



PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER WA

WA COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



AGENDA



- ☐ Post-Secondary Programming
 - ☐ Life After WA Presentations
 - ☐ Junior Seminars in History classes
 - ☐ Small Group Meetings
 - ☐ Video Library
 - ☐ Course Registration
 - ☐ Communication Tools
 - ☐ Post-Secondary Options
 - ☐ College Specific Planning
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JUNIOR POST- SECONDARY PLANNING

**Counselors visit history classes
during week of February 5**

Junior Group Meetings
- Virtual & in-person options

**Video Library on Counseling
Website**

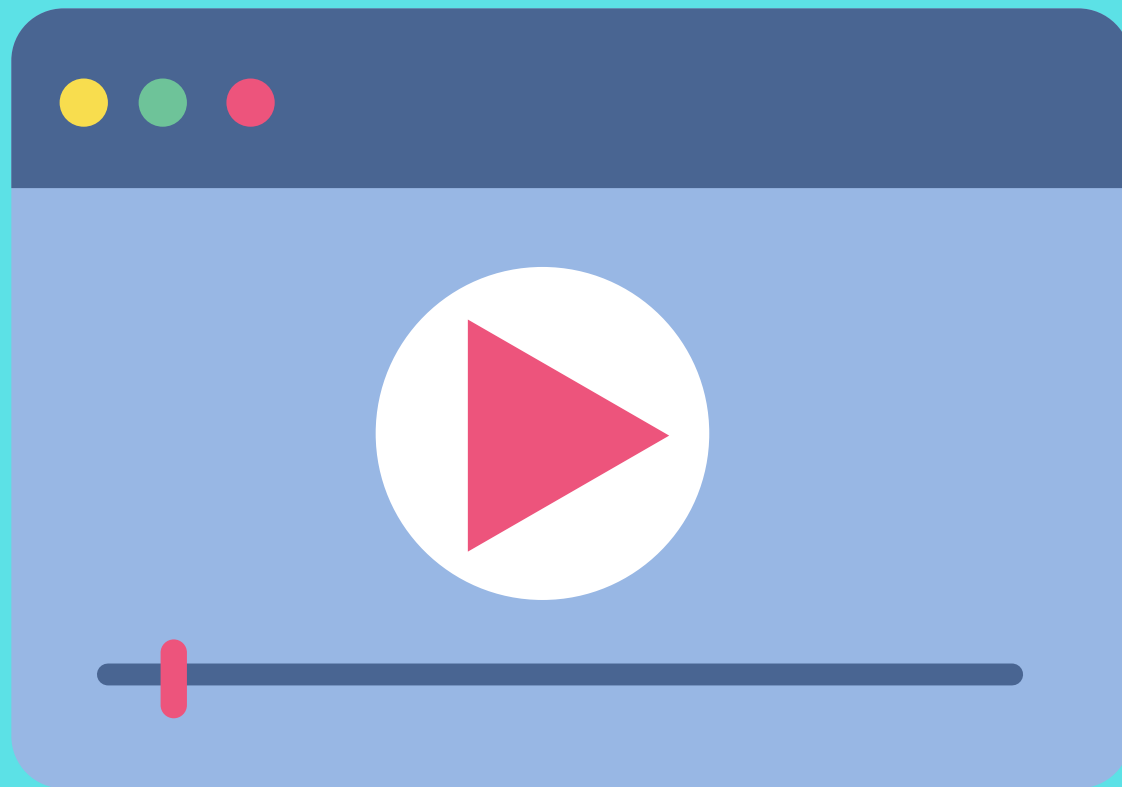
**Coming
Soon**

JUNIOR GROUP MEETINGS



- Each counselor will be offering 1-hour small group meetings with students and parents/caregivers on specific dates throughout the winter and spring.
- Sessions will be available at 8am, 11am and 1pm.
- Students will be in-person for all sessions.
 - Virtual only options for parents/caregivers - noted in sign up
- Only sign up for your counselor's groups.
- Registration opens on February 2 - link to Sign Up Genius will be emailed through Friday email
- These are optional for parents/caregivers.

