

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT APPLYING TO COLLEGE



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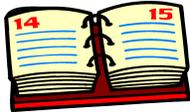
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Grading Scale- 4.0 Weighted  
Class Rank- We do not rank

**\*\* College Application Information\*\***

Please visit the Guidance Webpage at <https://www.wadsworth.k12.oh.us/1/Content/102>

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## In the Senior Year...

### September-October-November-December

- \*Register for the ACT or SAT if not taken or need to retake.
- \*Have your “Senior Meeting” with your counselor to discuss college plans and review graduation checklist.
- \*Update your Naviance account (email and password)
- \*Complete college applications.
- \*Check deadlines of colleges and scholarships. Early deadlines are Nov 1st. *Remember--the School Counseling Office requires (10) ten school days to process materials. This also applies to teacher letter of recommendation.*
- \*Attend the Medina County College & Career Fair and any other college fairs Oct. 16, 2019.
- \*Sign up to meet college representatives visiting WHS. You do this online through Naviance.
- \***Attend the Financial Aid Night at the High School’s Performing Arts Center September 26th at 6:30pm**
  
- \*Begin FAFSA application- opens October 1st.
  
- \*Register with the NCAA if you are an athlete intending on playing Division I or II sports.  
[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
  
- \*Research college scholarships. [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
  
- \*Attend college visits. Forms are available in the Attendance Office.
  
- \* **Don’t forget your senior volunteer hours!**

### January-February

- \*Parents continue to complete the FAFSA as needed.
- \*Inform the Counseling Office if your college requires a mid-year report. Use Transcript Request form.

\*Complete the Local Scholarship application. It will be available in early January on our website and due early February.

\* Finish your senior volunteer hours. Turn in paperwork to the main office.

### **April-May**

\*Make final decision on college of attendance. Send in notification to the college. Indicate in Naviance the college you are attending.

\*Complete Senior Survey

\*Senior Commencement Practice—you will make your final transcript request at this time.

\*Baccalaureate & Commencement

\*Final Transcripts are sent to the college you plan to attend before July 1.



### **Naviance Student**

<http://connection.naviance.com/wadsworthhs>

***Naviance—Family Connections is a web-based program that promotes college and career readiness. Naviance is also a vehicle for the WHS Counseling Department to electronically send student records to colleges during the application process.***

#### **Account**

\*Update your profile, if needed.

#### **Colleges**

\**Colleges I'm Thinking About*—Add colleges to this list.

\**Colleges I'm Applying To*—

- On this screen, add all colleges you have applied to, indicating which application you used.

- See when your transcript was sent.

-Add a teacher letter of recommendation request. ***Please do this only after you speak to your teacher face to face.***

-**Common App Match:** For students who are applying via the Common App—you must do a “match” so that Naviance and the Common App are linked. This enables the school (teachers and counselors) to send documents to Common App.

#### **College Research**

\*College Match

\*College Maps

\*Scattergrams

\*Acceptance History

**Scholarships:** A listing of Local and National Scholarships will be listed on Naviance. Local scholarships will be listed for Seniors later this year- we encourage you to apply! Please refer to other sources for more a more extensive list of national scholarships. Links to such sites are provided on your Naviance homepage. Some examples are:

**About Me:** In this tab you can take career and interests surveys to help hone in on your areas of strength. You may also use this area to build a resume and upload your references, Student Profile and any other important docs into your Naviance journal.

**College Representatives:** A listing of College Representatives to visit WHS will be in Family Connection. Log in to Family Connections to register for a college rep visit. Pick up a pass in the Guidance Office at least one day prior the visit. Always check with the teacher of the class that you will be missing.

