

Senior College Night

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Center for College Planning Appointments

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Individual virtual college planning
and FAFSA filing appointments
available. Schedule online:

calendly.com/nhheaf_ccp

Or call:

888.747.2382 ext. 119



NHHEAF Center for College Planning

Welcome to NHHEAF's Center for College Planning appointment page. Please review our Event Types listed below and choose the appointment that best suits your needs at this time. Please note that at this time, all appointments are VIRTUAL via Zoom.

Exploring Options for After High School ▶

Take a dive and start the exploration into plans after high school. Gain a roadmap in navigating the college search and application process, discover different sear...

Financial Aid Conversation ▶

Whether you're new to financial aid or have specific questions, this appointment is for you. We'll walk through the basics or dig into details- whatever works for y...

FAFSA Filing ▶

You're here to file your FAFSA! If you are a high school senior, FAFSA becomes available to fill out starting October 1st, 2021! If you are a high school senior, or...

Reviewing Financial Aid Offer Letters ▶

Are you already accepted to college and received an offer letter? Then this appointment is for you! Learn to compare offers from all accepted schools, calculate you...

The College Search



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

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](https://www.fairtest.org)

Bachelor's to Master's Combined Programs

- 3/2, 3/3 or 3/4

Articulation Agreements and Transfer Pathways

- Two-year to four-year options

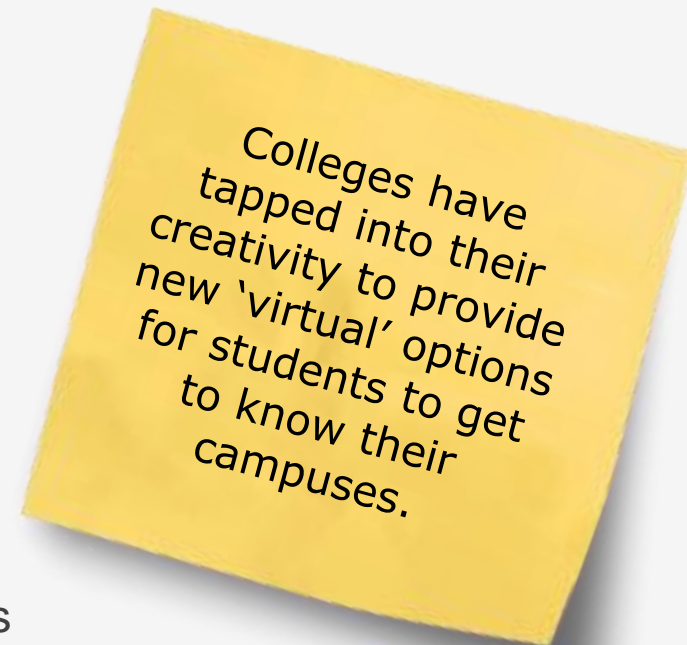
Accessibility Services and Academic Support

- **Page 9** in the **College Admission Insider** has tips for students with I.E.P's and 504 accommodations



Get to Know the Campus

- **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



Colleges have tapped into their creativity to provide new 'virtual' options for students to get to know their campuses.

Creating Your List

Balanced Approach

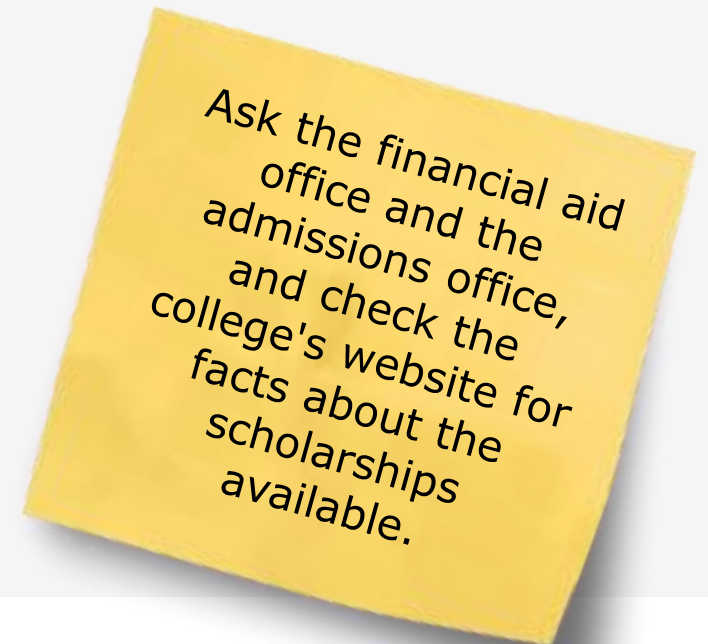
- Probable, Target, Reach
- What is a 'safety' school **REALLY?**

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 facts about the scholarships available.

