“College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won.”

- Frank Sachs

COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT FALL 2024

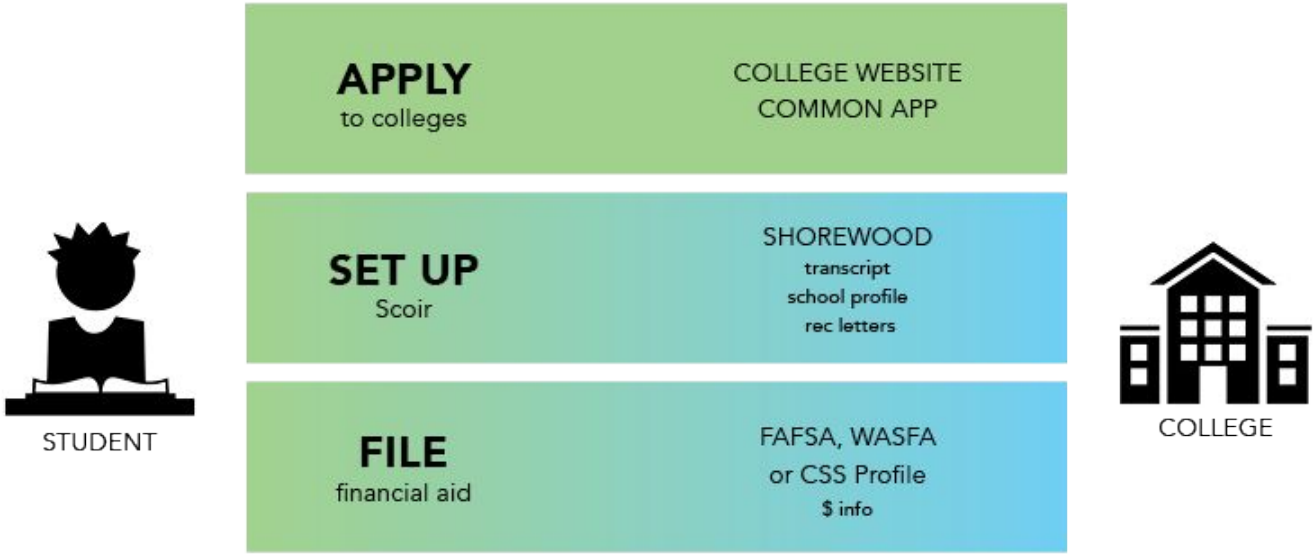
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SHOREWOOD COLLEGE & CAREER/ COLLEGE APPLICATION RESOURCES