## **College Application Process**

1. **The Application:** Students will complete their college applications online—either through the Common Application website (if the college is a member) or directly through the college’s website.
2. **The Transcript:** Even though *you* know that you have applied online to a college, the School Counseling Department does not. All colleges require an official high school transcript. Students must complete and parents must sign a **Transcript Release Form** (obtained online or in the School Counseling Office) and bring it SIGNED to the School Counseling Office. The School Counseling Office will submit transcripts and other supporting materials electronically for all Common Application member colleges, most state universities in Ohio and numerous other colleges.
3. **Naviance:** Naviance Student is a web-based program the WHS School Counseling Department has subscribed to help students with college and career readiness. This website also allows students to keep track of deadlines, do test preparation, resume-writing and career assessments. \*\*Additionally, Naviance is a vehicle for the School Counseling Department to send student transcripts, recommendations and other supporting materials directly to colleges electronically. (This is *not* where students apply to college. Students apply to college directly on college websites or the Common App.)
4. **School Counselor Forms:** For Common Application Colleges, the School Counselor will complete the Secondary School Report as well as the written evaluation and send it electronically through Naviance. Students should complete a Student Profile and turn it into the School Counseling Office along with the Transcript Release Form.
5. **Teachers Recommendations** (if required by the college): Students should first find out whether a recommendation is required (visit each college’s web page for specific requirements. Do not trust the Common Apps info- double check!) Students **must speak to and ask their teacher for a recommendation IN PERSON.** If the teacher agrees, please supply him/her with a Student Profile at that time. Students must then follow up this face-to-face request with an **online request in Naviance.** Go to: “Colleges/Apply to

*College/Letters of Recommendation* link. Please give teachers **at least** TEN (10) school days for writing letters of recommendations, but longer is preferred. Please do not ask a teacher for a letter if one is not required. If you are applying to a Common App school, we strongly suggest you have ONE teacher letter of recommendation to send with your application.

6. **School Counselor Recommendations:** (if required by the college): Students should complete a Student Profile and attach it to the Transcript Release Form. This gets turned into the School Counseling Office. Because of the high volume of applications processed, please allow up to TEN (10) school days to process this request.
  
7. **The College Essay** (if required by the college): The essay should be carefully prepared and checked for spelling and grammatical errors. Please make sure to check the personalization of your essay. You don't want it to say "Ohio State" if you mean to send it to "Miami"! Colleges are looking for qualities that distinguish the applicant from the others. Be sure to mention any examples of leadership and community service, as these are qualities that give a voice to your application and may set you apart from the rest. There are many helpful websites that offer essay writing tips for college applications.
  
8. **Test Scores:** Many colleges require official test scores be sent directly from the testing agency. It is the student's responsibility to check what the requirements are for each college.

Your college application is comprised of many parts: your online application, high school transcript, test scores and recommendations. Items will arrive to the admissions office in parts. **Do not panic** if you receive a postcard or email indicating that the college has not yet received your high school transcript or other items. You can check in Naviance to see when it was sent.

### **The Common Application: ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))**

The Common Application is a standardized, first-year college application used by over 500 colleges. Students will create an account on the CA website and submit to any of the member colleges they choose. The CA consists of several parts. They are:

\*The Common Application—the part every applicant completes.

\*The Secondary School Report-completed by the School Counselor. This includes a written evaluation, evaluation form and high school transcript.

- \*Teacher Evaluation—if required. This includes a letter of recommendation and evaluation form.
- \*Supplements specific to a college—if applicable.
- \*Mid-year Report and Transcript—required by some, but not all colleges. Students must request this at the mid-year point. An email will be sent from the School Counseling Department in January prompting students to make this request, if needed.

### **USING COMMON APP & NAVIANCE:**

\*Some colleges will give students a choice of either the Common Application or a college specific online application. This means students can apply one of two ways. ***If given a choice between Common App or a college specific application students MUST indicate in Naviance how they are applying.***

**\*For students who are applying via the Common App—you must do a “match” so that Naviance and the Common App are linked. This enables the school (teachers and counselors) to send documents to Common App. Please view the video on your Naviance Student Welcome! homescreen for directions.**

#### **Important notes about the Common Application:**

1. Letters of recommendation—Some, but not all CA colleges require letters of recommendation. Once you begin your CA, you will be able to find out if your college has this requirement. **WHS recommends you have at least one teacher recommendation letter if using the common app.**
2. Supplements—many, but not all colleges, will have an extra supplement within the Common Application.
3. Deadlines—many CA colleges will have early deadlines. Some of the early deadlines are November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. If this is the case, you must turn in your transcript release form into the School Counseling Office, as well as speak to any teacher writing a letter of recommendation AT LEAST TEN (10) school days in advance. This would place you at October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> for making these requests. *This is why you must begin the process of the Common Application early!!!*

