

RHS Senior Application Night

September 2024



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This season may feel stressful,
but remember:
your journey is unique to YOU!



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Building a Balanced List

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A Deeper Dive into the Application

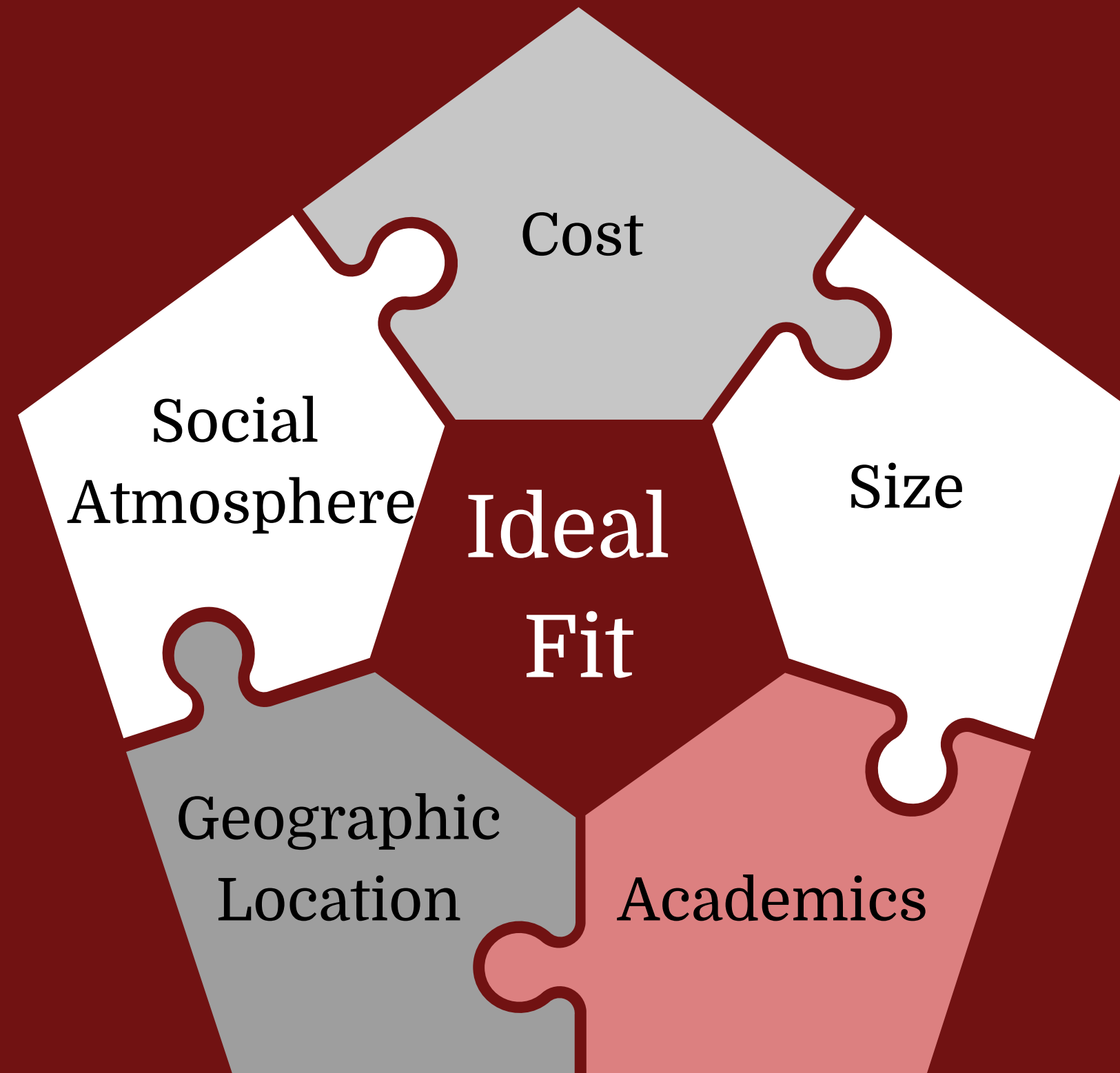
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The “List”: Fit





College Visits

- **Campus Visits**

- Student Led Tours
- Information Sessions

- **Virtual Information Sessions and Webinars**

- **Regional Information Sessions**

- University of Florida, University of Tennessee, and University of Vermont
The Shipley School
September 10th, 7 PM



- University of Chicago Information Session
RHS Auditorium
September 26th, 6:30 PM



