

**RHS COUNSELING
DEPARTMENT PRESENTS**

Senior College Application Night

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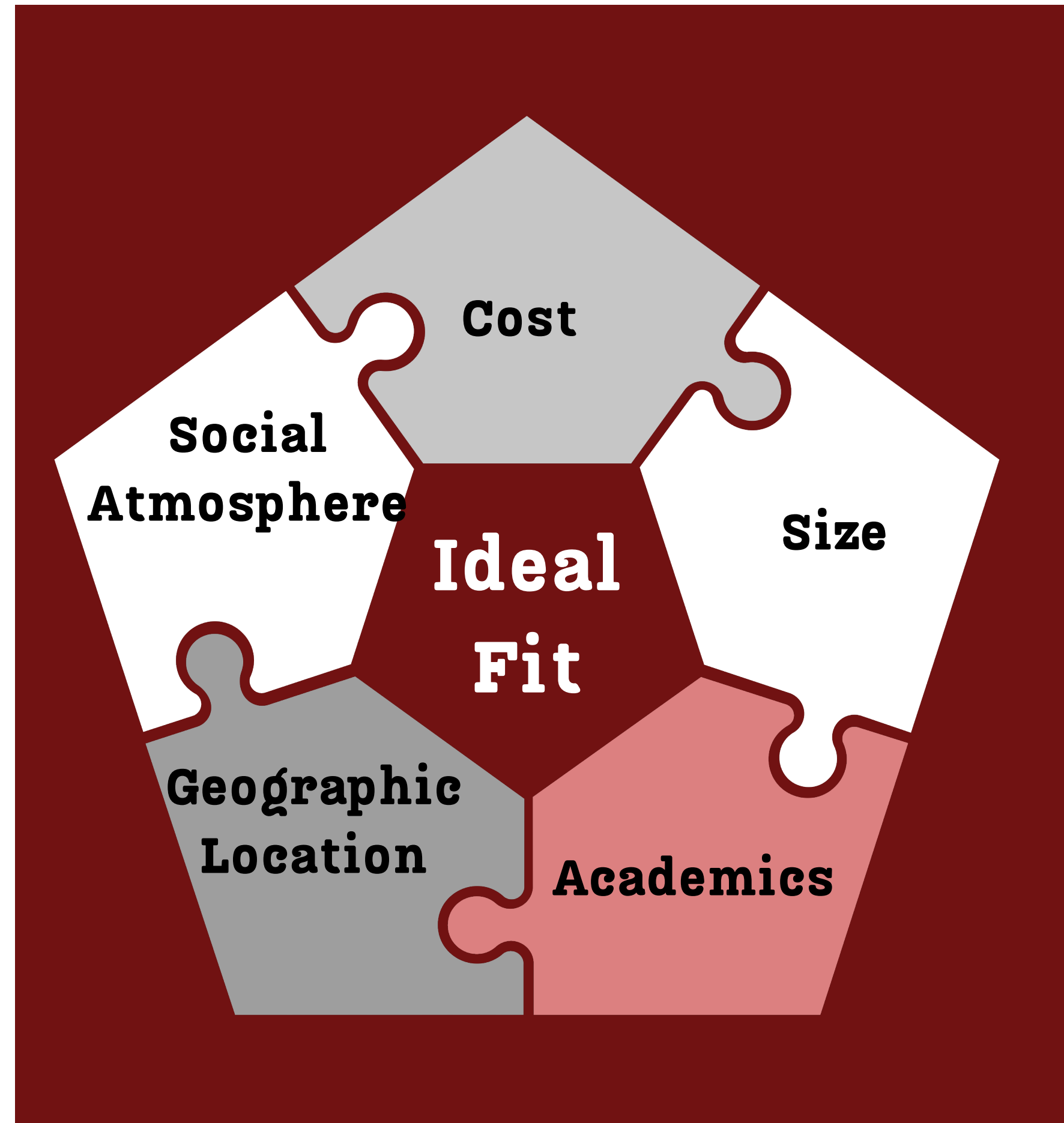
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Agenda

- Fit and a Balanced List
- The Application
- Scoir & Document Submission
- Supports for Students & Parents
- Final Thoughts

Finding the Right Fit

- Campus Visits
 - Student-Led Tours
 - Information Sessions
 - Fall Preview Days
- Virtual Information Sessions & Tours
- Electronic Communications
- Social Media
- Personal Connections



Building a Balanced List



Likely Schools

Likely schools are institutions where you are confident of gaining admission. These should be part of your list to ensure you have options when decisions come in. **Be sure you LIKE your likelies!**



Target Schools

Target schools are those where your academic profile aligns well with the average admitted student. These colleges are realistic choices that match your qualifications.



Reach Schools

Reach schools are institutions that may be more competitive, where acceptance is less certain. Your academic profile falls below the middle 50% of admitted students.