VIDEO LIBRARY

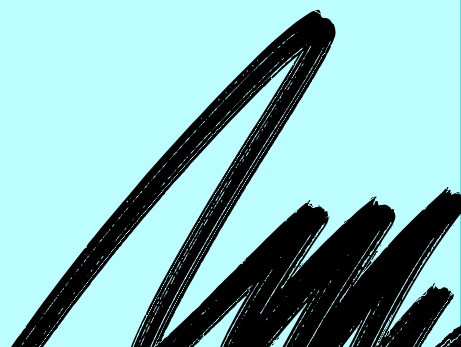


Your Gateway to Post-Secondary Success

Short, informative clips covering topics related to postsecondary planning:

- College visits
- Letters of Recommendation
- Students with Learning Disabilities
- Making activities list
- and more....

These videos will be posted the first week of February on the WA Counseling website.



COURSE REGISTRATION

KEY DATES

- **February 14th**
 - Advisory presentation
- **Throughout February**
 - Meet with teachers
- **March 1st - March 8th**
 - Course selection in PowerSchool
- **March 8th at 2 PM Deadline**
 - Course & Override Requests



COURSE SELECTION TIPS

Think carefully about **balance**
Review the **Program of Studies**

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

SCHOOL EMAIL

Check Regularly



SCOIR

Download App
Enable Push Notifications



INSTAGRAM

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Class of 2025 Counseling GOOGLE CLASSROOM