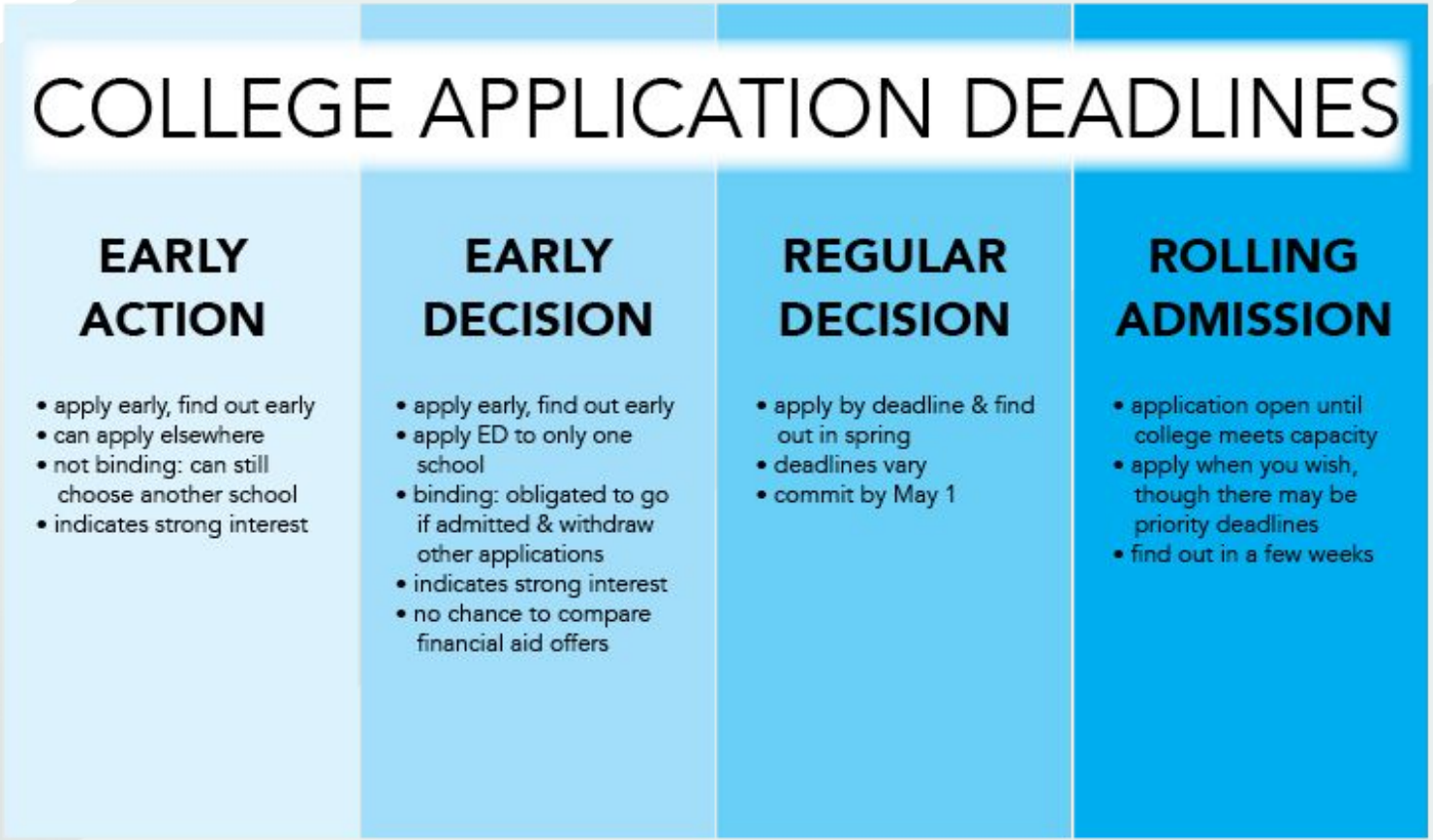
- College Applications page of Shorewood College & Career website

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS = 3 OR 4 PARALLEL PROCESSES



Each college does it a bit differently & has their own requirements.

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES



EARLY ACTION

- apply early, find out early
- can apply elsewhere
- not binding: can still choose another school
- indicates strong interest

EARLY DECISION

- apply early, find out early
- apply ED to only one school
- binding: obligated to go if admitted & withdraw other applications
- indicates strong interest
- no chance to compare financial aid offers

REGULAR DECISION

- apply by deadline & find out in spring
- deadlines vary
- commit by May 1

ROLLING ADMISSION

- application open until college meets capacity
- apply when you wish, though there may be priority deadlines
- find out in a few weeks

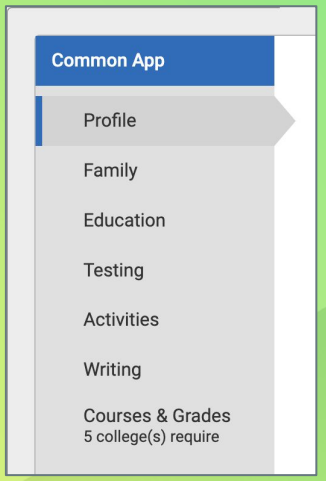
Other types: Restrictive Early Action, Priority, and more

Read the fine print

Considering ED? Look at ED & RD Acceptance Rates

COMMON APP

- *Most* of our students applying to 4-year colleges will use
- 1000+ colleges use, including all WA 4-year public institutions
- Allow lots of time to complete; use the slideshow from our sessions
- Parents, if you would like to assist, look on when your student does the Family section



Each of these sections has several subsections, plus each college has their own sometimes-lengthy section

KNOW THE FINE PRINT FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

From the Common App Affirmation Statements; other platforms are similar

- I certify that all information submitted in the admission process — including this application and any other supporting materials — is my own work, factually true, and honestly presented, and that these documents will become the property of the institution to which I am applying and will not be returned to me. I understand that I may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions, including admission revocation, expulsion, or revocation of course credit, grades, and degree should the information I have certified be false.