High Reach/Unlikely

High reach schools are insitutions where your academic data is an outlier when looking at the accepted student profile **OR** an institution with an acceptance rate less than 10%.

A Balanced List = Choice

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High Reaches

Y

Reaches

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Target

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Likely



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High Reaches

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Reaches

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Target

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Likely

The “List:”

Balance in the Context of the Institution

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences

SAT Score	1280-1440
Reading & Writing	640-720
Math	620-730
ACT Composite	29-33
Weighted GPA	3.78-4.37
Test Optional	58.3%

Swanson School of Engineering

SAT Score	1320-1470
Reading & Writing	650-730
Math	670-750
ACT Composite	30-34
Weighted GPA	3.94-4.50
Test Optional	38%



The “List:”

Balance in the Context of Radnor

Classes of 2021-2025				
Quintile	Mean WGPA	Mean UWGPA	Mean SAT	Mean ACT
I	4.21	3.98	1473	32
II	3.96	3.78	1370	30
III	3.72	3.58	1294	29
IV	3.39	3.28	1197	26
V	2.61	2.56	1104	22
Overall	3.58	3.44	1307	28.8
Middle 50%	3.3 - 4.0	3.2 - 3.8	1190 - 1450	25 - 33

Class of 2026		
Quintile	Mean WGPA	Mean UWGPA
I	4.18	3.97
II	3.96	3.79
III	3.73	3.59
IV	3.37	3.29
V	2.69	2.64
Overall	3.6	3.47
Middle 50%	3.23 - 4.02	3.18 - 3.84

Honors/AP Distribution

In 9th grade, 72% of the class of 2026 took at least one Honors Courses

In 10th grade, 38% of the class of 2026 enrolled in at least one AP class

By 12th grade, 25% have taken 11+ Honors classes and 11% of the class have taken 10+ APs

Ranking

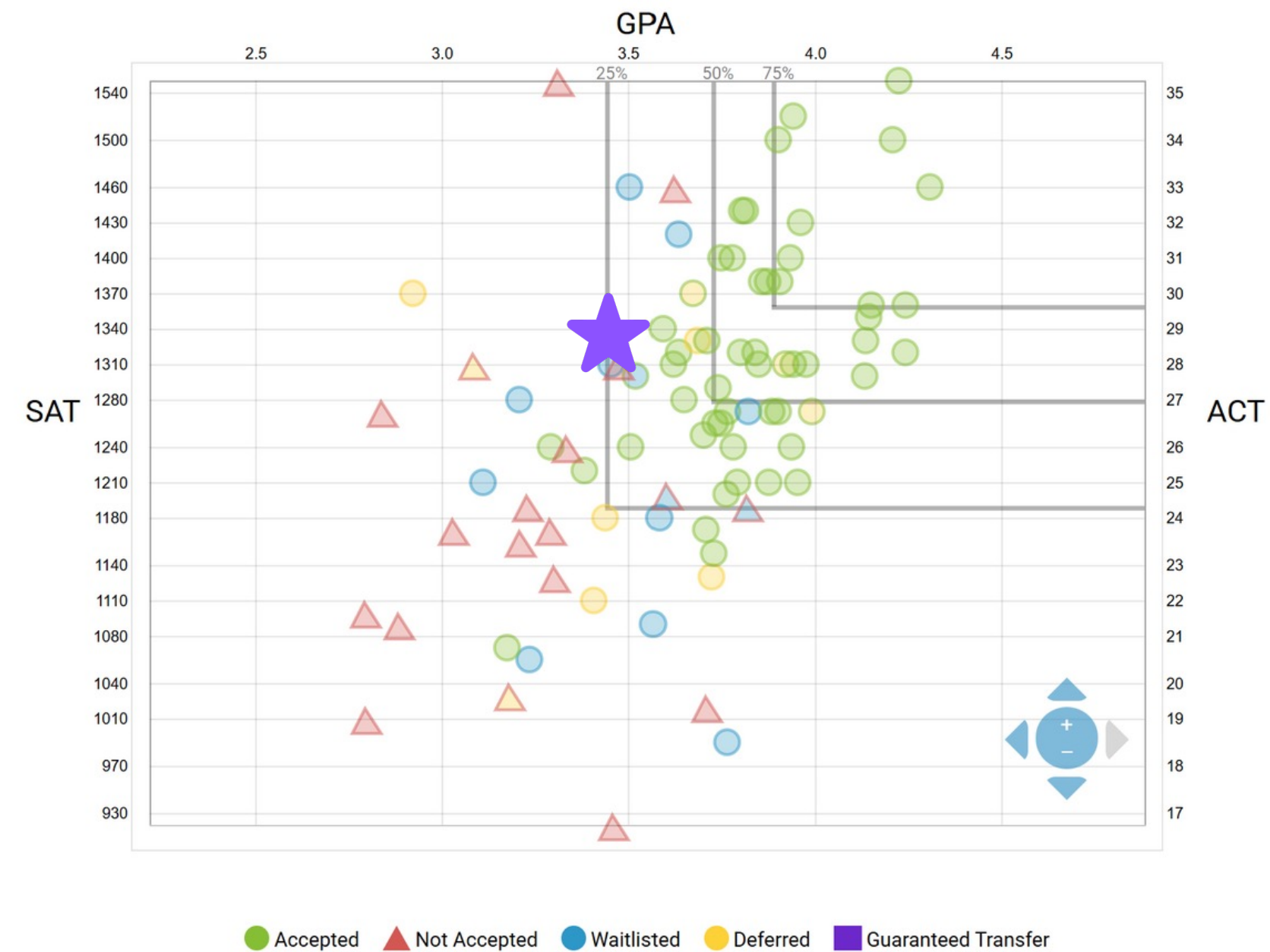
Radnor High School does not report rank.

