

# CLASS OF 2022 SENIOR NOTEBOOK



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**Iredell County**

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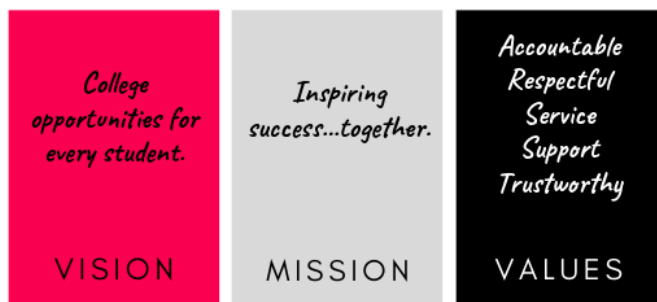
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# CROSBY SCHOLARS

## VISION, MISSION, VALUES

### ELIGIBILITY

To remain active in the Program, you must complete all program requirements each year. Students must enroll in the program no later than the beginning of their Sophomore year. In order to participate in the Junior and Senior Program you must complete the Sophomore year requirements. You cannot join Crosby Scholars as a Junior or Senior. During Junior Year you must complete your service and academy requirement by January 31, 2021 and attend a Mandatory "Think Like A Senior Meeting".



## COMMUNICATION

Crosby Scholars will communicate with students directly. We use email and a text platform to share information and remind students of upcoming dates. If you need information from Crosby Scholars, you can reach out to your advisor or staff member in email and over the phone.

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### EMAIL

We try to keep emails to a minimum, but it really is the best way to get information to our students. We usually email students to the email address you provide in the student portal.

Please make sure your email address in the Crosby Scholars Student Portal is current. We will also copy the email address connected with Parent One in all email communication. It is important for students to realize that when we are asking for an action in an email, we are looking for the student to complete that action. Parent One is copied as a way to keep parents in the loop. We very rarely copy Parent Two, so be sure the parent that wants to be copied is listed as your Parent One in the portal.

You can expect to see the following emails:

- *Event Registration Confirmation & Reminders*
- *Deadline Reminders*
- *Monthly Timeline for Success*
- *Monthly Newsletters*
- *Scholarship & Last Dollar Grant Information*
- *Other Opportunities*

If you are currently using your school email address, please remember that when you graduate, you will no longer have access to those emails. The Program recommends its seniors have an e-mail address. Read your e-mail address aloud. Think about how many professionals you will contact through e-mail over the next year. Does your e-mail address reflect you in a positive manner? If not, create a more professional e-mail address. If you change your email address, let us know so we can update your account. If you create a personal email address, PLEASE check it often. Senior scholars are asked to check their e-mail at least once a week for reminders and confirmations from the program. You can contact our office by email at [jjamison@crosbyscholarsiredell.org](mailto:jjamison@crosbyscholarsiredell.org) or [info@crosbyscholarsiredell.org](mailto:info@crosbyscholarsiredell.org).

## **TEXT**

Crosby Scholars is currently using the Mongoose Platform to text students. Please make sure that the cell number connected to the student account in the portal, belongs to the student. At this time, we are only texting the student. We are not texting parents. Types of texts:

- *Last Minute changes to Event*

- Reminders for deadlines
- Scholarship & LDG Reminders
- Opportunities that need to be communicated quickly
- Inclement Weather Changes

Crosby Scholars Senior Program Text Number will appear on your phone as **704/253-8612**. Please save this number to your Phone Contacts as Crosby Scholars Senior Program.

## CROSBY WEBSITE

[www.crosbyscholarsiredell.org](http://www.crosbyscholarsiredell.org)

The Crosby Scholars website is a great resource to find information about everything Crosby Scholars. First, make sure you are in the correct county website. Programming is different for Forsyth, Rowan and Iredell County. Go to the "Choose County" button if you forgot to type in Iredell in the website address.



## STUDENT PORTAL



The Crosby Scholars Student Portal is a valuable tool to help you through the program. Go to the Crosby Scholars Iredell County home page and click on the Blue Head at the upper right-hand corner.

Student User ID is the email address you have on file with Crosby Scholars (Usually your school email address.) The password can be reset on this screen if you don't remember it. An email will be sent with instructions for how to reset your password.