WA COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

Emailed to students & parent(s)/caregiver(s) every month

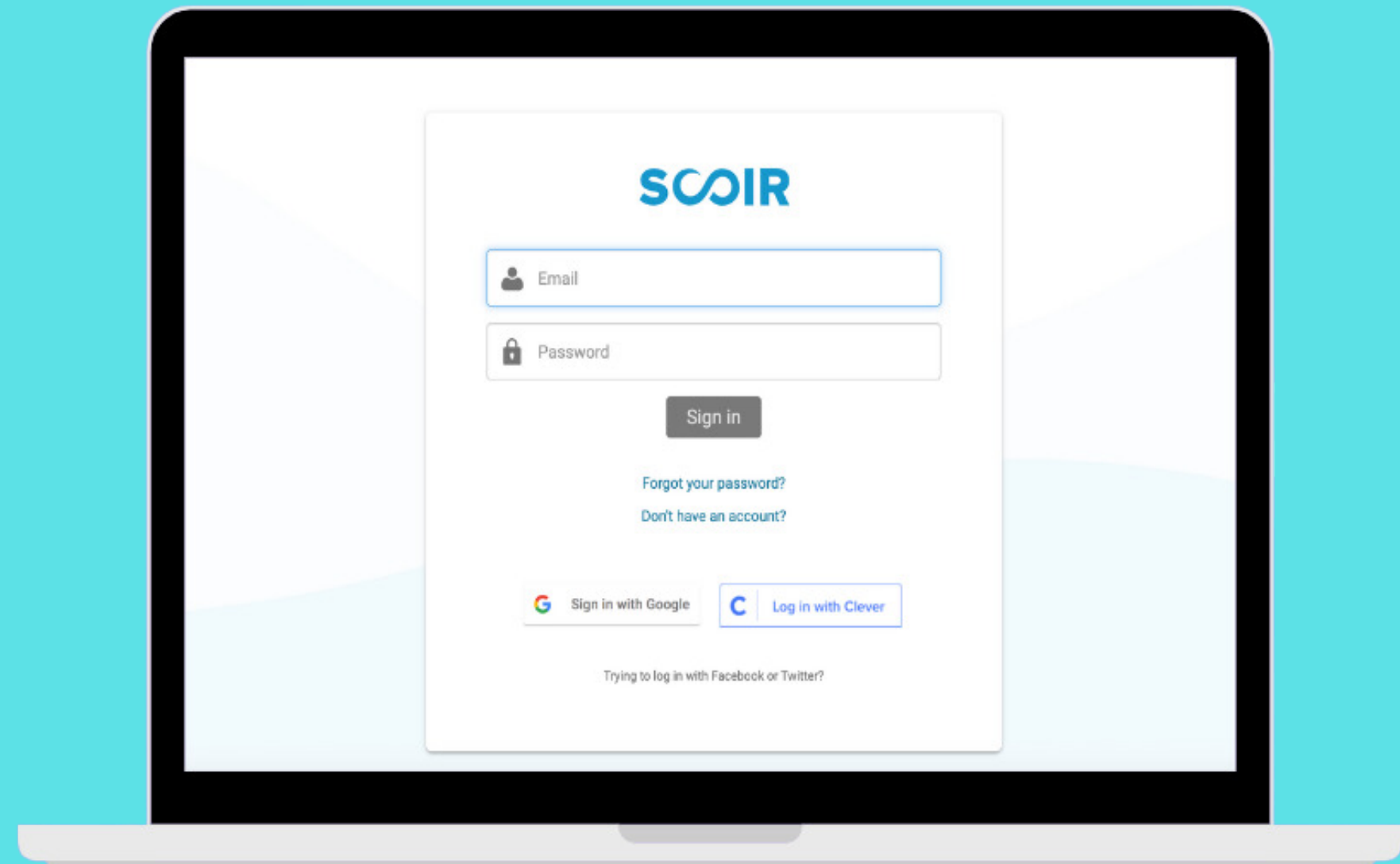
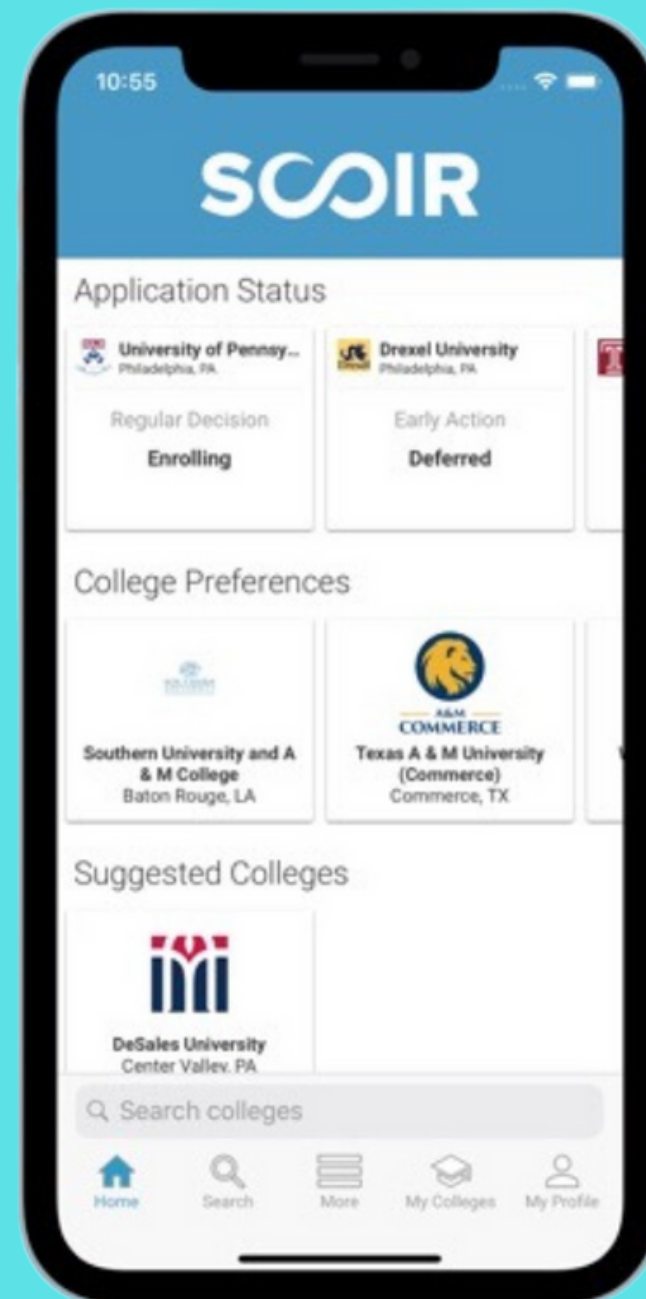