School Profile:



The “List:”

Balance in the Context of RHS Histogram Data (Scoir)



University of South Carolina (2021-2025)

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST *SUITS YOU?*

Regular Decision	Rolling Admission	Early Action (EA)	Early Decision (ED)	Restrictive Early Action (REA)
DEFINITION: Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.	DEFINITION: Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.	DEFINITION: Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.	DEFINITION: Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.	DEFINITION: Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.
COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	COMMITMENT: BINDING	COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING
Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.			Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.	

Application Types & Timelines

Pick the plan that is right for you!

Application Platforms



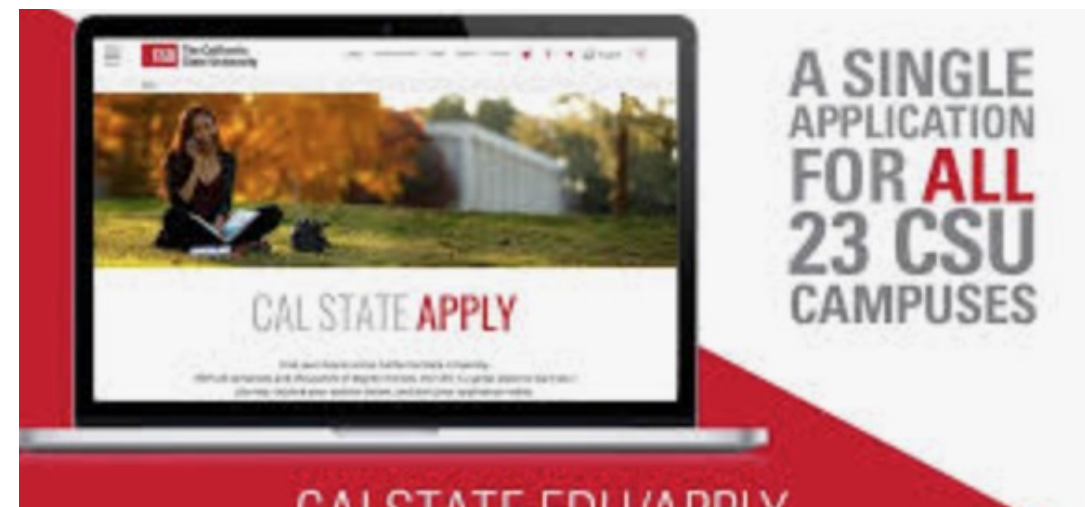
Common Application
www.commonapp.org



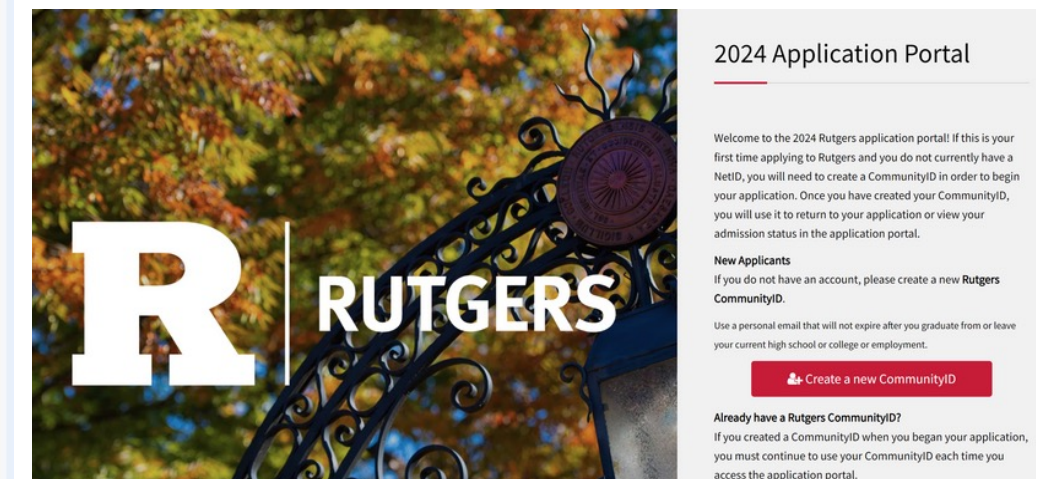
Coalition Application by Scoir
www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org



Common Black Application
www.commonblackcollegeapp.com



State-Specific Application



School-Specific Application

Parts of the Application

The Application (Common App, Coalition, School-specific, etc.)

