

How to apply to College



A list of things you need to apply and take the next step...

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Gather a list of past and current addresses
- Know your personal identification info such as social security numbers, birth date, list of your activities such as clubs, sports and volunteer projects etc... emails for you, your parents, counselor, recommenders etc...
- Know your GPA and class rank
- Get a copy of your transcript so you can list off classes you have taken if asked.

GO TO THE WEBSITE OF YOUR COLLEGE

- Apply and research online!!!
- Do they even have a major you want to take?
- Can you get in? Use collegesimply.com to calculate your chances
- Apply for their scholarships on their website
- Follow their directions
- Know their deadlines!
- You may need references depending on the school's procedures
- Prepare to write an essay, if asked
- Visit schools to see if you like it!
- Send admissions your official transcript
- Login to your ACT/SAT account and send an official score to admissions
- Check the status of your application and whether all items have been submitted

FINANCIAL AID

- Apply for FAFSA and put your colleges' names down in the form so they get your information.
- Contact the financial aid department at your target colleges and check the status of your application
- Schools usually send out their financial aid package in the spring before the fall of that year. Be on the lookout for it via mail or email. Call financial aid to check your status
- Compare your aid and the cost of attendance. Make a decision about where to attend

ONCE ACCEPTED & YOU'RE GOING!

- Check out housing options and pay room deposits usually about \$150 if required
- Pay registration fees, these are usually smaller amounts to hold your place typically @ \$150. Each school will be different
- Consult admissions and the website on any needed paper work such a waivers for school insurance if you already have health insurance or parking passes etc...
- Set up payment plans for any uncovered costs with financial aid
- Collect needed items for your dorm room and contact your new room mate

Make sure your high school knows where to send your final transcript