The application must be **the student's** own work

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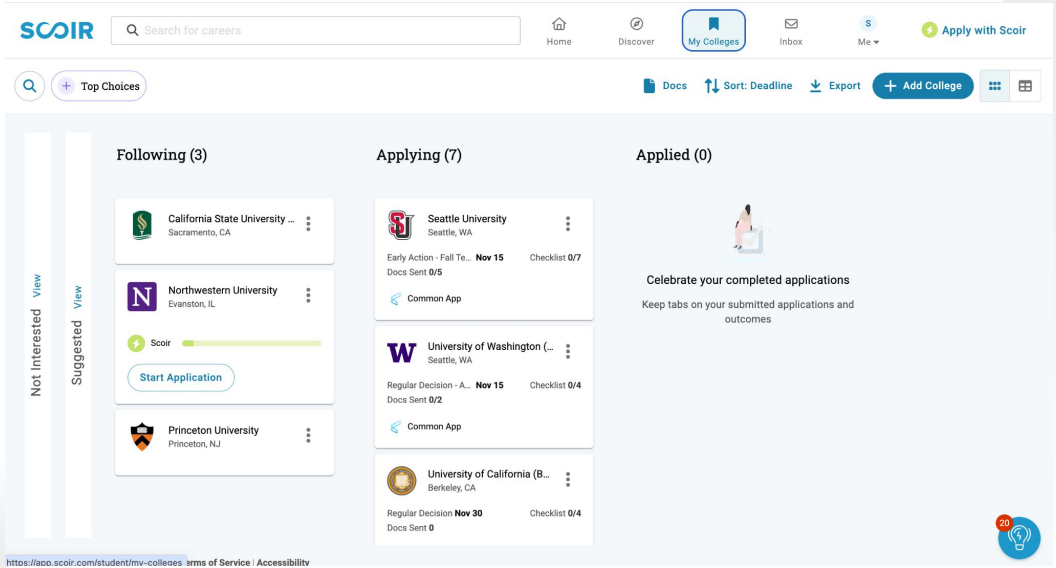
From the Common App Affirmation Statements.

- I acknowledge that I have reviewed the application instructions for the college receiving this application. I understand that all offers of admission are conditional, pending receipt of final transcripts showing work comparable in quality to that upon which the offer was based, as well as honorable dismissal from the school.
- I affirm that I will send an enrollment deposit (or equivalent) to only one institution; sending multiple deposits (or equivalent) may result in the withdrawal of my admission offers from all institutions. [Note: students may send an enrollment deposit (or equivalent) to a second institution where they have been admitted from the waitlist, provided that they inform the first institution that they will no longer be enrolling.]

Keep your grades up all school year!

Deposit at ***only one*** college

SCOIR



It's how we know:

- **Where** you are applying
- **What** you will need
- **When** you need it

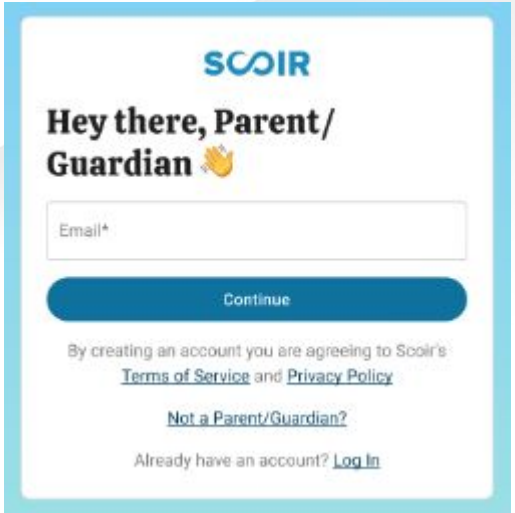
Plus, it is ***how*** we send your materials

You create the channels for us to send electronic documents

- *Colleges will not mention Scoir; high schools use a variety of platforms to manage applications.*
- *In most cases, Scoir is not the student's application to the college.*