Application Fee

Fee waivers are available, if needed - see your counselor!

Academic Record

- Official Transcript- sent by counselors
- Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record (STARS)- completed and sent by student
- Courses & Grades- completed by student

Test Scores (if applicable)

Supplements (if applicable)

- Essays
- Portfolios
- Auditions
- Interviews

Supporting Documents & FERPA

Who does what?

Parents

- Parent Reflection
- FAFSA/Fin Aid Docs
- ED Parent Signature
- Support

Teacher

- Write and upload letter of recommendation to Scoir by communicated deadline

Student

- **SCHEDULE COUNSELOR MEETING!**
- Application and fees
- Supplements
- Test scores
- STARS record
- JQ & Teacher Rec Letter Request
- Updated Application List
- Ongoing communication

Counselor

- Create “counselor bundle”
 - Transcript, SSR, School Profile, Senior grades
- Counselor Recommendation
- Assign completed teacher rec to colleges
- Submit school documents via Scoir



So...how do I get my stuff sent?

Student initiates meeting with their college counselor.

Students can use Bookings link on Schoology OR stop by the Counseling Department to book a meeting during a free period.

Rolling or Early Application Deadlines:
Schedule your senior meeting by
October 1st.

*Note that the meeting may happen after October 1st, but it needs to be on the books.

Regular Decision Deadlines:
(January/February)
Schedule your senior meeting by
November 15th.

IMPORTANT: The senior meeting is how counselors know what documents need to be sent where and by when, and must occur before school documents can be submitted to colleges.

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app



Create and Begin Common

Create a Common App account using your personal email. In the **Education section**, search and select Radnor as your high school (must be done before you can connect your CA and Scoir accounts).

The screenshot shows the Common App interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation icons and a list of sections: Profile, Family, Education, Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School (highlighted), Other Secondary/High Schools, Colleges & Universities, Grades, Current or Most Recent Year Courses, Honors, and Community-Based. The main content area is titled 'My Common Application | Education' and 'Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School'. A yellow banner at the top states: 'This is a practice account. It cannot submit applications to colleges. If you'd like to change your account type, please review our [practice account FAQ](#) for more information.' Below the title, there is a 'Complete' status indicator and a red error message: 'Current or most recent secondary/high school *'. A red circle highlights the 'Find school' button and the error message. Below the error message is a date input field for 'Date of entry*' with the value 'September 2021' and a calendar icon. A note below the date field says 'Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)'. Further down is a question 'Is this a boarding school?*' with radio button options for 'Yes' and 'No' (selected). A 'Clear answer' button is at the bottom.

common app

My Common Application

- Profile
- Family
- Education
- Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School**
- Other Secondary/High Schools
- Colleges & Universities
- Grades
- Current or Most Recent Year Courses
- Honors
- Community-Based

My Common Application | Education

Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School

Complete

Current or most recent secondary/high school *

Find school

Please complete this required question.

Date of entry*

September 2021

Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)

Is this a boarding school?*

☐ Yes

☒ No

Clear answer

Preview

Build Your List in Common

App

Complete Common App FERPA Release Authorization ONCE

****We recommend you WAIVE your right to see recommendations.****

My Colleges | Drexel University | Application

General

In progress

The questions on this page are being asked by Drexel University

Student status*

Full-Time

Preferred start term*

Fall (September, 2026)

Preferred admission plan*

- Choose an option -

Regular Decision

Early Decision

Early Action

Yes, I plan to submit scores and want Dre

Do you intend to use one of these school-specific fee

My Colleges | Drexel University | Application

Recommenders and FERPA

In progress

Recommenders are people who will submit forms to colleges on your behalf. This page shows which recommender types this college needs. Each college will have different requirements.

FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

[Complete Release Authorization](#)

[Continue](#)

- Add Colleges to “My Colleges”
- For each college, complete
 - Preferred Start Term
 - Preferred Admission Plan

****This is how Scoir syncs deadlines****

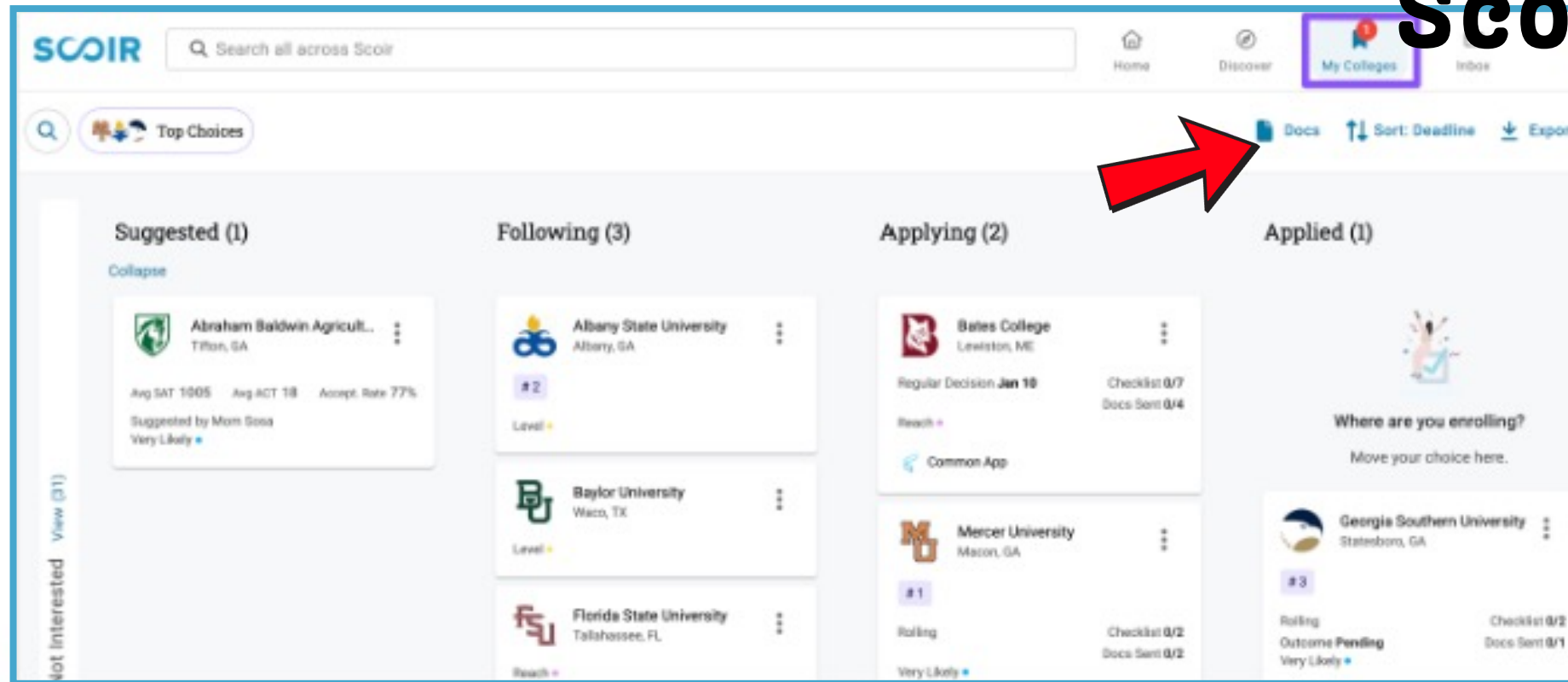
Connect Scoir and Common App

In Scoir, navigate to your profile and click “Connect Common App.”