#### **Ohio colleges that are members of the Common Application system:**

- \*Akron Univeristy \*Baldwin-Wallace College \*Case Western Reserve University  
\*College of Wooster \*Bowling Green
- \*Dennison University \*University of Findlay \*Hiram College \*John Carroll University
- \*Kent State Univeristy \*Kenyon College \*Lake Erie College \*Marietta College
- \*Miami University \*Oberlin College \*Ohio Northern University \*The Ohio State  
University \*Ohio Wesleyan University \*Otterbein \*University of Toledo
- \*University of Cincinnati \*University of Dayton \*Ursuline  
\*Wittenberg University \*Xavier University

(Please check the CA website for the most up-to-date list of member colleges.)

## **ACT/SAT**

Wadsworth High School Code: 365-275

For an updated, in-depth explanation of the difference between the ACT and the new SAT, see this article. <http://blog.prepscholar.com/the-new-sat-vs-the-act-a-full-breakdown>

ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Online Score Release*
Sept 14, 2019	Aug 16, 2019	Sept 1, 2019	Sept 24; Oct 10, 2019
Oct 26, 2019	Sept 27, 2019	Oct 13, 2019	Nov 12; Nov 26, 2019
Dec 14, 2019	Nov 8, 2019	Nov 25, 2019	Dec 24, 2019; Jan 7, 2020
Feb 8, 2020	Jan 10, 2020	Jan 17, 2020	Feb 18; Mar 3, 2020
Apr 4, 2020	Feb 29, 2020	Mar 16, 2020	Apr 14; Apr 28, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 25, 2020	June 23; July 7, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 29, 2020	July 28; Aug 11, 2020

*\*The first date is when multiple-choice scores come out, and the second date is when complete scores become available*

SAT [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline*	SAT Scores Release Date*	SAT Essay Scores Release Date*
August 24, 2019	July 24, 2019	August 11, 2019	September 16, 2019	September 18, 2019
October 5, 2019	September 5, 2019	September 23, 2019	October 18-24, 2019	October 29, 2019
November 2, 2019	October 2, 2019	October 20, 2019	November 15-21, 2019	November 26, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 7, 2019	November 25, 2019	December 20-26, 2019	December 31, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 13, 2020	February 24, 2020	March 27-31, 2020	April 5, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 2, 2020	April 20, 2020	May 15-21, 2020	May 26, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 6, 2020	May 23, 2020	July 15, 2020	July 15, 2020

## SAT Subject Tests [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

These are one-hour tests measuring knowledge and the ability to apply that knowledge in specific subject areas. Some highly selective four-year colleges require anywhere from one to three SAT subject tests.

## Reporting ACT/SAT scores to colleges:

College requirements differ when it comes to how they wish to receive the test scores. Some colleges require reporting directly from the testing company, while others will accept reports from the high school.

The WHS School Counseling Department **highly recommends** students have their ACT/SAT scores **sent directly from the testing company** to the colleges to which they are applying. This simple step will ensure you are completely applied to a college. Colleges will not make a decision on admission unless they receive these scores, and in the fashion that they are required to be sent.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

*When registering online for the ACT/SAT, students are provided the opportunity to list numerous colleges and have the scores sent there. If you end up applying to a college that you did not previously have your tests scores sent to, you may go back to your ACT or SAT account to send additional scores. If you are unable to remember where you selected to have your scores sent, go back into your ACT/SAT account and look up past tests taken.*

## NCAA

If you intend on playing a sport at a Division I or II college, you must register with the NCAA.

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> Once registered, you must complete a set of tasks, the most important of those being:

- \*Request an "INITIAL" transcript. The NCAA page will direct you how to do this.
- \*Follow up in the School Counseling office by turning in a Transcript Release Form.
- \*Have ACT/SAT scores sent directly from the test company.
- \*Request a "FINAL" transcript IN MAY. Again, this is done within your NCAA account. .  
(Refer to your NCAA account for other tasks)

### **Attention student athletes who need to register with NCAA:**

The process to have your transcript sent to NCAA is a somewhat involved process that you will need to initiate in May of your Junior Year.