PARENT/ GUARDIAN ROLES ON SCOIR

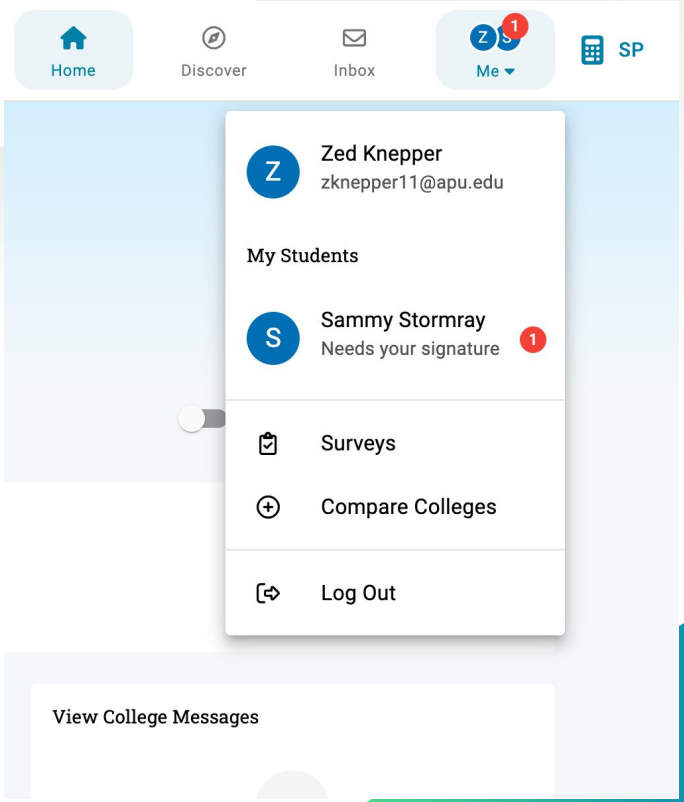
- Invitations sent in September to your email. We will continue to send on Mondays
- Create an account; it should already be linked with your student
- If student is under 18, complete the FERPA (details on next slide)
- Parent/ guardian can: suggest colleges & oversee progress
- If student is applying Early Decision, approve via an online form



Scoir Guide: Getting Started as a Parent/ Guardian

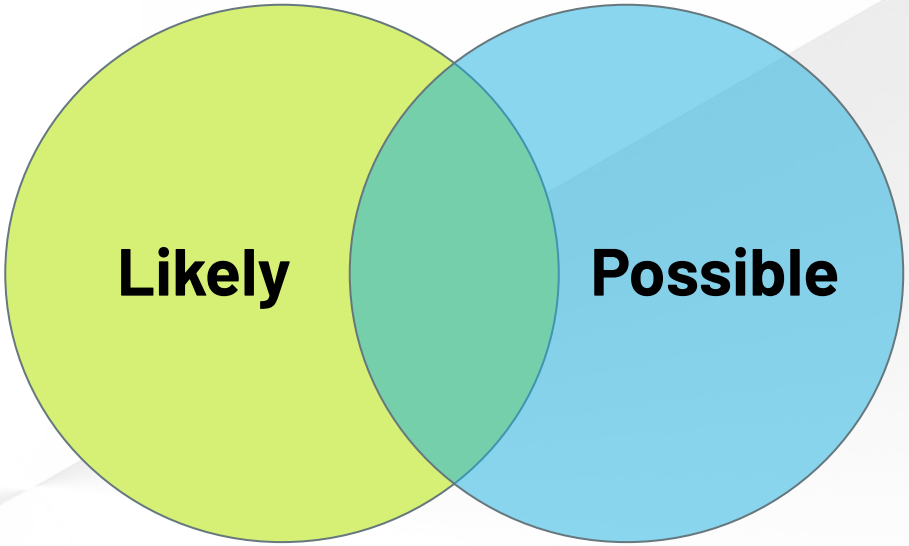
NOTE ABOUT FERPA RELEASE/ WAIVER

- Find in parent **SCOIR** account > *Me* > *View Profile*
- **RELEASE**: Gives us permission to send your materials. Parent must sign if student is under 18.
- **WAIVER**: Waives the right to see any letters/ materials sent on your behalf. Student may sign.
- FERPA Release/ Waiver also in Common App & other platforms.



COLLEGE LIST FAQs

- How many schools?
  - It depends
- Criteria for schools?
  - Personal Fit
  - Financial Fit
  - Academic Fit



BE AMBITIOUS *AND* REALISTIC

PLAN FOR OPTIONS

AIM FOR BALANCE

The more competitive the schools on your list, the less power you have. Having a balanced list can ensure that you have the power of choice.