WA COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

Emailed through SCOIR

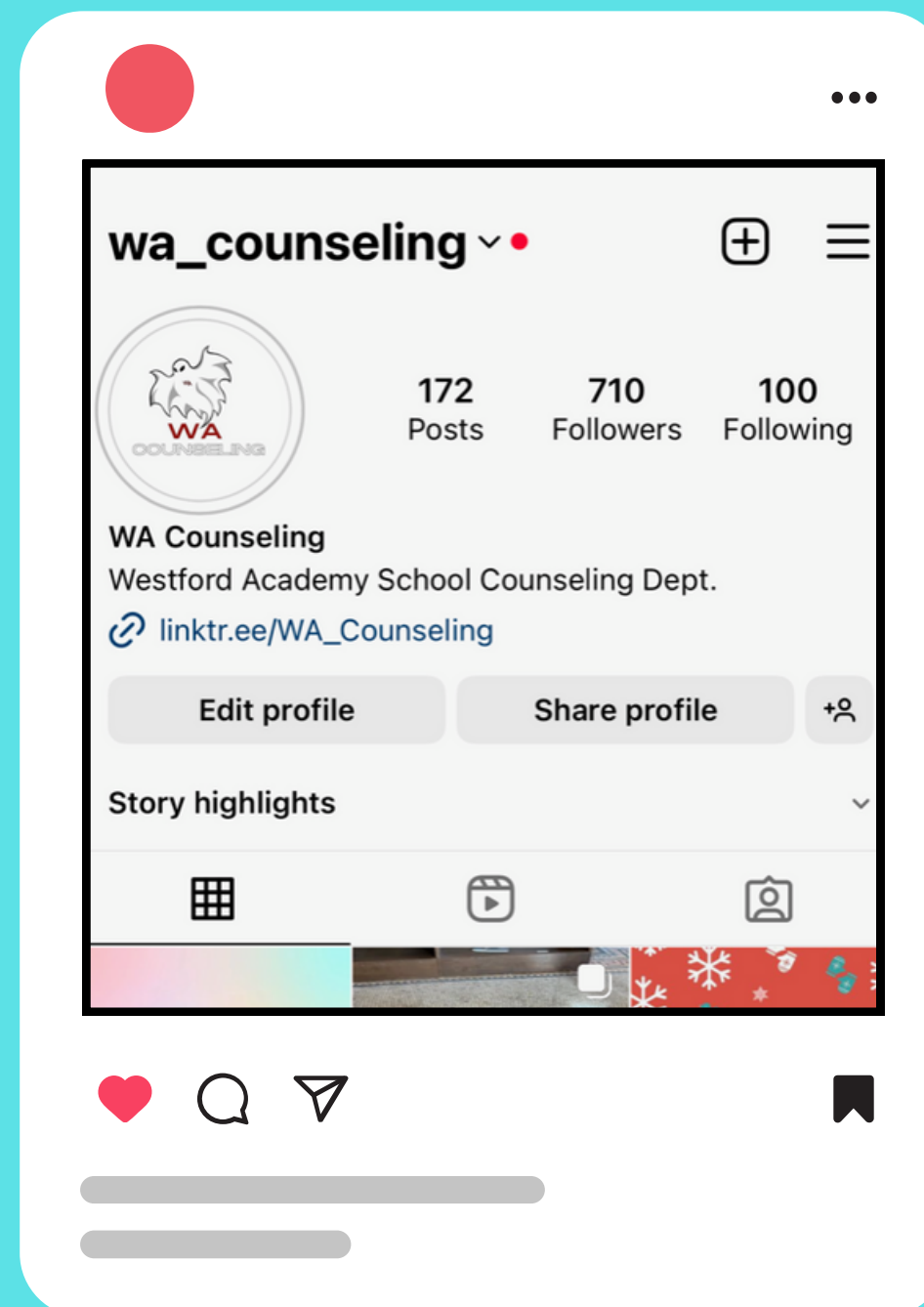


SCOIR DESKTOP AND PHONE APP



WA COUNSELING INSTAGRAM

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DETERMINING AREAS OF INTEREST

Aptitude & Career Assessments in SCOIR PrinciplesYou

Discover best fit careers for you



Learn more about yourself and careers that could unleash your full potential. Take your assessments to be matched with best fit careers

Your Assessments ▾

PrinciplesYou Assessment
Not started

Career Interest Assessment
Not started

[View College Messages](#)

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Better understand yourself

Learn more about your tendencies, talents, and core dimensions of your personality to help find the right career (*and college*). Start discovering careers that might be a great fit by taking the PrinciplesYou Character Assessment.