When to Apply

Early Decision (*binding*)

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

Early Action (*non-binding*)


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

Regular Admission

- Typically due December – February

Rolling Admission

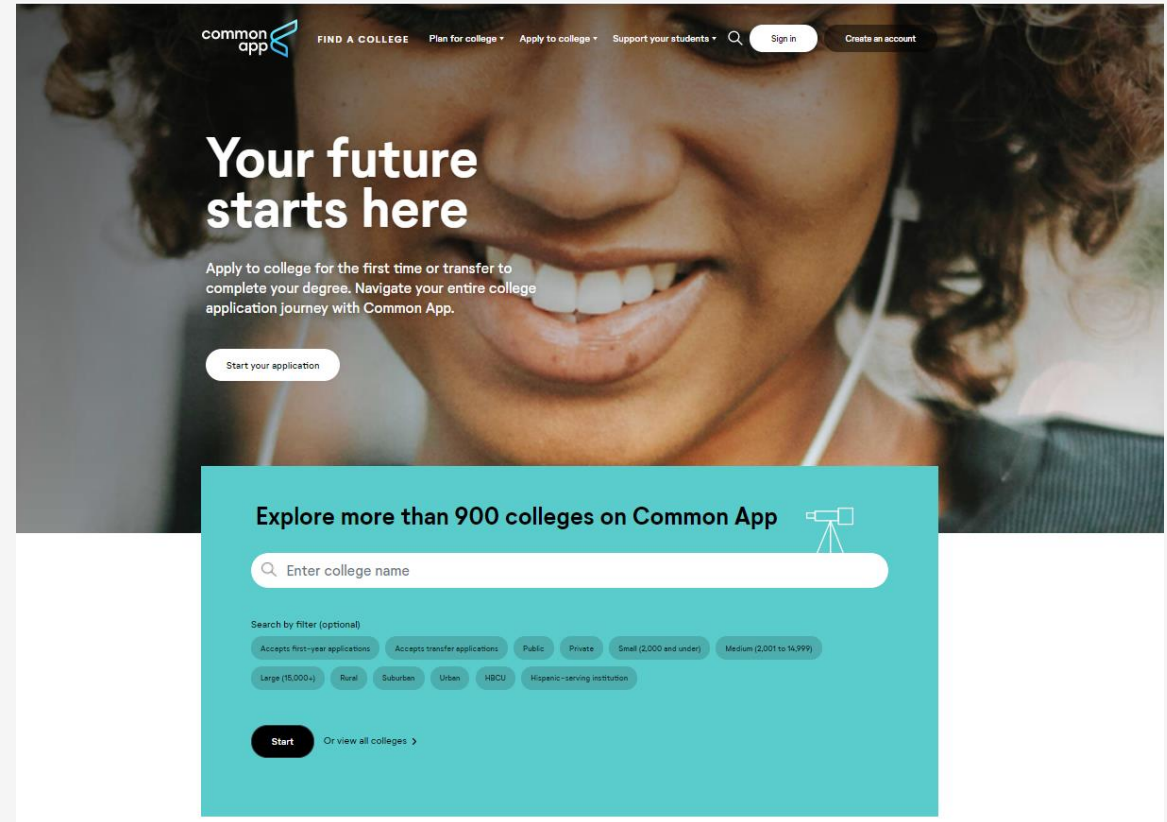
- Typically no “hard” deadline



Pay attention
to *both*
application
and
financial aid
deadlines
for each school

College Applications: The Essential Elements

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



Commonapp.org

Additional Elements to Consider

Auditions

- Music
- Theater
- Dance

Portfolio

- Art
- Photography
- Architecture
- Interior Design

NCAA Eligibility Center

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



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

In Summary & Helpful Hints

Students:

- Create your list
- 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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