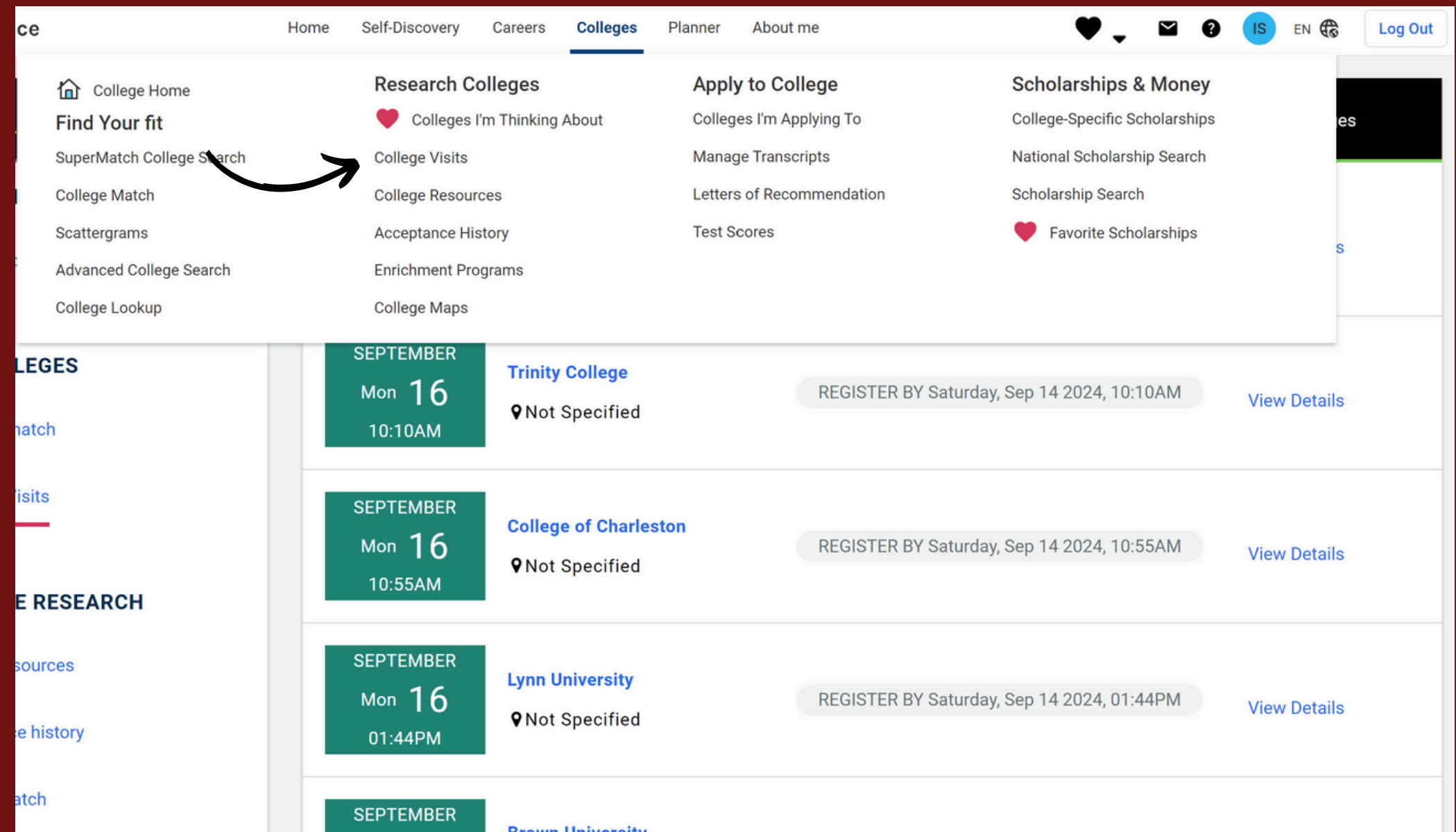


College Fairs

- PACAC Philadelphia Regional College Fair
October 7th, 6:30 PM - 8 PM
- HBCU College Fair in Wilmington, DE
September 27th, 9 AM - 2 PM
- PACAC Delaware County College Fair
October 22nd 6 PM - 8 PM
- NACAC National College Fair
November 2nd, 11 AM - 3 PM

College Admissions Representatives at RHS

- Visits from mid-September through mid-December, Monday through Thursday
- Students should register AT LEAST three days in advance on Naviance
- Students must request teacher permission if they are missing a class

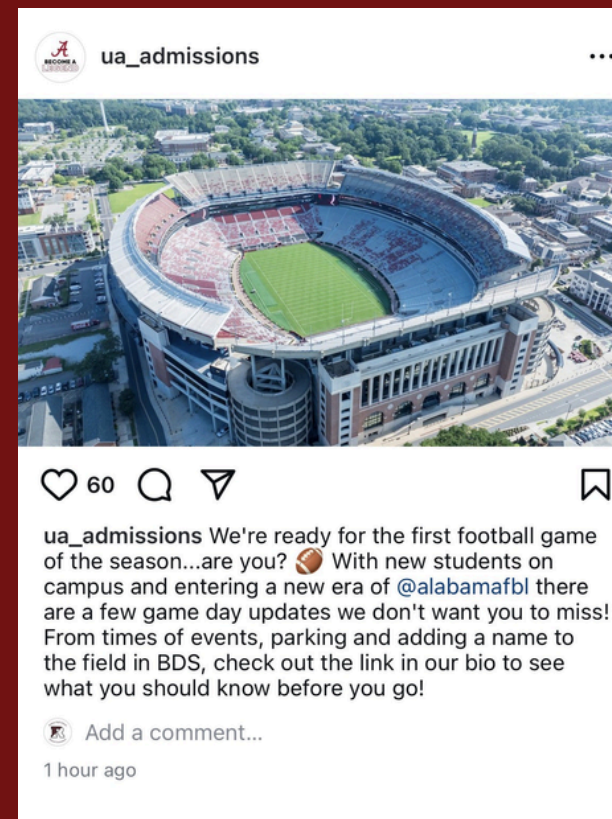


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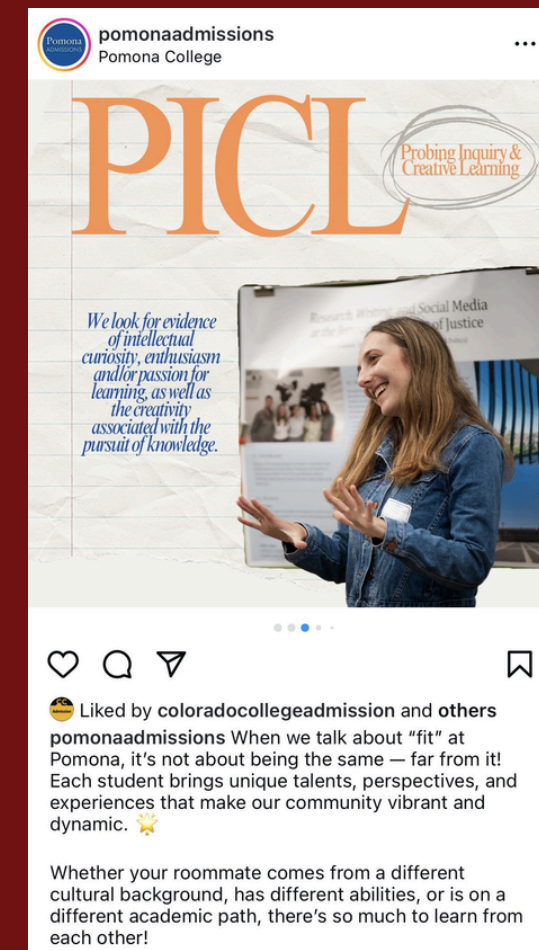
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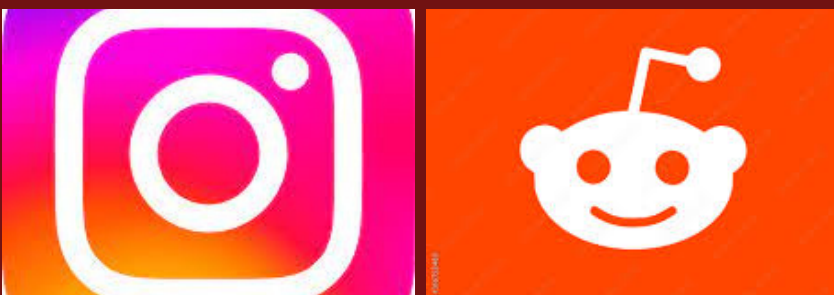
Fit



Insight



....and it goes both ways! Be careful what YOU post.