1. Create your account in NCAA and register. Go to: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
  2. Open up the cell phone icon that reads: "**Complete My Checklist**".
  3. Scroll down to "**My Tasks**".
  4. Click on "**Request official transcript**". A new screen will open which will direct you to a service called **Docufide**. Complete the information and submit online.
  5. Fill out a **WHS Transcript Release Form** and give to the School Counseling Office secretary. You will find the form in our office or under Pages located to the left of your Naviance home screen.
  6. At the beginning of May of your Senior year, you must go back into your NCAA account and repeat the process, this time selecting: "**Request FINAL Transcript.**"
- \*One more thing....The NCAA requires that ACT and SAT scores be sent directly from the NCAA. When registering for the ACT or SAT, please indicate the NCAA as one of the institutions to which you'd like your scores sent.**

## Recommendations

**Most colleges do not require letters of recommendation.**

Some (though not all) colleges that are members of the Common Application system will require one, maybe two letters of recommendation. Please check directly through the college's website to verify how many, if any, teacher letters of recommendation are needed. School Counselors also write a recommendation for all students applying via the CA.

**\*\*You will want to ask a teacher who knows you well.**

**Teacher and School Counselor Recommendations:** You should start thinking early about who you should ask to write the letter (providing you even need one). Remember that your teachers are doing you a favor, so give them plenty of lead time--at least ten (10) school days) to write the letter. Other tips:

- Ask the same one or two teachers for all recommendation requests.
- Ask the teacher ***in person*** if they will write the letter.
- Give the teacher and your school counselor your Student Profile in order to help them with the letter.

- For teacher recommendations, you must formally request the letter through your Naviance accounts. Do this AFTER you speak with the teacher. In Naviance go to: *“Colleges/Apply to College/Letters of Recommendation*
- School counselor letters are an implied and expected part of the Common Application—no formal request in Naviance is necessary.
- If you are applying via CA, you will not have to give your teacher or school counselor any college-related forms as they are generated and processed electronically in Naviance.
- Follow up with a thank you note to your teacher.

**School Counselor Recommendation:** Many colleges, including all Common Application colleges, will require your school counselor to complete a School Report Form and write a letter of recommendation. Give the following to your school counselor:

- Student Profile. Turn this in with the Transcript Release Form.
- Please provide forms for any other colleges requiring a school counselor evaluation. You will turn this in when you turn in the Transcript Request Form.
- Remember the School Counseling Department requires ten (10) school days to process a transcript and recommendation request.

## The College Essay

**What Admissions Officers Want to Find:** The essay is a window into your mind and personality; it reveals your uniqueness—what you think about, what drives you and to what you aspire. An effective essay can compensate for a weakness in other parts of the application.

- The best essays begin with a “hook” to catch the reader’s interest.
- Write honestly about yourself-genuineness is important.
- Write a unique essay.
- Focus on a single area.
- Be proud of your achievements, but don’t brag.
- Avoid repeating in your essay what you have written elsewhere.

- Have someone, a parent, teacher or school counselor read your essay and make suggestions—revise it.
- Focus on educational or personal reasons for going to college, not on social, economic or family reasons.
- Clarity and originality of thought is important.
- Show maturity.
- Organize your thoughts. Brevity is key.
- Use precise and economical language. If you can say it using less...use less.
- Always check grammar, spelling and punctuation.

**Here is What Irks Admissions Officers:**

- Too many big words that are meant to impress.
- Sloppiness, mechanical errors, obvious professional input, reference to an incorrect institution.
- Poor writing or flimsy or fluffy content.
- Clichés.
- Merely putting your activity lists into prose form.
- Bland, impersonal writing.
- Excessive length.
- Doom and gloom essays. Stay positive.
- Essays that don't answer the questions.

## Admissions Decisions and Options

**Rolling Admission**—Many colleges make admission decisions on a rolling basis. This means that approximately four weeks after an application is received in the admission office a decision is made. Possible decisions are “admit”, “not admit” or “defer”. If deferred for the seventh semester grades you will need to inform the School Counseling Office to have a transcript sent after the end of first semester.