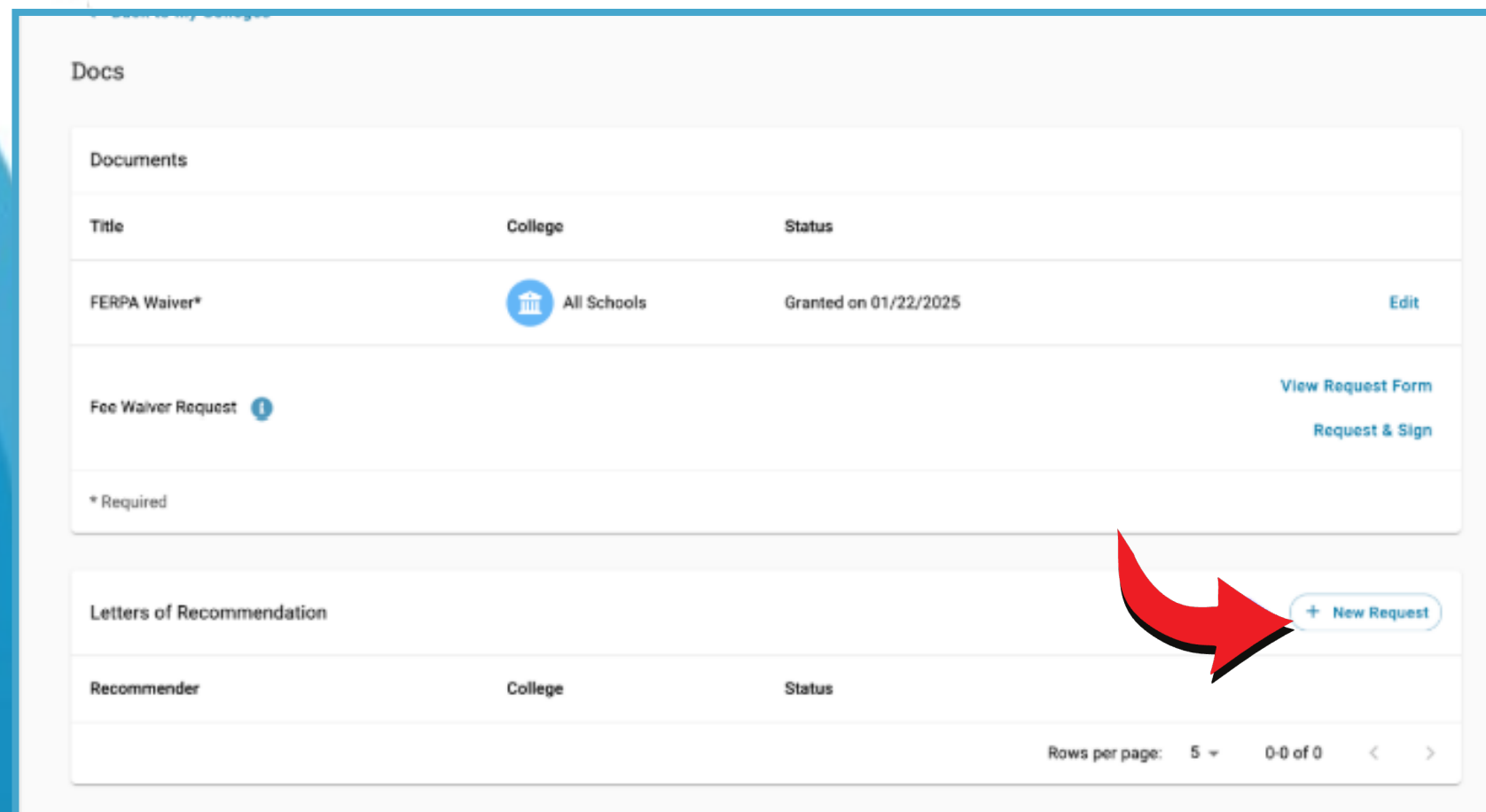
****From the same page, you can also sign your Scoir FERPA Release and Waiver****

The screenshot displays the Scoir user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Scoir logo, a search bar, and links for Home, Discover, My Colleges (with 5 notifications), and Inbox (with 30 notifications). A user profile dropdown shows 'J Me' and an 'Apply with Scoir' button. The main content area is the user profile for Travis Swift (He/Him), born October 5, 1989. The profile includes personal details (Legal Sex: Male, Gender: Male, Race: White, Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizenship: Not specified) and a 'Parents' section listing Don Kelce and Ed Kelce. A red arrow points from the 'Parents' section to a dropdown menu for Travis Swift, which contains options: View Profile, Visits & Deadlines, Surveys, Compare Colleges, and Log Out. Another red arrow points from the bottom of the profile to a 'Connect Common App' button, which is currently 'Not Connected'. The bottom right corner features a notification icon with the number 7.

Request Teacher Recommenders in Scoir



- Go to **My Colleges** in your Scoir student account and click **Docs**.
- Under **Letters of Recommendation**, click **+ New Request**.
- In the request form, begin typing in the last name of the teacher and choose from the dropdown.
- Lastly, add a short message, then click **Submit**.



Note: Students will receive an email from Scoir once their teacher uploads their letter. **Please forward this message to your college counselor so we can assign and send the letter.**



Create

Common App



Add

Colleges to your Common
App



Connect

Scoir & Common App



Request

Teacher Recs in Scoir

Create your account and fill out your application	Connect your Common App Account and complete Scoir FERPA Release and Waiver	
In Common App, you will:		In Scoir, you will:
Add your college(s), select your preferred start term and admission plan (EA, ED, RD, etc)		Monitor your synced Common App college list in My Colleges
Complete the FERPA Release Authorization		Request Teacher Recommendation(s)
Request a Fee Waiver or complete Early Decision Agreements (if applicable)		Manually add colleges you're applying to using different methods (non-Common App)
Submit your applications-- then CELEBRATE!		Update decision outcomes once you hear back

What can I do now?