The “List”: Balance = Choice



High Reach/ Unlikely:

Your academic data is an outlier when looking at the accepted students

Reach: YOUR dream!

Your GPA/test scores fall below the middle 50% of admitted applicants

Target:

Matches with your academic data (GPA/test scores) and the colleges admission data

Likely:

All signs point to an admit based on your academic data
Be sure that you LIKE your likelies!!

The “List”: Balance in the Context of the Individual Institution

Fall 2023 First-Year Class Facts by School	
The ranges below represent the middle 50 percent of students offered admission, not cutoffs or averages. This chart is for estimating purposes only and in no way represents a promise or guarantee of admission.	
← →	
Swanson School of Engineering	
STANDARDIZED TEST/GPA	SCORE
SAT Score	1330–1470
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	640–720
SAT Math	670–760
ACT Composite	30–34

 University of Pittsburgh

Admissions

Early Action and Regular Decisions Admission Overview

- Admitted | 19,633
 - In-state | 8,787 (65.7% In-state Admit rate)
 - Out-of-state | 10,846 (23.7% Out-of-state Admit rate)
- 27-32 Mid 50% Self-Reported Composite ACT (1280-1430 SAT Equivalent)
 - TN | 25-31
 - OOS | 29-32
- 4.08-4.50 Mid 50% UT Core Weighted GPA
 - TN | 4.00-4.50
 - OOS | 4.14-4.50



Academic profile	–
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAT middle 50%: 1480–1540• ACT middle 50%: 33–35• Average GPA: 3.94 out of 4.0• Percentile in class<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 79% in top 10%- 96% in top 20%• Public/private high school ratio: 53% / 47%	
Financial aid	+
Early decision	–
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications: 2,450• Enrolled: 471	

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The “List”: Balance in the Context of Radnor

The School Profile:

Classes of 2020-2024					Class of 2025		
Quintile	Mean WGPA	Mean UWGPA	Mean SAT	Mean ACT	Quintile	Mean WGPA	Mean UWGPA
I	4.21	3.96	1473	33	I	4.18	3.97
II	3.94	3.73	1367	30	II	3.96	3.79
III	3.68	3.54	1290	28	III	3.73	3.59
IV	3.31	3.17	1197	25	IV	3.37	3.29
V	2.49	2.43	1090	22	V	2.69	2.64
Overall	3.53	3.37	1305	28.6	Overall	3.6	3.47
Middle 50%	3.2 - 4.0	3.1 - 3.8	1190 - 1450	25 - 33	Middle 50%	3.23 - 4.02	3.18 - 3.84

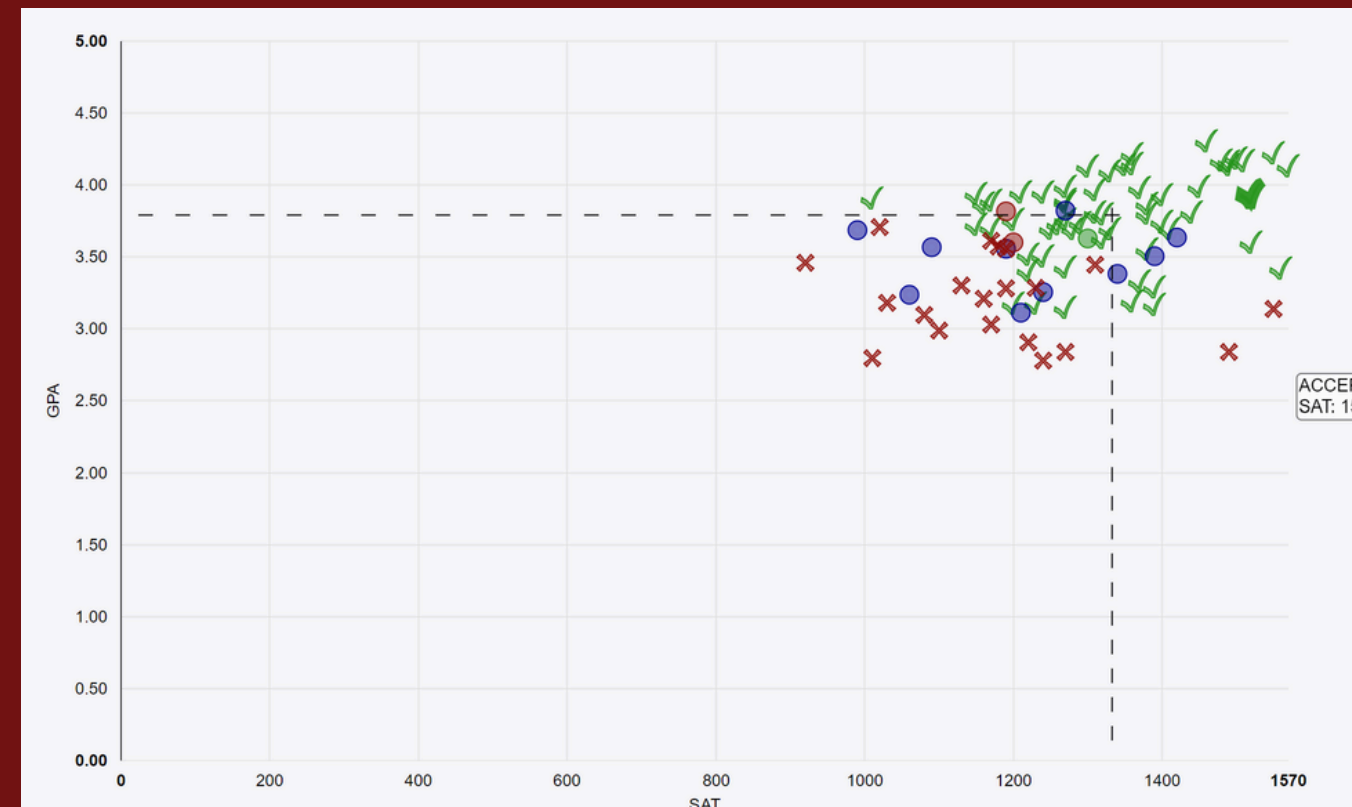
Honors/AP Distribution

In 9th grade, 60% of the class of 2025 took at least one Honors Courses
In 10th grade, 37% of the class of 2025 enrolled in at least one AP class
27% have taken 11+ Honors classes
23% of the class have taken 7+ APs

Ranking

Radnor High School does not report rank.