[Take the PrinciplesYou Assessment →](#)

Estimated time to complete: 30 minutes

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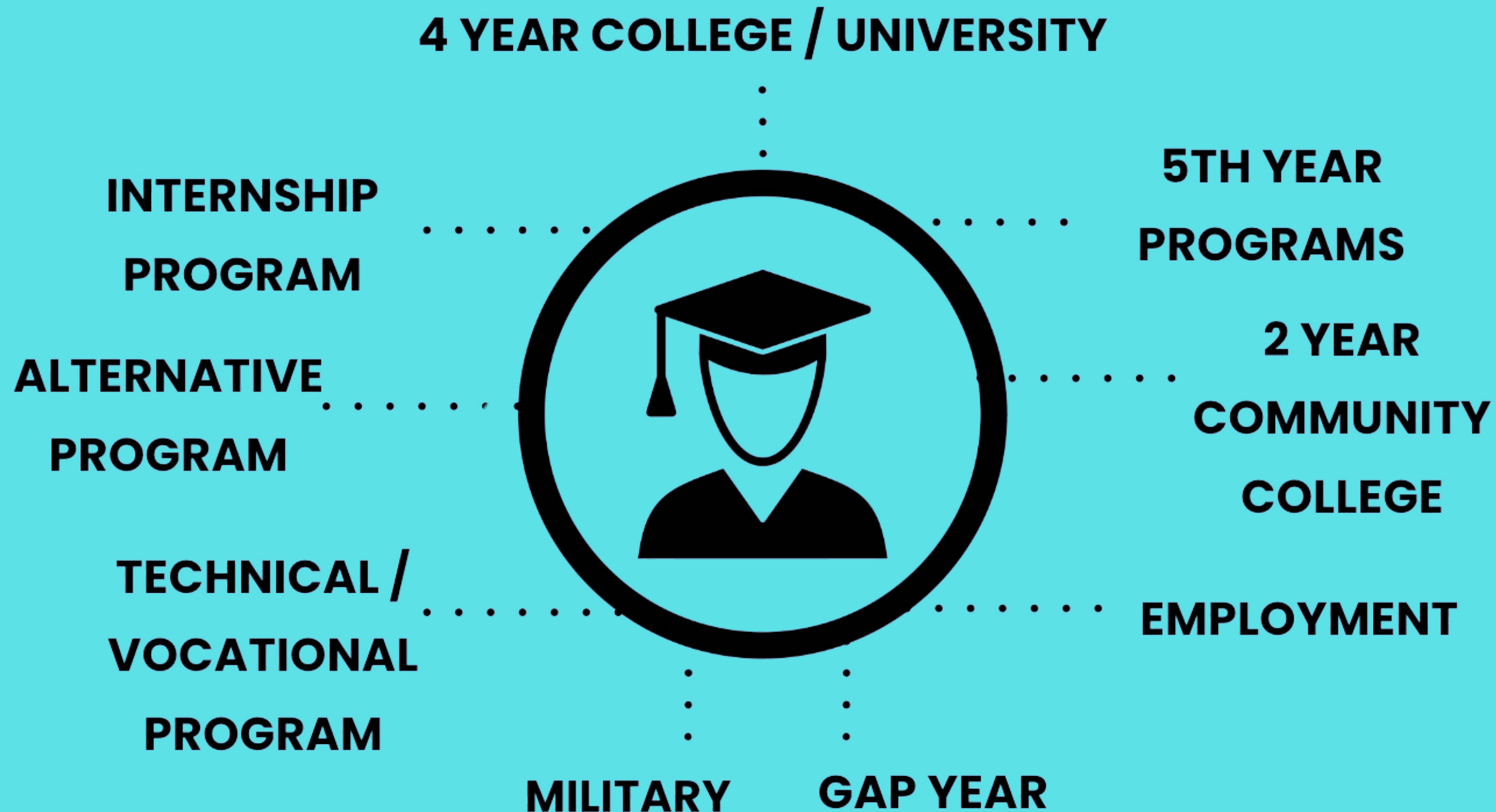
Finding out about you

Finding the right career (*and college*) starts with learning more about yourself and your interests. Start discovering by taking an assessment. You'll be matched with best-fit careers.