**Regular admission**—Many colleges notify students of admission decisions on set dates. Admission plans for set deadlines schools are “regular decision”, “early decision”, and “early action”. Depending on the admission plan you choose, the college reads all the applications for that particular group and then mails the admission decisions on one particular date. Regular decision involves applying by a set date and receiving an admission decision by another set date. Possible decisions for this plan are “admit”, “not admit” or “wait list”.

**Early Decision**—Early decision requires a binding commitment from a student if admitted. Possible decisions for this plan are “admit”, “not admit” or “defer”. Deferred students are placed in the regular admission pool. If admitted, they are no longer committed to attend the university.

**Early Action**—Early Action allows a student to apply early and be notified early. Possible decisions for this plan are “admit” or “defer”. If admitted, a student is not committed to attend. If deferred, the student is placed in the regular admission pool.

**Deadlines**—The student is responsible for being aware of all admission and scholarship deadlines. The School Counseling Office requires ten (10) working days to process a college application or scholarship application.

## **The Parent Role in the College Application Process**

The application period is a time of anxiety for your child. You can help by seeing that he/she follows the procedures properly and meets all deadlines. Be an active participant in the exploration process and offer guidance as your child weighs information and creates the list of schools to which he/she will apply. Be certain that your child completes all admission requirements in accordance with the required deadlines. With your child, file all required financial aid forms by the deadline.

In the past we have found that errors or oversights in the application process occur when a parent does much of the application for his/her child. It is important that both the student and his/her parent are on the same page. Therefore, we recommend the student completes the application on their own, but with parent support. 😊

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—is required by all college for applicants for need-based aid and/or loans from state and federal sources. [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) **Save the date for September 26 at 6:30 pm to attend the WHS Financial Aid workshop.**

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Financial aid is the combination of resources which supplement what parents and students are able to contribute to meet the cost of college. The assumption of financial aid system is that the cost of higher education is the responsibility of the family. This federally funded system is designed to provide access and choice for students and families who would otherwise be limited in their education opportunities. Financial need is determined by calculating all the various costs of the education and subtracting an estimated family contribution.

Most financial aid packages offer a combination of these four forms:

\***Grants** (need-based money) and **Gifts** (merit-based money).

*Grant and gift money does not need to be repaid.*

\***College Work Study** allows students to work on campus in a job arranged by the university.

\***Loans** (usually at low interest rates).

\***Scholarships** from one of three sources:

University-sponsored scholarships-these are usually renewable for four years.

National Scholarships-from companies and organizations

Local Scholarships-from individuals, groups or businesses in your area.

Researching Scholarships:

1. The college website
2. The High School Counseling Department website
3. Web-services that specialize in scholarships. One example is: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).



## How College Now Can Help

If your family qualifies, based on family income, College Now can:

- Waive ACT and SAT test fees
- Waive college application fees
- Help waive college deposits for **eligible students**

## Additional Services Available to All Students and Their Parents

- Help you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CSS Profile
- Assist with all aspects of the financial aid process
- Explain how to do local and national scholarship searches
- Explore financial aid resources and compare financial aid award letters from different colleges
- Provide career and college information

## College Now Scholarship Qualification Criteria

- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 by the seventh semester of high school
- Minimum ACT score of 18 or SAT combined verbal and math score of 860 by February of the student's senior year
- Students must be Pell eligible
- Acceptance at a 2- or 4-year college/university
- Filing of the FAFSA form no later than February of the student's senior year
- Have unmet financial need
- Cooperate with College Now Advisor in providing all necessary documentation
- Nomination by your College Now Advisor

## Advisor Contact Information

To meet with Wadsworth's College Now Advisor, Maria Agosto, find the CollegeNow link on the Guidance Webpage or in Naviance. She will be at Wadsworth High School on the following days:

**Sept. 17**  
**Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29**  
**Nov. 6, 12, 26**  
**Dec. 3, 17**

**Jan. 28**  
**Feb. 18**  
**March 10, 24**  
**April 21**

Ms. Agosto can be reached at [magosto@collegenowgc.org](mailto:magosto@collegenowgc.org)

## Glossary of Terms

**ACT:** A group of four tests in English, Reading, Math and Science with an optional Writing section required by most colleges as part of the admission process. College accepts either the ACT or SAT.

**Candidate Reply Date:** A policy among subscribing institutions that permits students to wait until May 1 to choose, without penalty, among offers of admission.

**Common Application Form:** A single college application form which is accepted by more than 500 colleges. Some participating colleges will have an additional supplement for students to complete—accessible through the Common Application process.

**CEEB Code:** The high school code required to register for ACT and SAT tests. The WHS CEEB Code is 365-275.

**Deferred Admission:** The practice of some colleges of allowing accepted students to postpone enrollment for one year.

**FAFSA:** Free Application for Student Aid is required for students to be considered for federal student financial aid.

**Grants:** Awards based on financial need that do not require repayment. Grants are available through the federal government, state agencies and educational institutions.

**NCAA:** The *National Collegiate Athletic Association* is a nonprofit association of 1,281 institutions, conferences, organizations and individuals that organizes the athletic programs of many colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

**Open Admissions:** The policy of some colleges of admitting virtually all high school graduates, regardless of academic qualifications such as grades or test scores.

**PSAT/NSMQT:** Practice SAT given to juniors in October. It is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. *The PSAT can be taken in grades 9 and 10 for practice.*

**SAT:** A test of Critical Reading, Math and Writing given by the College Board and require by most colleges as part of the admissions process. Colleges accept either the ACT or SAT.

**SAT II Subject Tests:** One hour multiple choice exams in a specific subject area. Not all colleges require these.

**Student Aid Report/SAR:** The information you will receive approximately 2-4 weeks after your FAFSA has been processed. It will report the information from your FAFSA application and, if there are not questions or problems, you SAR will report your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

**Student Profile:** A sheet a student fills out with personal information to help a teacher or counselor who will write the letter of recommendation.

**Transcript:** The official record of high school or college courses, grades, class rank and other data.

**Wait List:** An admission decision option that colleges will use against shortfalls in enrollment. Wait lists are sometimes made necessary because of the uncertainty of the admission process. By placing students on the wait list, an institution does not initially offer or deny admission, but extends to the candidate the possibility of admission in the future, before the institution's admission cycle is conclude.

## Questions to Ask College Representatives

**College Rep visits at WHS:** A listing of College Representatives to visit WHS will be in Family Connection, and we encourage you to check the list frequently. You will register for a specific college rep visit in Family Connection. Pick up a pass in the Guidance Office **at least** one day prior the visit. *Always check with the teacher of the class that you will be missing.*

### TELL ME ABOUT YOUR PROGRAMS

- Do you offer my major?
- Are advanced degrees (master's, doctorate) offered?
- Can I enroll part-time, take courses in the late afternoon, evenings, weekends or during the summer?
- Are there internship opportunities available on campus, or in the community?
- Do you have honors program for students who enter with high grades?

### WHAT IS YOUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY LIKE?

- Is your college located in an urban, suburban or rural setting?
- Are you on the semester or quarter system? When do classes begin?
- What kinds of social, cultural and recreational activities are available on the campus and in the community?
- Will I need a car to get around? Can freshmen have a car on campus? Does public transportation (bus) provide easy access to the campus and community?
- How many students are enrolled? In my major? From my community/school?
- How do I make arrangements to take a tour of your campus?

### IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

- When and how do I apply for financial aid? Do I apply for campus scholarships separately?
- How do you determine if I qualify for assistance?
- When will I be notified if I will or will not receive assistance?
- Will financial aid cover my entire need?
- Are there special kinds of assistance for students from certain ethnic minority and other underrepresented groups?
- Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus, in the community?

### ADMISSION?

- What are your admission requirements for freshmen?
- Do you have a special admission programs, or organizations, for students from certain ethnic minority and other underrepresented groups? How can I qualify? What kinds of special help will be available to me after I enroll?
- When can I first apply? What is your application deadline date?
- Is my major overcrowded (impacted)? If so, what special requirements do I need? If I'm not accepted in my major, what are my options? Can I change to another major? Have my application sent to another campus for consideration?