RHS Historical Data:



(University of South Carolina 2020-2024)

Application Types & Deadlines

Which College Admissions Process Best Suits Me?

Admission Plan	Do I have to submit my application early	Will I receive the admission decision early?	Is acceptance binding?	Can I apply to other schools at the same time?	Typical Application Deadline	Typical Deadline to Accept Admission Offer
<i>Early Action / Non-restrictive</i>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	November	May
<i>Early Action / Restrictive</i>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (but some limitations apply*)	November	May
<i>Early Decision I</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (but under Regular Decision only)	November	N/A (offer is considered automatically accepted)
<i>Early Decision II</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (but under Regular Decision only)	January	N/A (offer is considered automatically accepted)
<i>Rolling Admission</i>	Optional	N/A	No	Yes	May (or until freshman class slots are filled)	May (or until freshman class slots are filled)
<i>Regular Decision</i>	Optional	N/A	No	Yes	January / February	May

*Cannot apply to any other private, domestic college (whether for ED or EA). Check with the College's Admissions Office for details.

Application Platforms



Common Application
www.commonapp.org



Coalition Application
<https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>



School-Specific Application



Common Black Application
<https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>



State-Specific Application

Application Components

The screenshot displays the Common App web interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App' (highlighted with a green box), 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. On the left, a sidebar menu lists application components: 'Common App', 'Profile' (checked), 'Family' (checked), 'Education' (checked), 'Testing' (checked), 'Activities' (checked), 'Writing' (checked), and 'Courses & Grades' (checked, with a note '2 college(s) require'). The main content area is titled 'Profile' and features a blue header for 'Personal Information'. Below this, there is a text input field for 'Legal first/given name*' containing the name 'Michael'. At the bottom, a question asks 'Would you like to share a different first name that you go by?' with radio button options for 'Yes' and 'No' (selected).

- Profile: Personal Information, Demographics, Language, Common App Fee Waiver
- Family: Parent/Guardian Information
- Education: Radnor High School Information
Senior Year Course Information
Academic Honors
Application Year: Area of Interest
- Testing: (SAT, ACT, AP)
 - Self -Report Test Scores or Test Optional
 - Official scores must be sent by testing agency.
- Activities: Top 10!!!!
- Writing: Personal Essay , Additonal Information
- Courses and Grades (Common Application)
- Self Reported Academic Record (SRAR)

Dashboard
My Colleges
Common App
College Search
Financial Aid

My Colleges

Millersville University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Syracuse University

Temple University

University of Delaware

University of Michigan

University of Pittsburgh

University of Richmond

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommendations and FERPA

University of Richmond

admission@richmond.edu · Phone (800) 700-1662

142 UR Drive
Richmond, VA 23173
USA

Application deadlines

Fall 2025

Early Action · November 01, 2024
Early Decision · November 01, 2024
Regular Decision · January 01, 2025
Early Decision II · January 01, 2025

Links

College website
Admissions office
Financial aid
Virtual tour
College Navigator

Other deadline information

December 1- Richmond Scholars Program

The University's most prestigious academic awards, these scholarships are given to 25 incoming students and include full tuition plus room and board. All first-year admission applicants regardless of application plan (regular decision, early action, early decision) who apply to the University of Richmond by December 1 are considered automatically (no separate scholarship application is required).

