

# You Applied to College. Now What? Lesson Plan

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**Activity:** This presentation is for high school seniors following the application deadline which is typically in January.

**Grade(s):** 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**VSCA Standards:** HA3. Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure a successful transition from high school to post-secondary options,  
  
HA4. Demonstrate the skills needed for independent learning

**Rationale for Lesson:** Research has shown that information provided by school counselors is one of four helpful resources (college visits, college catalogs, parent involvement, information provided by school counselors) that assists students in their decision about what college to attend. This lesson will help students navigate the internet to gain more information about colleges and universities, as well help students begin to think about what their college experience could be like.

**Materials:** PowerPoint presentation  
  
Computer with Internet  
  
Pre- & post surveys

**Method:** Present PowerPoint to students, making sure that there is plenty of time for questions and answers. Built into the presentation are slides to indicate the time to have students complete the pre- & post-surveys.

**Evaluate Lesson:** Pre- and post-surveys will be completed by students allowing for the evaluation of the students understanding of the material.

**Helpful Website:** This website is the FASFA homepage that students will need to complete (unless they are undocumented) to receive financial aid

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>