- Finalize senior year schedule
- Work on college applications AND identify application deadlines
- Complete FERPA in Common App and SCOIR
- Request teacher letters in Scoir AT LEAST two weeks ahead of deadlines
- Submit applications, essays, fees, test scores, STARS, etc. when YOU are ready
- **Schedule meeting with college counselor**

**Rolling through Nov 1 Deadline:
Create Appointment by Oct 1st**

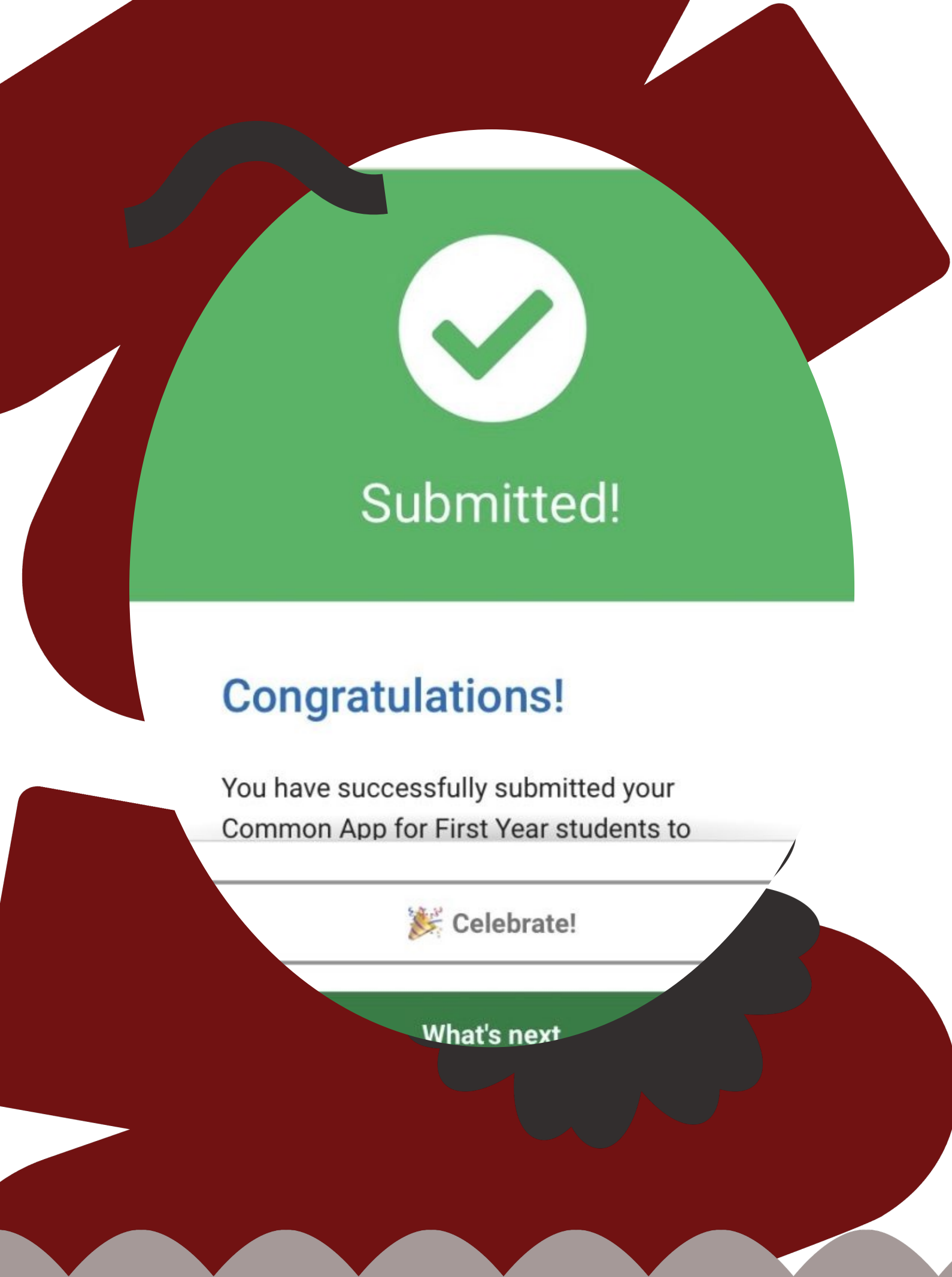
**Regular Deadline & Beyond:
Create Appointment by Nov 15th**



What should I do after I submit?