Writing requirements

Common App personal essay

Required

College Questions

Additional Details

Writing Supplement

1 Required Question

Application information

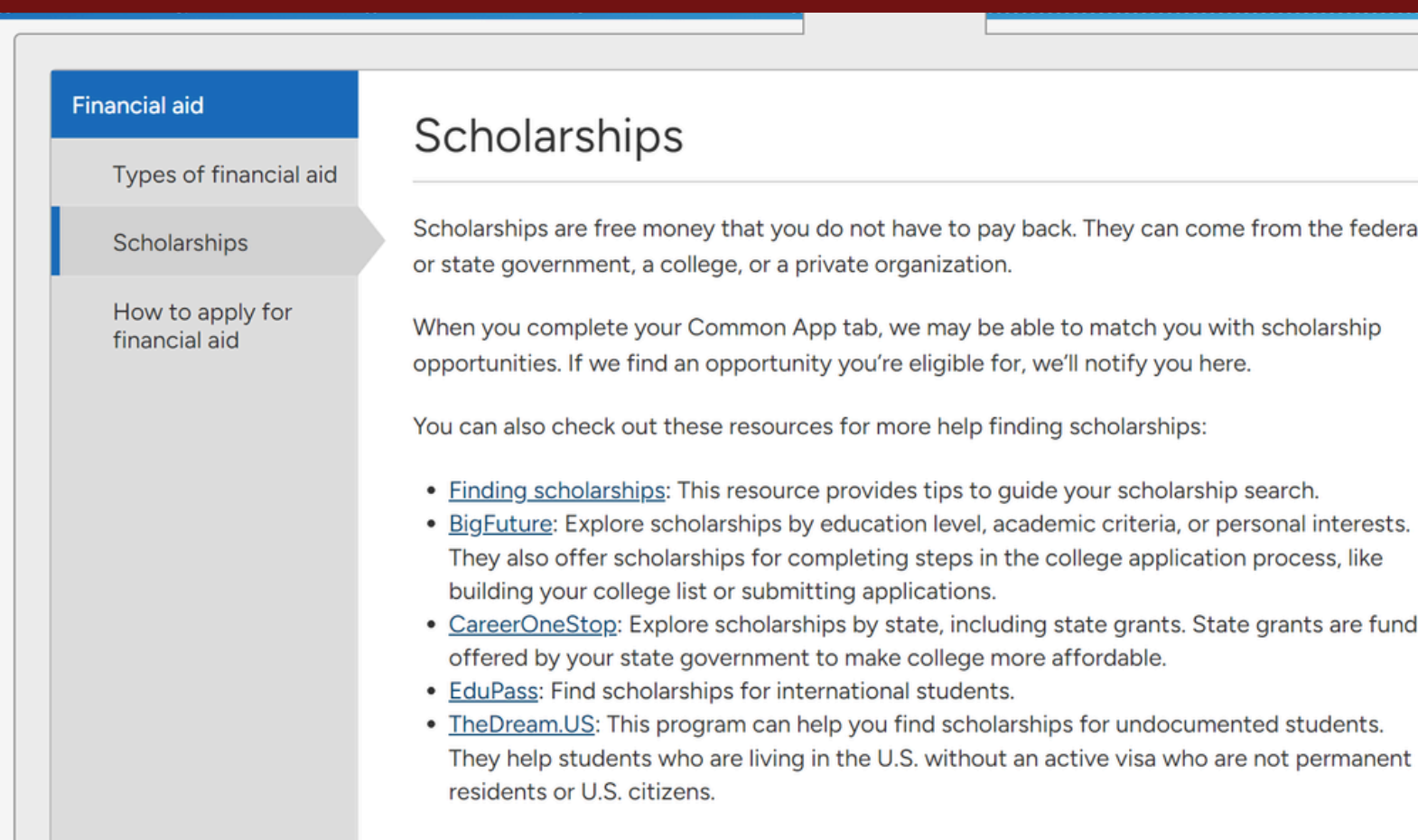
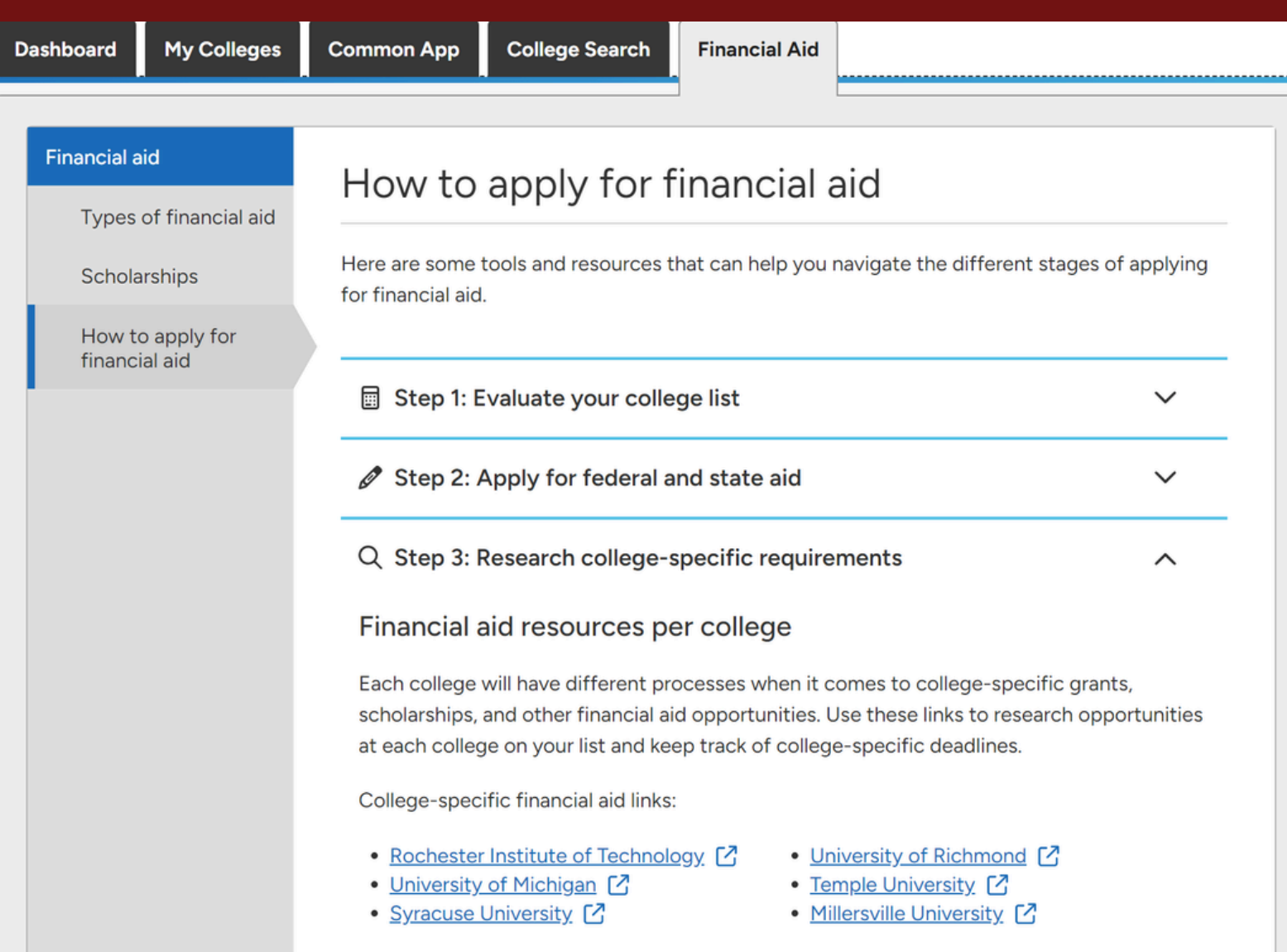
Application Fees:

First Year International Fee - \$50
First Year Domestic Fee - \$50

Standardized test policy:

Sometimes required
SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay
Test Policy Information

- College Specific Questions (Term, Housing, Financial Aid)
- Academic Major- Based on answer, additional questions may be asked
- Supplemental Essay Question(s)
- Resume: within the application or college portal
- Interview with colleges
- Program Specific Requirements
 - Digital Portfolio: Slide Room App, College Portal
 - Visual Art, Performance, Music, Architecture
 - Be mindful of deadline dates for portfolio submissions
 - Auditions and Interview
- Pay Application Fee: Fee waivers are available for families with need. See your counselor for more details
- SUBMIT!!!!
- Check your personal email associated with your application for any next steps...



Financial Aid & Scholarships

At this time.....

- Net Price Calculator

In the near future....

- CSS Profile: Oct 1, 2024
- FAFSA: December 2024
- Institutional Forms: School Specific

Always....

- Stay informed: research institutional financial aid requirements and deadlines for each school.

Ongoing.....