Begin Assessment →

Estimated time to complete: 5 minutes

POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHAT TO KNOW



Admission with high school diploma
(certain programs have additional requirements)



Reduced cost



Seamless transfer options to 4-year MA state colleges



Flexible schedule



Gradual transition to college life





NEXT UP: COLLEGE DEEP DIVE

- Determining College Fit
 - Making the List
 - College Admission Trends
 - Other Considerations
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FINDING THE BEST FIT COLLEGE

There is no school that
is best for all students.

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- Size
 - Location
 - Programs
 - Majors available
 - Academic supports
 - Cost & Financial aid
 - Extracurricular
Activities
 - Student life
 - Athletics
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RESOURCES TO HELP BUILD COLLEGE LIST



WA COLLEGE FAIR WEBSITE

College resources
and more!

Link: [WA College Fair](#)



LOCAL COLLEGE FAIRS

Upcoming:
March 13, 2024 @
8:30 am - 10:30 am
Blackstone
Valley Tech



NATIONAL & VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

Upcoming:
May 2 & 3, 2024 @
9-12 & 6-8 PM
Boston
Convention Center



COLLEGE SEARCH ENGINES

SCOIR
Collegexpress.com
CollegeBoard
...and more!



COLLEGE VISITS



WHAT IS IT

A college visit is a scheduled time when students and/or family members spend time on campus. Tours can be brief, day-long or overnight experiences.

BENEFITS

College Visits can help you decide whether or not a campus is a good fit for you.

Demonstrate interest to colleges - some colleges will track this

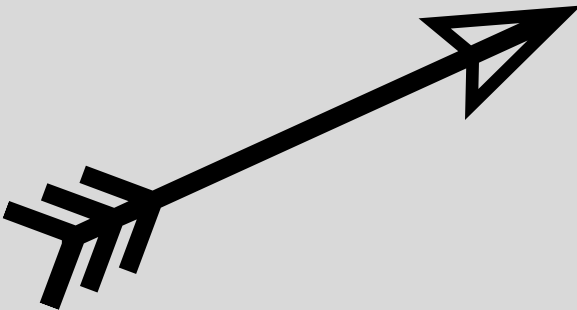
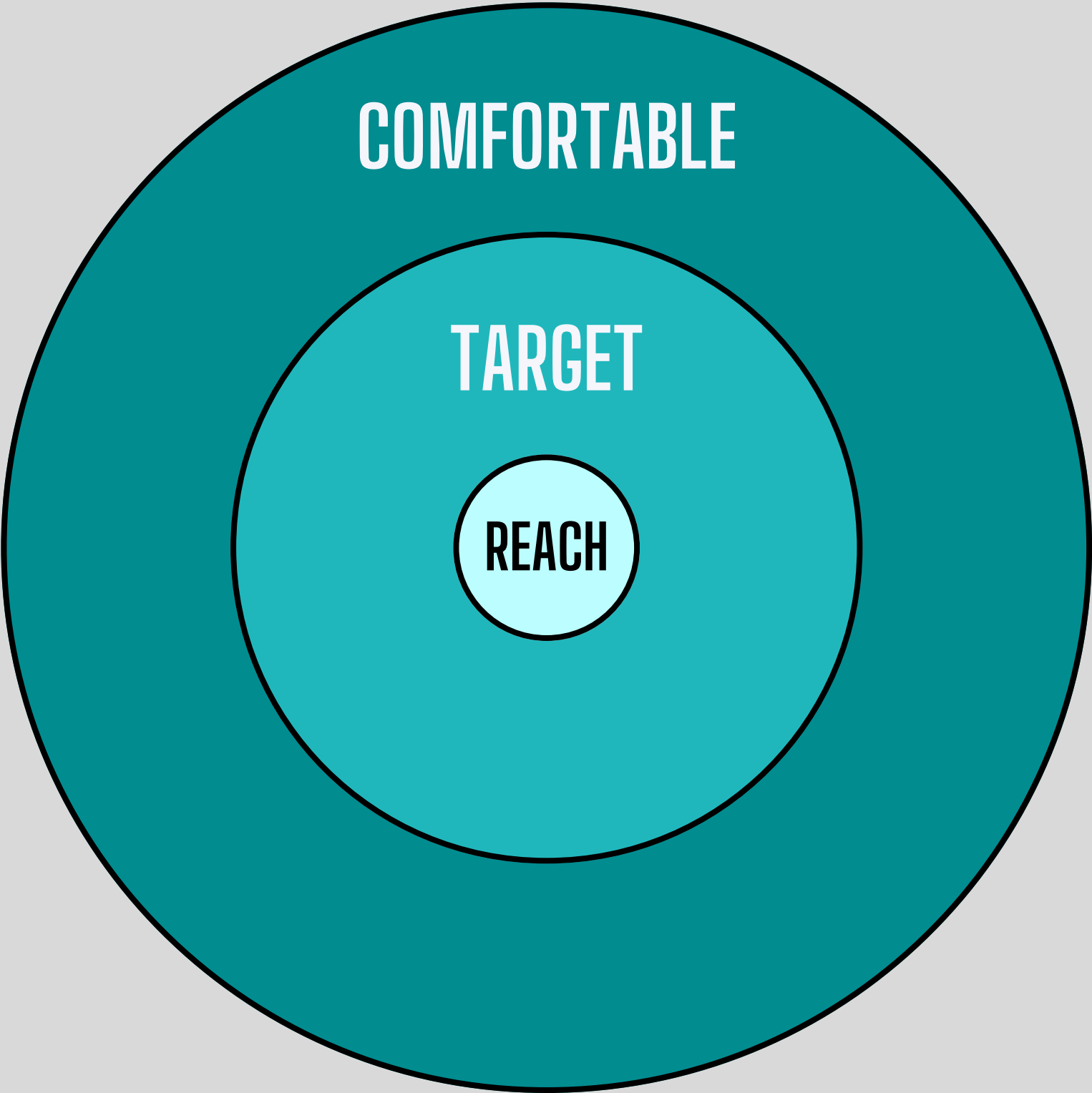
HOW TO SCHEDULE