It is important that you log into the Student Portal. Key things you can do:

- *Upload Documents*
- *Register for Events*
- *Update Student Profile Information*
- *Apply for Scholarships & Last Dollar Grants*
- *Access an Activities Resume Worksheet*
- *Check your Senior Program Requirement Status*
- *Find Senior Advisor Contact Information*

Key documents and additional resources are also available in your Crosby Student Portal. Parents have their own account and access. While parents and students can do similar activities, there are some specific things that have to be done by the student. Example, parents cannot modify student profile information and cannot apply for scholarships and Last Dollar Grants. When a student turns 18, because of FERPA, parents can no longer see their student's information. Parents CAN update parent information. The parent listed as Parent 1 in the system will be copied on email communication.

## **SEEKING INFORMATION?**

When you have questions, try the following...

- *Read your monthly newsletter*
- *Read your e-mail (If you change your e-mail address please let us know what it is.)*
- *Check the Crosby Scholars website at [www.crosbyscholarsiredell.org](http://www.crosbyscholarsiredell.org)*
- *Ask your Crosby Scholars Senior Advisor*
- *Read your senior notebook*
- *Check the Crosby Senior Section on the Website*  
*[www.crosbyscholarsiredell.org](http://www.crosbyscholarsiredell.org)*
- *Contact the Crosby Scholars office at (704) 873-5005 extn 11407 or [jjamison@crosbyscholarsiredell.org](mailto:jjamison@crosbyscholarsiredell.org)*



- *Twitter: @iredellcrosby*
- *Facebook: @crosbyscholarsiredell.*
- *Instagram: crosbyscholarsiredell*

# SENIOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Welcome to the Crosby Scholars Senior Program. High school juniors who complete the requirements of the Junior Program, including attending a *Think Like a Senior meeting*, are eligible to become Senior Crosby Scholar.

The Senior Program was developed to include, education, planning, mentorship & service. The requirements for completion of the program include each aspect and when completed will put you in the position to achieve your goals for success after high school. The requirements and deadlines are spelled out in this document and have been discussed in the *Think Like a Senior Meeting* and in various recordings, sent in email to Scholars and parents.

Each path to success is different, your plan might mean you need less help or increased help. The specifics listed in this document highlight the MINIMUM requirements to complete the program. Scholars who fail to complete the minimum requirements will be dismissed.

As an active participant in the Senior Program, scholars must still follow the Partnership Agreement (See Appendix), that was signed when completing the Crosby Scholars Application. Graduates are honored and presented a graduation cord at a Senior Gala in the spring. They also have the opportunity to apply for Last Dollar Grant funding.

## REQUIREMENTS LIST

Senior scholars must do the following to remain active in the program:

1. Participate Senior Advisor Meetings
2. Attend 2 Senior Academy Workshops (Due 1/31/22)
3. Complete 2 hours of Community Service (Due 1/31/22)
4. Complete the College Fair/Visit Form (Due 8/30/21)
5. Fulfill the terms of the Partnership Agreement
6. Participate in the Crosby Scholars random drug screening program
7. Complete program with a 2.0 cumulative weighted GPA to be eligible for Last Dollar Grants

8. Maintain enrollment at and then graduate from an Iredell County Public School.

These requirements are spelled out in detail over the next few pages. There is also a checklist that you can use to keep track of your requirements.

## **SENIOR ADVISOR**

Senior Advisors work individually with Scholars to navigate the college admission process.

The program requires each high school senior to have an advisor. The Senior Advisor is a mentor that will meet with students on a 1:1 basis to discover the students post high school path, set goals, and develop a plan for achieving the student's goals.

Crosby Scholars juniors complete a [Senior Advisor Selection Form](#) online after attending the mandatory "Think Like A Senior Meeting" held during the Month of January of their junior year. On this form, scholars choose to self-select an advisor or to be assigned an advisor from program staff or a group of community volunteers. Scholars meet with a Senior Advisor individually. At this time all of these meetings are virtual.