- College Specific Scholarships
- Updated Scholarship List on Naviance
- Announcements via Schoology
- Radnor High School Scholarship Fund: Spring 25'

Dashboard My Colleges Common Release Authorization

My Colleges

University of Connecticut

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

FERPA Form

☒ I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*

Please select one: *

☐ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☐ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.***

Signature *

Date *

FERPA Authorization

- Permission to release records and recommendations to post secondary institutions
- Students waive right to review all recommendations and supporting documents

Recommendations

Counselor Recommendation

- Students must complete their Questionnaire on Naviance first! Parents survey too! Holistic letter.

Teacher Recommendation (Evaluation)

- Focus on student strengths, growth, contributions

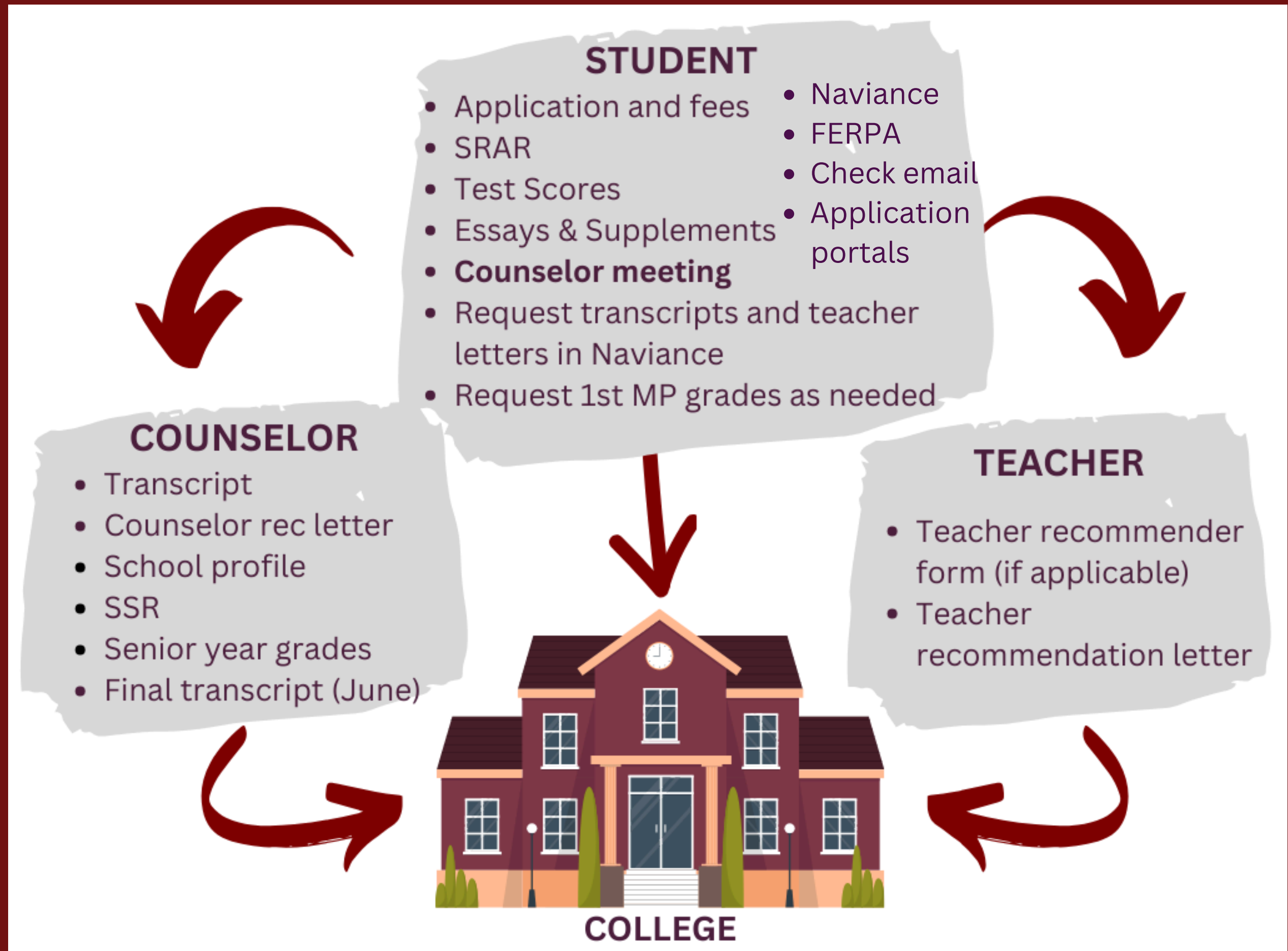
Other Evaluation

- Students should only request additional recommenders beyond the requirement by each college if that person provides a meaningful/ different perspective from your counselor and teachers

Recommendations:

- School Report Required
- Counselor Recommendation Required
- Mid Year Report Required
- Final Report Required
- Teacher Evaluation(s): 0 Required, 2 Optional
- Other Evaluation(s): 0 Required, 1 Optional

Responsibilities





College Application Instructions

Naviance

Colleges I'm Applying To

- If you are using the Common Application, you must match your Common App account with your Naviance account by clicking the "match accounts" button
- Be sure to add all the colleges where you plan to apply
 - Make sure you indicate **how** and **when** (EA, ED, Rolling, etc.) you plan to apply

Teacher Recommendations

- Check in with the teacher(s) you have asked for a recommendation and ensure they know your EARLIEST deadline
- Request your teacher recommendation letters in Naviance under **Colleges --> Recommendation Letters --> Add Request --> Choose your teacher from the drop-down menu --> Indicate which schools they should send a letter to --> Select Submit**
- Do NOT request any recommendation from Radnor teachers on Common App - request via Naviance only

Counselor Appointments

No school documentation will be sent without an individual meeting with your counselor. Students will schedule application meetings with their College & Career Counselor starting in September.

Mrs. McGavin-Wiedlich
(A - Ge)

Mrs. Pace
(Gi - Mo)

Mrs. Gough
(Mu - Z)

For **Early Applications** (rolling admissions or Oct/Nov deadlines), schedule your appointment by October 1st.

For **Regular Decision** (Dec/Jan/Feb deadlines), make your appointment prior to November 15th.