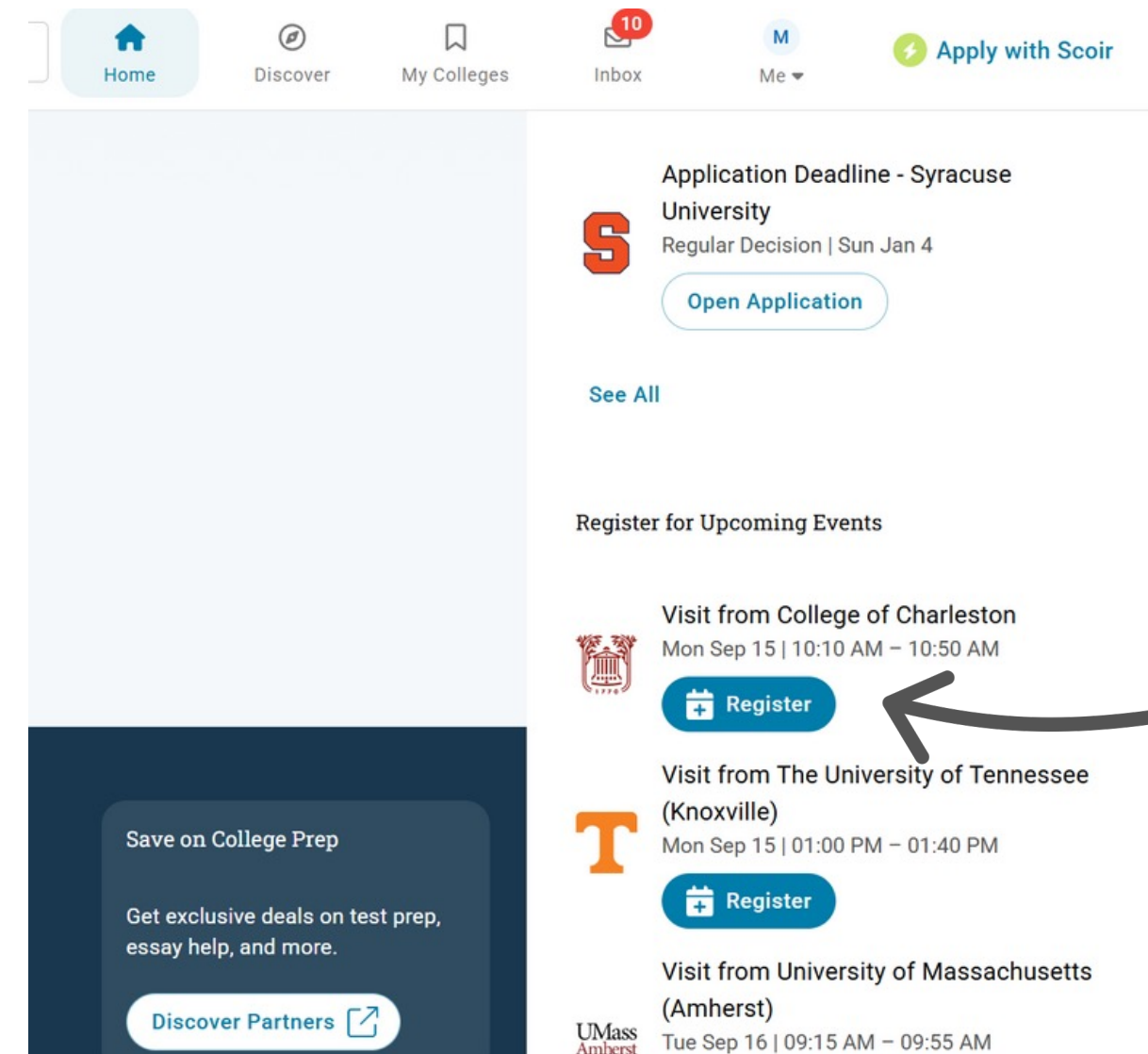
You're not done yet!

- Monitor Schoology messages for communication from your counselor
- Check your email!
- Set up application portals and confirm applications are complete
- Communicate with your counselor if your plans/list changes
- Update Scoir with any admissions decisions as they come in (Accept, Deny, Defer, Conditional Accept, etc.)
- Thank your recommenders and keep them updated. Don't forget about us, too!



College Visits

Beginning September 15th. Student MUST register in Scoir. Teacher permission is required if you are missing class.



College Information Nights @ RHS

See Instagram for registration information.

UChicago Philadelphia Info Session

Wednesday, September 24th at 7 PM

Flagship Fix: University of Florida, University of Illinois, University of Vermont, University of Alabama, University of Wisconsin

Thursday, September 25th at 6 PM

College Fairs during Lunch & Learn

No registration needed!

- October 8th - Mini-fair (20 confirmed colleges so far!)
- November 5th - Mini-fair
- December 11th - College, Career & Trades Fair
 - Instant Decision Day to follow

Application Support for Students

- Friday Drop-In Days in the Library
- Lunch & Learn Workshops: watch Schoology for updates!
- Essay Support:
 - College Essay Guy Boot Camp
 - Writing Center
 - ELP

Parent Programming & Communication

- Counselor Chat: Second Tuesday of each month @ 8:45 AM via Zoom
- FAFSA Completion Night: October 23rd at 5 PM
 - Details & registration info to come!
- School Messengers
- Radnor Reader - Counselor Corner!

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