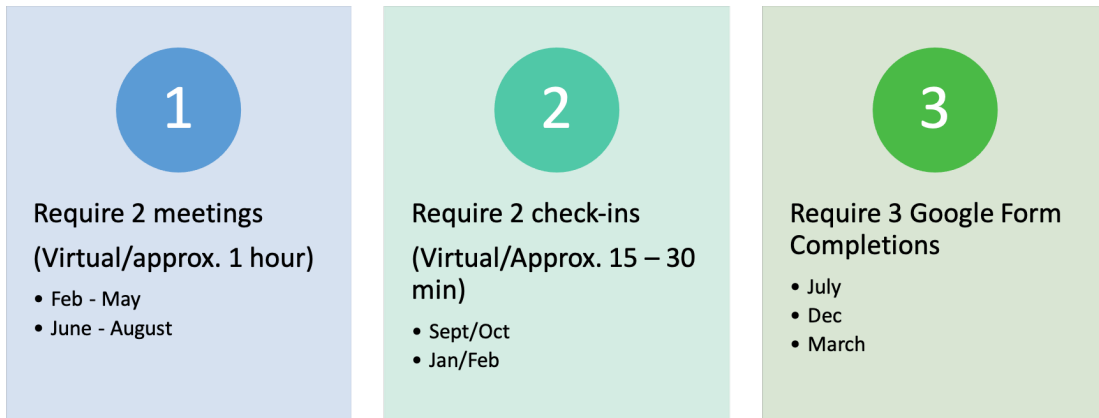
All advisors are required to attend a training session and receive support throughout the program. The Senior Advisors can address specific needs of students as they arise.

Following each meeting, the Senior Advisor submits online conference notes to the Crosby Scholars office. This process allows Crosby staff to monitor each scholar's progress. The Senior Advisor is thus the lead member of a team helping each Scholar to navigate the college admission process.

Seniors are expected to attend and actively participate in every meeting scheduled by their Senior Advisor. Advisor meetings begin in Spring of 11th and are held periodically throughout the school year. The student and advisor can determine the frequency needed based on the student's goals. Each student is required to meet a minimum of 4 times with their advisors between February of their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year and February of their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. See Chart below:



# How Often do we meet?



The first meeting usually lasts about an hour and the purpose of this meeting is to review your high school transcript, to confirm your target list of colleges, and to discuss your college plans upon high school graduation. You are required to bring the following documents to this meeting:

- *High School Transcript*
- *Target list of colleges with campus visit plans*
- *Draft of activities resume unless it is posted in your Crosby portal*
- *SAT/ACT scores and plans to retake either*
- *Names of individuals to consider asking for a letter of recommendation.*

The Advisor Meeting Questionnaire should be completed by the student prior to the first meeting. This document is also the basis for the first required Google form that the student will complete in July for the Crosby Staff.

## SENIOR ACADEMY (DUE JANUARY 31, 2022)

Crosby Senior Academies and Boot Camps are offered throughout the year. As of January 2021, juniors can participate in Sr. Academies during their junior year and earn credit for senior year requirements. Scholars are required to attend a minimum of 2 Senior Academies.

These academies are opportunities to learn the skills needed to be successful in obtaining student goals. There are 4 key topics or areas of focus.

Key Topics

Career Exploration

Goal Setting & Planning

Application Completion

Financial Aid

Students can choose the topics they are most interested in or that offer the information that will assist them. Academies are currently being offered in 3 formats: in-person, virtual zoom, or self-paced, using recordings or online learning tools. To receive credit for attending an academy, students must do the following:

- Register online through the Crosby Student Portal
- Arrive to the academy on time
- Stay for the entire academy
- Submit a confirmation of attendance form at the end (Survey Card or Google Form)
- Although a parent or Senior Advisor is welcome to attend a Senior Academy a parent/advisor cannot earn credit for his/her senior.
- **Deadline Academy Completion is January 31, 2022**

### Academy Topics being offered to the Class of 2022

ACT/SAT Prep	College Research/List Creation	Activities/Resume Workshop	Financial Aid/ Award Letter Review
Scholarships/College Funding	Essay Writing for Applications & Scholarships	Common App / Coalition App Walk Through	Healthcare/ Engineering
College 101 – Surviving Freshman Year	Financial Literacy/Finding Job	Planning College Classes	Mitchell Open House Series (March)

