

Senior College Night

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The College Search

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Try FREE College Search Engines
Bigfuture.org or Petersons.org

OR
Your school platform (check with
school counselor)
Naviance
SCOIR

Things to Consider

Your Career Goals

- Are there majors/internships that support your long-term goals

Test-Optional Admissions

- Over 1,700 four-year colleges no longer require SAT or ACT scores as part of their admission criteria
- fairtest.org

Articulation Agreements/Transfer Pathways/Bachelor's to Master's Combined Programs

- Two-year to four-year options
- 3/2, 3/3 or 3/4

Accessibility Services and Academic Support

- The **College Admission Insider** has tips for students with I.E.P's and 504 accommodations



Get to Know the Campus

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- **Attend College Fairs**
 - Take the time to ask questions
 - Fill out information cards to demonstrate interest and get on school's mailing list
- **Visit the Campus**
 - Information sessions & tours
 - Attend athletic events, plays or concerts
 - Open houses
- **Meet with College Admissions Reps**
 - At your high school
 - Ask your school counselor for a schedule of visiting colleges



Learn about the campus culture by noticing the flyers on the walls of the student center and visiting the dining hall(s)!

Creating Your List

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Balanced Approach

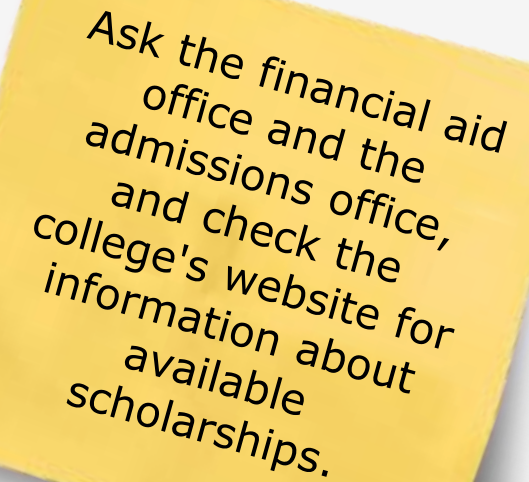
- Probable, Target, Reach
- What is a 'safety' school **REALLY?**

Consider the Major

- Some majors may be more competitive and have different admission requirements (e.g. nursing, engineering, PT, PA)

Consider the Type of Financial Aid Offered

- Do they **ONLY** offer need-based aid?
- Do they offer **BOTH** need-based **AND** merit-based aid?



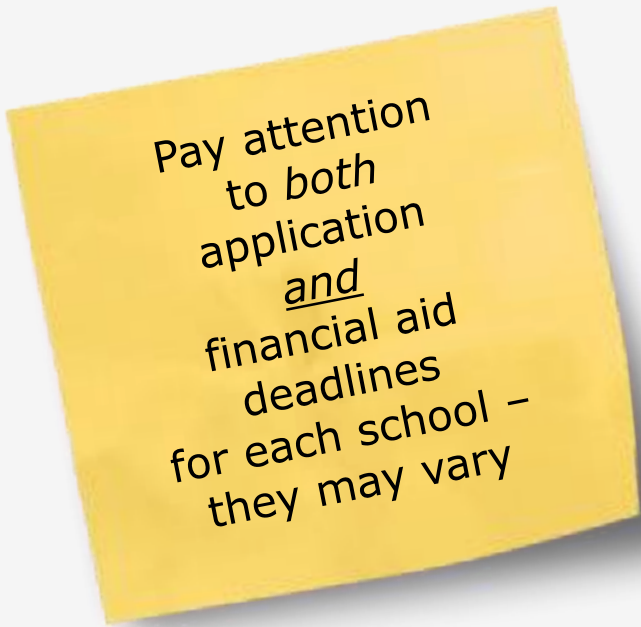
Ask the financial aid office and the admissions office, and check the college's website for information about available scholarships.

