

IMPORTANT COLLEGE TERMS

TYPES OF COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

The Common Application: An application that many colleges subscribe to, which is filled out once and can be used to apply to one or multiple colleges. www.commonapp.org

College-Designated Application: Student creates an account on the college website to complete the application that has been created by that specific school.

Coalition Application: An application that some colleges subscribe to, which is filled out once and can be used to apply to one or multiple colleges. <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/students.html>

Universal College Application: An application that some colleges subscribe to, which is filled out once and can be used to apply to one or multiple colleges. <https://www.universalcollegeapp.com/>

COLLEGE DEADLINES

Early Action (EA): This is a nonbinding application deadline that requires you to submit your application in the early Fall. The college lets you know whether or not you're accepted, denied, or deferred by mid-December. Students may apply to multiple EA colleges.

Single Choice or Restrictive Early Action (EA): This is a nonbinding process, but students may not apply to an early program at any other private college or university. Students can still apply early to any public institution or service academy, or any college or university with a rolling admissions decision, as long as the decision is nonbinding.

Early Decision (ED): This is considered "binding," decision. By applying under an ED plan, you have made a commitment to attend that college if you are accepted. Application deadlines are typically early in the Fall (November 1st, November 15th).

Regular decision: This application will have a deadline and set time for review. Notification of a decision will generally arrive home in the first week of April.

Rolling Admissions: Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis once the applicant's entire application file is complete. Students may receive an admissions decision four to six weeks after application is received. Submitting a rolling application early is advisable.

OTHER RELEVANT TERMS

Associate's degree: A two- year degree, students may apply credits from a two- year program to a four-year program

Bachelor's degree: A four-year degree

CSS Profile: Some colleges, universities, and scholarship programs use the CSS Profile as part of their financial aid process for some or all of their financial aid applicants. Check specific college website to determine if required.

Deferral: An EA or ED application may be deferred for review with the regular applicant pool

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completing and submitting the FAFSA® form is free and quick, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school.

Liberal Arts College: A liberal arts college is an institution of higher education found in the United States, offering programs in the liberal arts at the post-secondary level. They encourage and often require their students to take a substantial number of classes in topics which may not directly relate to their vocational goals, in an effort to provide a "well-rounded" education.

Official Testing: Standardized admissions testing (SAT's or ACT's) which students must request to be sent directly from the College Board or ACT to the college or university.

Post-Secondary: after high school

SRAR (Self-Report): The SRAR allows you to enter, track, and submit your academic record electronically to participating colleges and universities. Some colleges allow students to self-report their academic record and only require the official transcript if the student accepts the offer to attend. Colleges will verify the accuracy of the self-report with the student's final transcript.
<https://srar.selfreportedtranscript.com/Login.aspx>

Supplements: When using the Common Applications, schools may require, in addition to the electronic application, supplementary materials- Teacher Evaluation, School Report, Mid- Year Reports or an additional form for the student to complete.

Undergraduate degree: It is the first level of university degrees, for example, a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration or Bachelor of Science. Higher levels of university degrees are the master and doctoral levels, also referred to as graduate degrees.
(www.nipissingu.ca/documents.cfm)

Wait list: A regular applicant who cannot be offered acceptance at decision time, but may be offered an acceptance at a later date.