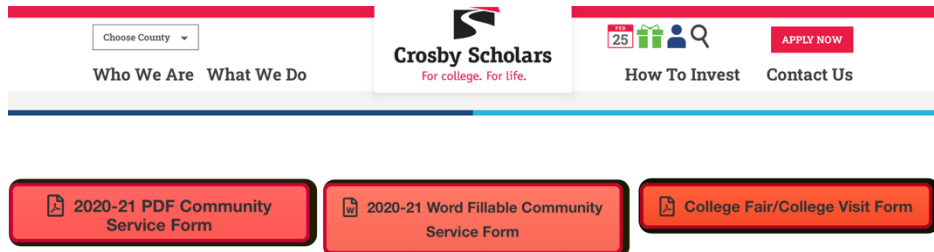
During COVID and social distancing, Crosby has a set of Zoom Academy rules that need to be followed to ensure academy credit. See Appendix

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT (DUE JANUARY 31, 2022)

Serving your community is a great way to help others, gain valuable experience and explore your interests and passions. Being consistent in your service can also help you build your resume.

Crosby Scholars are required to complete two hours of community service, although five are recommended. Scholars must submit a form documenting their hours that includes a signature of the person in charge of the service activity by the deadline noted above. (Due to COVID, signature is not required at this time.)

The form can be found at the back of this notebook as well as on the Crosby Scholars Iredell County Website.



[www.crosbyscholarsiredell.org](http://www.crosbyscholarsiredell.org)

Forms can be submitted various ways, but we highly suggest uploading the form to the My Documents page (drop-down of My Crosby page) of your Crosby Scholars student portal. You can also take a picture of the form and email it to [info@crosbyscholarsiredell.org](mailto:info@crosbyscholarsiredell.org) or fax to 704.873.4404. Forms can also be mailed to the Crosby Scholars Office, 124 Fourth Crescent Place, Statesville, NC 28625.


Scholars who completed the Crosby Scholars Program during the previous school year may count hours volunteered after the previous year's deadline, including summer volunteer hours, toward the following school year's requirement. For the Class of 2022, if a Crosby Junior turns in more 5 hours or more during their junior year, we will consider the senior year requirement complete.

Community service must be performed with a non-profit agency or be an activity that benefits a non-profit agency. The volunteer commitment can be fulfilled through scouts, school clubs, civic organizations, and/or certain church activities. While membership in a club or organization does not count as service, volunteering in the community in a club-sponsored activity does. For example,

being a member of a youth choir doesn't count, but singing at a nursing home with the choir qualifies as service hours. If you have questions about whether your community service idea meets the requirement for the Program, please contact Crosby Scholars at 704.873.5005. Crosby Scholars Program staff reserves the right to determine if a community service activity fulfills our requirement.

## COLLEGE FORM REQUIREMENT (DUE AUGUST 30, 2021)

Researching colleges and universities is a vital part of the planning process. Research and exploration are so important that each student is required to show proof of learning about 4 different schools. In a typical year, the student can complete this form by either attending their high school's college fair or visiting 4 college campuses during their sophomore or junior year. Due to COVID, Crosby Scholars is allowing students to complete virtual visits or attend online open houses in order to get credit for this requirement.



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**COLLEGE FAIR/COLLEGE VISIT FORM**

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Crosby Scholars have several options to complete this form. Visit Colleges In Person, Attend Virtual College Fair or College Sponsored Admissions event online, or attend a college fair and speak to four college reps at the fair. This form is due by August 30<sup>th</sup> (Summer before your Senior Year.)

The goal of this form is to confirm that you are researching and exploring your college options at multiple schools. This step is the foundation for creating your college list for applications. Due to COVID and the Pandemic, we understand that it is difficult to participate in any ON-CAMPUS activities. While we are allowing research online, it is really important that you physically visit the colleges you plan to attend prior to enrolling.

For this form, you need to complete this form with the name of the 4 schools you visited. Include the date of your visit, and let us know if your visit was virtual or In-Person. You must return this form to Crosby Scholars. The best way is to upload the form to the My Documents Section of the Crosby Student Portal.

