



YOU APPLIED TO COLLEGE

Now What?

STEPS TO AN APPLICATION

- Start an application – instructional, Common App, Black Common App, etc.
- Add your colleges to Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying to”
 - If Common App, Naviance self-populates your college
- If you need teacher recommendations, ask the teachers and add them to Naviance
- Meet with Ms Seuc to finalize the details
- Allow time for Ms Seuc to complete any secondary school reports, counselor evaluations, counselor letter of recommendation and work with teachers on their evaluations and letters of recommendation
- Ms Seuc sends the transcript and supporting documents

ONCE RECEIVED BY THE COLLEGE

Rolling Decision & Priority

- College receives your application
- College receives and uploads your transcript & supporting documents
- College compares your information to their admission criteria & requirements
- College makes a decision
- College informs you within 2-6 weeks normally

Regular Decision, ED or EA

- College receives your application
- College receives and uploads your transcript & supporting documents
- College compares your information to their admission criteria, requirements & this year's applicants
- College makes a decision
- College informs you on a set date

HOUSING

- Once accepted, colleges will start sending you information and invitations to secure your housing
- Different colleges have different Housing deadlines
- Some colleges encourage you to put a deposit on Housing earlier than your obligation to commit to attending
 - Be sure to check if the Housing deposit is refundable if you are not sure about where you want to attend
- Some colleges do not start the Housing process and deposit until May 1st or after. They apply less pressure about Housing

DECIDING & MAKING COMMITMENT

- Once accepted, colleges will encourage you to commit by putting down a non-refundable deposit for tuition
 - You will NOT lose your place by not putting down a deposit
 - Colleges are competing for you and your money, so they sometimes apply pressure to get you to commit them their college and not the others you are considering.
- May 1st is the National College Commitment Day
 - It is the agreed upon date by colleges to have applicants decide on where they will attend
 - You give your decision by putting down a tuition deposit.
 - If you like, you can withdraw your other applications, but are not obligated to do so. Colleges will know if they have not received your deposit by May 1st.

DECISION & COMMITMENT

- It is perfectly acceptable to take your time making a decision from your acceptances
 - Remember, you have until May 1st
- You may feel you need to hurry and decide as you listen to classmates, relatives and friends, but deciding where to attend is a BIG decision, so it is good to make a decision you are comfortable.
- Remember, you are making a decision on a college that is a **good fit** for you
 - What makes a good fit? A good match for you academically, financially, socially, and emotionally

FINANCIAL AID

- Colleges may notify you of Merit Awards (scholarships) when or any time after the admission decision
- Typically colleges give you a full financial aid offer in March of your senior year
 - Scholarships, Grants, Work Study, Loans
 - The offers may look different or use different language
 - Refer to resource on Financial Aid offers for more information
- Financial Aid offers/letters require you to accept or deny each separate item in the offer
 - You are not under any obligation to accept any part of the financial aid offer
 - Colleges typically will not substitute more free money (grants/scholarships) if you deny work study or loans. It IS your choice, but the offer of “gift aid” usually will not increase

QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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