Register online

Students are allowed up to 3 excused absences to attend official college tours junior and senior year.



THE BALANCED COLLEGE LIST



COMFORTABLE

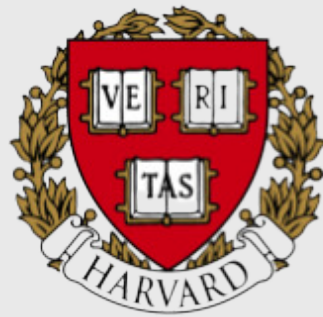
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ADMISSION RATE

TARGET

REACH

LOWER
ADMISSION RATE

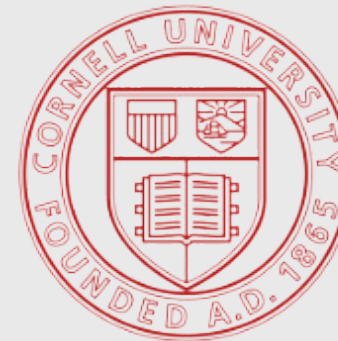
EVERYONE'S REACH



PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY

Yale 

DARTMOUTH



 Penn
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

BROWN Carnegie Mellon Stanford

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Georgetown
University

Ucla

...and others

ALMOST EVERYONE'S REACH

Northeastern
University

BOSTON
COLLEGE



NYU

Georgia
Tech



Colby

...and others

Recent Admissions Snapshot

STUDENT 1:

4.36 GPA

1500 SAT

Applied to 18 schools

Major: Business

Admitted: UPitt, UMass Lowell, Case Western, UConn

Denied: Georgia Tech, UC schools, Columbia, Harvard, Duke, Tufts, UPenn, and others

Enrolled at UMass Amherst

STUDENT 2:

3.3 GPA

Test optional

Applied to 11 schools

Major: Nursing

Admitted: Merrimack, Univ. of New England, UNH (not nursing)

Waitlisted: Endicott, Saint Anselm

Denied: Providence College, Salve Regina, URI, Fairfield

Enrolled at Sacred Heart University

STUDENT 3:

4.0 GPA

34 ACT

Applied to 14 schools

Major: Comp Sci.