*Please print neatly*

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Name	In-Person/Virtual	Date
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		

Please return this form to the Iredell County Crosby Scholars Program's Student Portal by Aug 30<sup>th</sup> prior to your Senior Year of High School. If you do not turn in this form, you will not receive credit for your participation.  
Contact [jamison@crosbyscholarsiredell.org](mailto:jamison@crosbyscholarsiredell.org) with any questions.

To Complete this form:

- *Fill in the college name.*
- *In the signature space, tell us if you toured the college in-person or on-line.*
- *Enter the date of your in-person or virtual tour.*
- *Upload to your Crosby Student Portal*
- *Due August 30, 2021*

**Things to consider while researching a school, college or university:**

Program	Cost	Location	Size
Opportunity	Access	Aid	Activities
Football	Sports	Friends	International Experience

## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

See Appendix

## **RANDOM DRUG SCREENING PROGRAM**

Participate in the Crosby Scholars random drug screening program. Scholars selected for drug screening are expected to participate. The selection is random which means a scholar may or may not be selected when drug screening is conducted. All drug testing happens at the high school. If a scholar is randomly selected, they will be notified at the school office. If a scholar tests positive, he/she is referred to a recommended treatment program. Any scholar testing positive must follow a prescribed treatment in order to remain active in the Crosby Scholars Program.

## **SENIOR NEWSLETTER**

**destinationcollege2022** is published monthly beginning in July to help Crosby Scholars stay informed of activities, deadlines, and announcements. A copy of the newsletter is posted on our website, in your senior portal, and on the Crosby board at the high schools. It is important for seniors to read the newsletter each month and to keep a copy of the newsletter handy for reference.

## **SENIOR TIMELINE**

A timeline outlining monthly activities is posted in the senior portal at the beginning of each month starting in July. Seniors will receive a monthly e-mail reminder to follow the timeline that is posted in their portal.

## **ESSAY REVIEW**

Seniors who wish to have their admission or scholarship essays read to receive feedback may e-mail their essays to [nbaldwin@crosbyscholarsiredell.org](mailto:nbaldwin@crosbyscholarsiredell.org). Please allow at least a full seven days for the volunteer essay reader to review your essay and submit feedback. Also, ask your English teacher to read your essays!

## **MOCK INTERVIEWS**

The Senior Program offers mock interviews. During this one-hour interview, scholars have the chance to practice with experienced counselors. This is also the chance for scholars to have their activities resume reviewed and become better prepared for the real interview. To set up a mock interview, seniors should email [jjamison@crosbyscholarsiredell.org](mailto:jjamison@crosbyscholarsiredell.org).

## **SENIOR HONORS GALA**

Each spring the Crosby Scholars hosts a Senior Honors Gala to celebrate your accomplishments. At this gala, seniors in attendance from all participating high schools are recognized individually, and each scholar completing the program will receive a cord to wear at graduation. Several seniors are specially recognized, including the recipients of Crosby Scholars scholarships, and, as the program grows, those scholars who enrolled in the continuously since 2015, completing their program requirements each year through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade without interruption.

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Seniors will have the opportunity to apply for scholarships unique to Crosby Scholars. A complete list of scholarship opportunities will be posted in the Crosby portal along with the application for each scholarship.

Every scholarship is different, so you must approach each scholarship application and/or interview accordingly. When applying for scholarships, consider the following: Who created the scholarship and why? Who is on the selection committee?

In addition to Program scholarships, consider scholarship opportunities through outside organizations. Visit your school's website for ideas.

## **SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS – BE CAREFUL!**

As you search for scholarship opportunities, you may come across information that makes finding and applying for scholarships sound too good or too easy. It may simply be that the process isn't as difficult as you feared. However, there are scams out there, and you need to know what to look for.

The U.S. Department of Education estimates that families lose millions of dollars to scholarship fraud every year. The College Scholarship Service Fraud Prevention Act provides protection against fraud in student financial assistance. Be careful when searching for information on student financial aid. Visit "[Avoiding Scams](#)" by the Federal Student Aid Office for details.