Common App

- Create a Common Application account at www.commonapp.org.
- Add Colleges under **My Colleges** and begin to

To Do: Starting Now

- Work on college applications / Common App
 - Submit when ready!
- Complete FERPA Waiver
- Match Common App and Naviance
- Update colleges in Common App/Naviance
- Check in with teacher recommenders and request recommendations in Naviance
- Finalize senior year schedule

Naviance- Application List & Matching

Naviance Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner About me

Colleges I'm Applying To

Search for Colleges

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones +

+ Request Transcripts

✦ = extended profile available

College	App Type ⁱ	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission Type	Application
University of California-Davis	Regular Decision	Nov 30	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted		Unknown ^v ^p EDIT More
Georgetown University	Early Action	Nov 1	N/A	No request	Pending		Unknown ^v ^p EDIT More
[✦] Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus	Early Action - Fall 2024	Nov 1	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted		Unknown ^v ^p EDIT More
[✦] Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Early Action	Nov 1	N/A	No request	Initial materials submitted		Unknown ^v ^p EDIT More
[✦] Temple University	Early Action - Fall 2024	Nov 1	N/A	No request	Pending		Unknown ^v ^p EDIT More

Rutgers University-New Brunswick (NJ)

Have you submitted your application?

☐ I've submitted my application

Division

N/A

I'll submit my application

☐ Via Common App

☒ Direct to the institution

Are you planning to submit your SAT or ACT scores to be considered during the admission review process? ⁱ

Choose an option

College Deadline

11/01/2023

App Type ⁱ

Early Action

Result

Unknown

☐ Waitlisted

☐ Deferred

Interest

N/A

Format

N/A

Transcript Request


















 Manage Transcripts

 Application Milestones



 Request Transcripts

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Teacher Letters of Recommendation Request

Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner About me

Search Colleges

Colleges I'm Thinking About

College Visits

College Resources

Acceptance History

Attachment Programs

College Maps


Apply to College

Colleges I'm Applying To

Manage Transcripts

Letters of Recommendation

Test Scores



HOME College

Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. If you don't have any colleges in your list yet, you may still make a request. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

[Cancel](#) [Submit Request](#)

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*

Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

☐ All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list ⓘ
*Select only if you have no preference for which teachers will meet the recommendation requirements for each college

☒ Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

<input type="checkbox"/> Select All	Colleges ^	Due ^
<input type="checkbox"/>	James Madison University -- required / -- allowed / 0 requested	Jan 15 2020
<input type="checkbox"/>	Liberty University -- required / -- allowed / 0 requested	Dec 31 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Virginia 1 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Nov 01 2019

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

To Do: Individual Timeline

- **Schedule meeting with college counselor**
 - Rolling/Nov 1 deadlines- create appointment by Oct 1
 - Nov 15 deadlines- create appointment by Oct 15
 - Regular decision
- Request transcripts and teacher letters at least 10 days ahead of deadlines
- Submit applications, essays, fees, test scores, SRAR, etc. when YOU are ready

Communication and Follow Up are KEY!

- Monitor email associated with your college applications
 - Applicant portals
- Monitor your Schoology messages for communications from counselors
- Be proactive with questions
- Communicate with your counselor if your plans change
- Thank and keep teachers updated. Don't forget us too!

Students

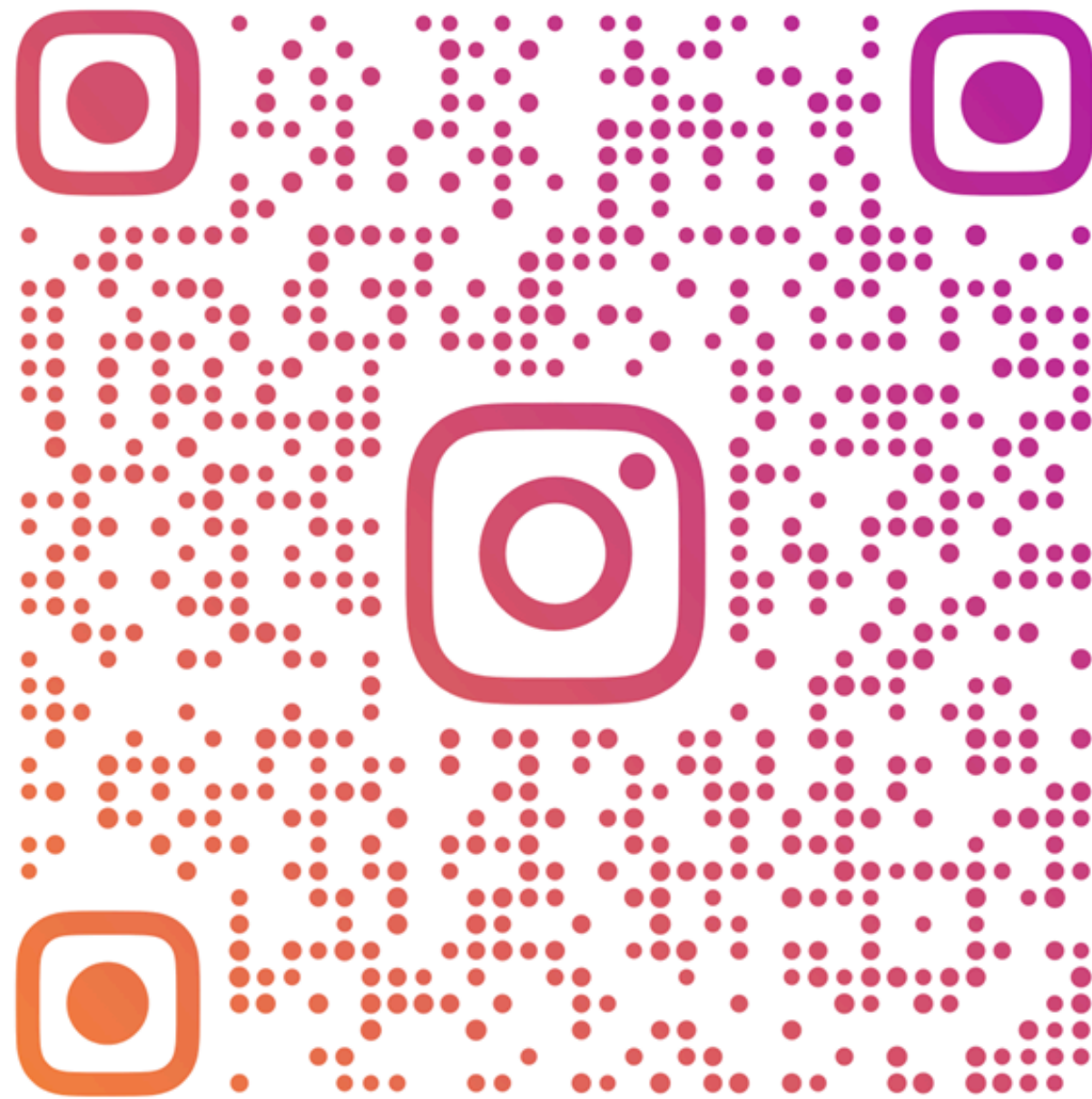
- Friday Drop-in Days in the library
- RHS College Visits- check Naviance and get teacher permission
- Essay Support- “College Essay Guy” Resources and Writing Center
- Lunch & Learn Fall Workshop Series
 - Sept 12th- Learn 1- Common App
- College, Career & Trades Fair
 - December 12th during L&L
- Schoology- Counseling Dept Class of 2025 Group