Admitted: Northeastern, UConn, UMass Lowell, Clarkson, RIT

Denied: Carnegie Mellon, MIT, UIUC, UMass Amherst, NYU, U. Michigan

Enrolled at WPI

Recent Admissions Snapshot

STUDENT 4:

3.66 GPA

Test optional

Applied to 13 schools

Major: Undeclared

Admitted: UMass Boston,
Suffolk, UNH

Denied: Northeastern,
Fordham, UMD, BU, GWU,
NYU

Waitlisted: Syracuse,
Emerson, UMass Amherst

Enrolled at Penn State

STUDENT 5:

3.30 GPA

1430 SAT

Applied to 10 schools

Major: Engineering

Admitted: Wentworth,
RIT, UML, U. of Vermont

Waitlisted: UMass
Amherst, WPI,
Lafayette, UC Boulder

Enrolled at UNH

STUDENT 6:

4.15 GPA

Test optional

Applied to 13 schools

Major: Biology

Admitted: UMass Amherst,
Hofstra, Northeastern,
URochester, U. of Vermont

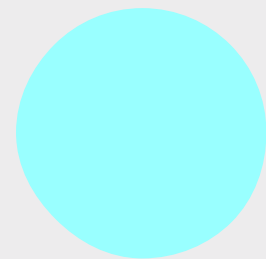
Denied: Brown, Harvard,
Tufts, Johns Hopkins,
Colby, Boston College,
NYU

**Enrolled at
UConn**

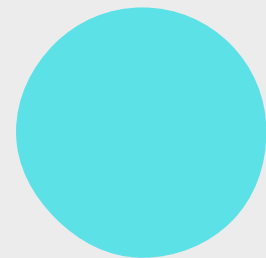
APPLICATION PLANS



EARLY ACTION



EARLY DECISION I & II



REGULAR DECISION



ROLLING ADMISSION

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

01

STUDENT ATHLETES

Must register for the NCAA Clearinghouse if considering Div. I or II athletics

02

STUDENTS WITH IEP/504 PLANS

Follow same process with applying to college. Connect with Disability Services to determine support.

03

FEE WAIVERS

Available to students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch. See counselor for more info.

04

INTERVIEWS

Some schools recommend or require interviews. Please check requirements before applying.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Can be a useful tool to gain more information about schools (follow colleges' admissions pages)

06

ONLINE PRESENCE

Use it to present yourself in the best possible way!

HOW PARENTS / CAREGIVERS CAN SUPPORT THEIR STUDENT

The image shows a clipboard with a form titled "COLLEGE APPLICATION". The form is divided into three main sections:

- 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION**
 - Surname: [Grid]
 - Postal address: [Grid]
 - Telephone: [Grid]
 - Relationship to proposed insured: [Grid]
 - Name: [Grid]
 - Postal Code: [Grid]
- 2 PERSONAL DETAILS**
 - Surname: [Grid]
 - Age next birthday: [Grid]
 - Postal address: [Grid]
 - E-mail address: [Grid]
 - Telephone: [Grid]
 - Name and address of employer: [Grid]
 - Date of birth: [Grid]
 - Place of birth: [Grid]
 - Occupation: [Grid]
 - Postal code: [Grid]
 - Male ☐ Female ☐
- 3 THE POLICY**
 - Type of Policy: [Grid]
 - Sum Assured: [Grid]
 - Premium payable: [Grid]
 - Mode of payment: [Grid]
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 - Term: [Grid]
 - Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-annual ☐ Annual ☐
 - Banker's Order ☐ Cash ☐ Salary Order ☐ Direct Debit ☐ M-Pesa ☐ Other (specify) ☐
 - Signature: _____
 - Date: _____

- Remain calm through ups and downs
- Have an honest discussion about finances
- Let your child own this process
- Pick mutually agreed upon times to discuss with your student
- Focus college visits on comfortable and targets
- Complete Parent/Caregiver Questionnaire in SCOIR



**College is a match
to be made, not a
prize to be won.**

ENJOY THE PROCESS!



**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH**