORING

[HFCC](#) | [EMU](#) | [UM-D](#) | [WSU](#)

COUNSELING

College can be a pleasant experience. However, it may also present us with difficulties that may be overwhelming, or leave us confused and feeling helpless. It is important to notice when this happens, and seek out the appropriate help.

If you'd like to speak to a professional about, make sure to contact your school's Counseling & Psychological services. It is free and confidential!

ON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Remember to have fun!

Get involved with on campus organizations (i.e. Yemeni Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Arab Student Association, and etc.), attend events (most are free), go to conferences, workshops, and network!

Click below for a link to each school's student organizations.

