

EARLY DECISION
EARLY ACTION
**RESTRICTED
EARLY ACTION**
PRIORITY
DECISION **SINGLE CHOICE
EARLY ACTION**
ROLLING DECISION

UNDERSTANDING EARLY APPLICATIONS

Early Applications

What does it mean and is it right for me?

TYPES OF EARLY APPLICATIONS

- ▷ Early Decision (ED 1 and 2)
- ▷ Early Action (EA)
- ▷ Restricted Early Action (REA) or Single Choice Early Action (SCEA)
- ▷ Priority (PRI)
- ▷ Rolling



EARLY DECISION 1 (ED/ED1)

- ▷ Deadlines - typically Nov 1 or Nov 15
- ▷ Decisions - by mid December
- ▷ **BINDING** - signed agreement, must withdraw all other applications if accepted
- ▷ If a student breaks the ED commitment, the college will likely contact the counselor and other college admissions offices.
- ▷ May apply to only **one** college ED/ED1



EARLY DECISION 2 (ED2)

- ▷ Deadlines - coincide with regular decision
- ▷ Decisions - as early as February
- ▷ Similar to ED 1 - BINDING
- ▷ If you are not accepted to your ED1 college, you can apply to another college ED2
- ▷ May apply to only **one** college ED2

EARLY ACTION (EA)

- ▷ Non-binding
- ▷ Decisions by mid December
- ▷ Have until May 1 to accept
- ▷ Can apply to multiple EA institutions
- ▷ If a student applies to one school ED and multiple schools EA, the student **MUST** attend the ED school if accepted



RESTRICTED EARLY ACTION (REA)

- ▷ Often used interchangeably with Single Choice Early Action (SCEA)
- ▷ Students CANNOT apply any other institution ED or EA
- ▷ May only apply to one REA/SCEA school
- ▷ May apply to public, international, rolling institutions
- ▷ Non-binding - have until May 1 to accept
- ▷ Decisions by mid December



PRIORITY (PRI)

- ▷ Used by many state/public universities to encourage early applications
- ▷ Non-binding
- ▷ May improve chances of admissions
- ▷ May be required for scholarship, special program, merit aid consideration

ROLLING

- ▷ Applications are considered as they arrive
- ▷ Typically hear back 4-8 weeks
- ▷ Works best if you apply early in the cycle



MULTIPLE EARLY APPLICATIONS

- ▷ Students may apply to multiple EA and 1 ED school
- ▷ Students may **NOT** apply both EA and REA
- ▷ Students may **NOT** apply ED1 and REA

TEST YOUR UNDERSTANDING

If a student applies Stanford REA, can he/she apply to

MIT EA?	NO
Michigan EA?	YES
Harvard REA?	NO
UC Berkeley?	YES
Michigan RD?	YES
King's College London?	YES
St. Louis University (rolling)?	YES



Please note this correction - Stanford REA allows for any public early applications as long as they are not binding

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

If a student applies to New York University ED1, can he/she apply to

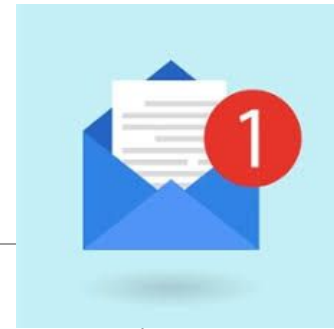
Columbia ED?	NO
Georgia Tech EA?	YES
Stanford REA	NO
MIT EA?	YES
UC Berkeley?	YES
Tufts ED2?	YES (only if denied ED1)
St. Louis University (rolling)?	YES



Do Your Research

Be sure to check the institution's website for specifics

3 POSSIBLE OUTCOMES



ADMITTED

For ED, must attend and must withdraw all other applications

For EA, REA - consider and decide by May 1

Celebrate!

NOT ADMITTED

May not reapply for admission in the same year.

Don't get discouraged - move on!

DEFERRED

Application is held to be considered with Regular Decision pool.

No longer bound to ED obligation

Don't overthink this - move on and finish other applications!

WHY DO COLLEGES HAVE EARLY APPLICATIONS?

- ▷ Assess student enrollment numbers and community
- ▷ Spread the work of admissions offices over a longer period of time
- ▷ Attract highly competitive candidates and recruited athletes
- ▷ Yield protection and rankings

IS EARLY DECISION RIGHT FOR ME?

- ▷ First choice
- ▷ No regrets
- ▷ Strong academic record
- ▷ Completed standardized testing
- ▷ Not for “just try” candidates
- ▷ Financial implications (no UC decisions)



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER



- ▷ Have you done a lot of research on your top school?
- ▷ Have you visited campus?
- ▷ Do you have specific and solid reasons for wanting to attend this school?

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BENEFITS

- ▷ Reduce stress by cutting the time spent waiting for a decision.
- ▷ Save the time and expense of submitting multiple applications.
- ▷ Gain more time, if accepted to prepare for college.
- ▷ Reassess options and apply elsewhere if not accepted.

DRAWBACKS

- ▷ Pressure to decide
- ▷ Reduced financial aid opportunities
- ▷ Time crunch for other applications
- ▷ Senioritis

Lynbrook Deadlines

- ▷ Senior folder will be due earlier - see deadlines
- ▷ Cannot add colleges to your list after your ED/EA decisions