Parent/Guardian

- Counselor Chat- second Tuesday of the month @ 8:45 AM via Zoom
- Radnor Reader

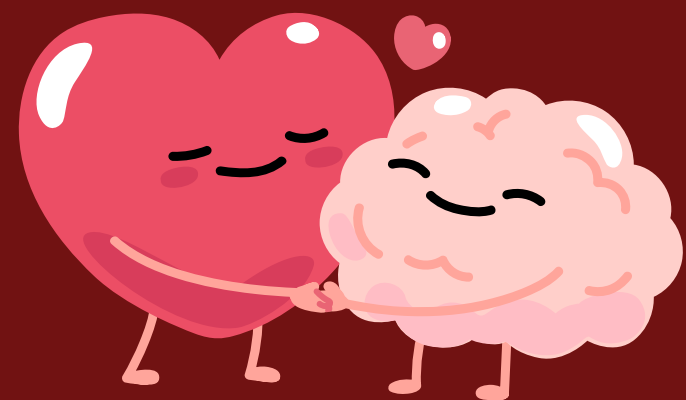
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- Financial Aid programs- Save the Date!
 - FAFSA Overview- October 24 @ 6:30 PM
 - FAFSA Completion- December 5- Two evening sessions. Registration required.
 - Counselors are on Instagram- Follow Us!



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Final Thoughts

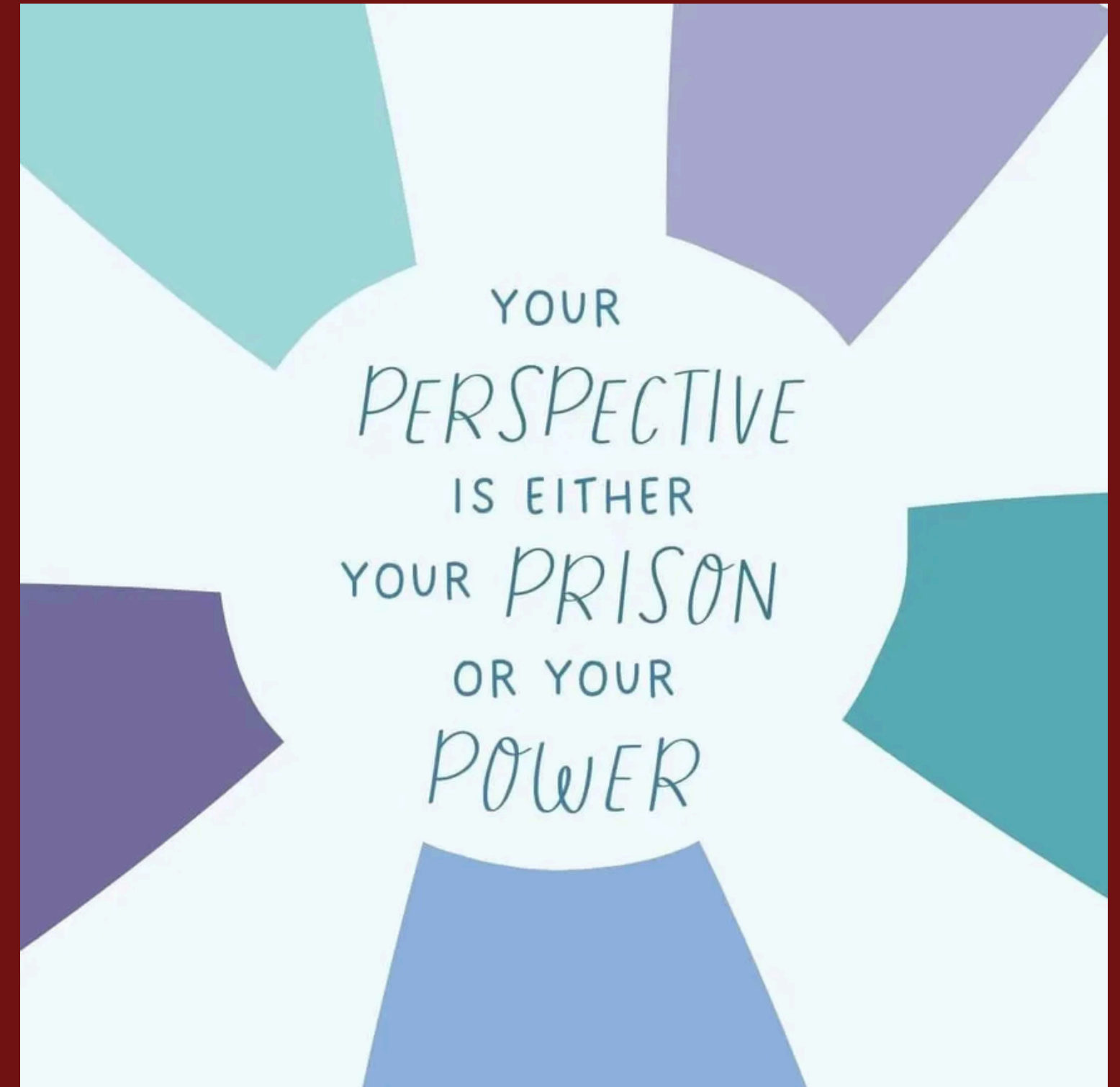


- Stay organized
- Plan ahead
- Ask for help
- Prioritize your mental and physical health
- Be honest with yourself and others
- Create a family plan





Final Thoughts



Questions?

Please complete our survey to help shape future programming