When to Apply

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Early Decision (*binding*)

- October or November deadlines
- Financial aid forms may also be due early



Pay attention
to *both*
application
and
financial aid
deadlines
for each school –
they may vary

Early Action (*non-binding*)

- November or December deadlines
- Financial aid forms may also be due early

Regular Admission

- December – February deadlines

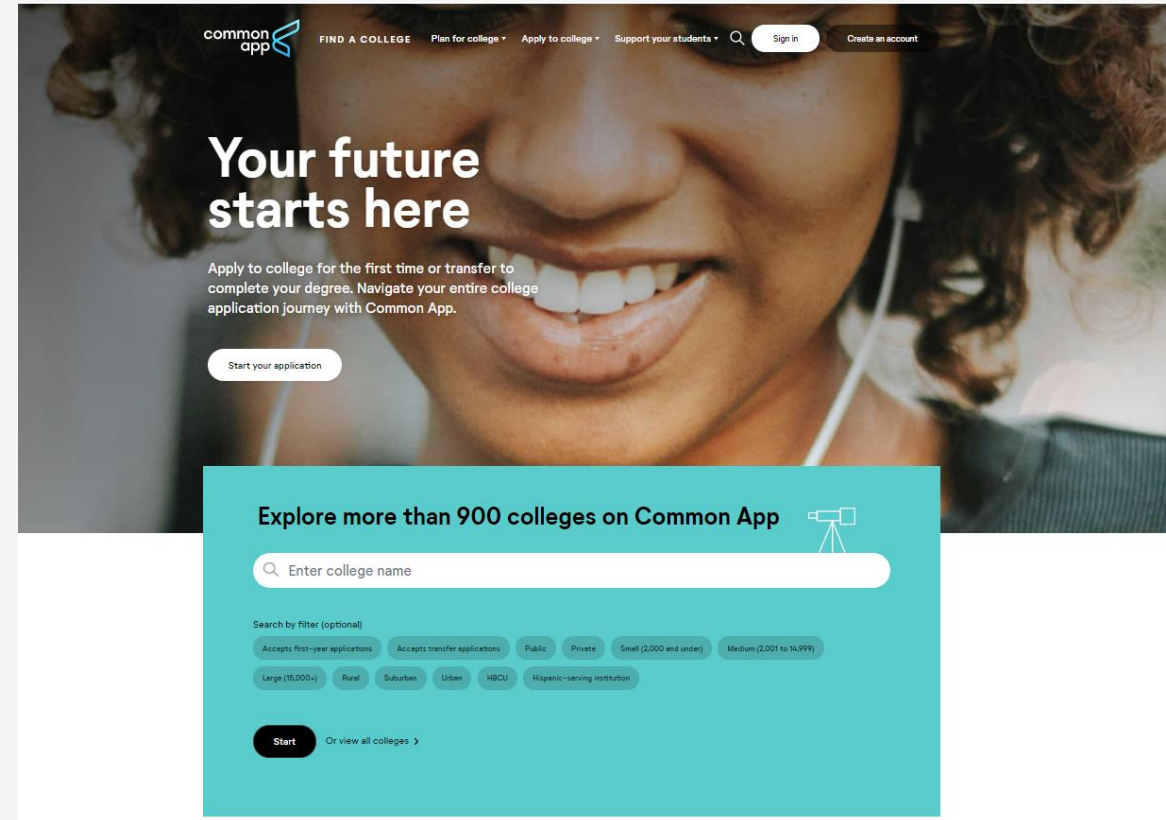
Rolling Admission

- Applications are accepted until the class is filled (could be early in the process, so don't procrastinate)

College Applications: The Essential Elements

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- High school transcript
- College essay
- Extra-curricular activities
- Letters of recommendation
- SAT or ACT scores



Commonapp.org

Additional Elements to Consider

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Auditions

- Performing arts (music, theater, dance, etc.)



Portfolios

- For specific majors (visual arts, architecture, interior design, journalism, etc.)

NCAA Eligibility Center

- Division I and Division II
- Not required for Division III

These are great topics to ask about when talking with college admission reps!

In Summary & Helpful Hints

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Students:

- Create YOUR list of must-haves
- Get organized - check all deadlines
- Know what is required (test scores, LORs, essays)
- Be consistent (email address, mailing address)
- FAFSA & CSS Profile available on October 1st

Parents/families/student supporters:

- Allow student to take the lead in communications
- Know the high school's communication strategy
- Familiarize yourself with FERPA
- Gather financial information & documents

Questions?

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