NOTE ABOUT UW SEATTLE

- Admission not a sure thing for anyone, even if you have a high GPA and other qualifications
- Admission is even more competitive if you are aiming for major like Engineering, Computer Science, or Business
- **If you are aiming for a competitive major, have at least five other colleges/ programs you would be happy to attend**

STATS ON UW SEATTLE

UW Seattle 2023 Application Cycle

Numbers from June 2023

69,100 applications
26,000 admitted
7100-7200 anticipated enrollment

41.7% overall admit rate
51% WA admit rate
40% out of state (nonresident & international) admit rate

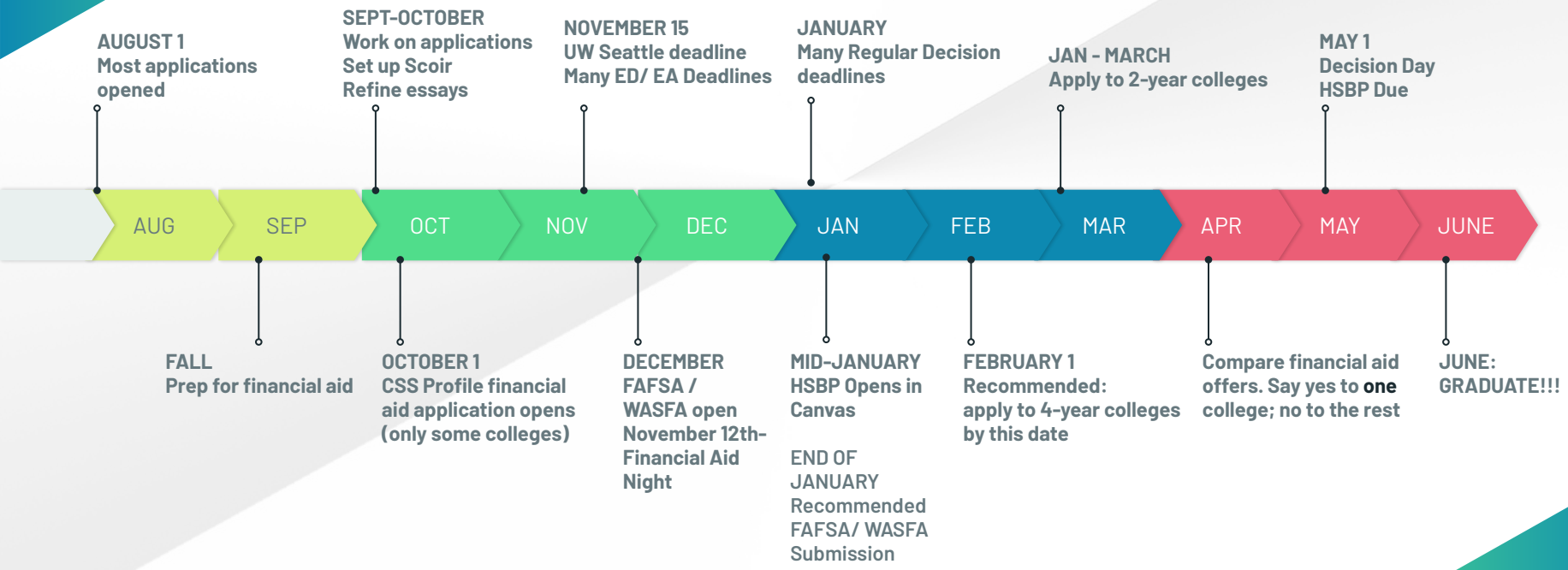
Shorewood-specific 2025

168 applications
58 admitted
36 enrolled
34.5% admit rate

Use of test scores

For the last few years, UW has consulted scores for an average only 1 of 200 applicants, which works out to 0.4%.

TIMELINE VARIES ACCORDING TO YOUR DEADLINES



CHECK YOUR COLLEGES FOR PARTICULAR DATES, SCHOLARSHIPS, EVENTS…

Some colleges have Visit Scholarships!

Seattle U:

Nursing Students apply by December 1

Apply by Nov 15 to be considered for Sullivan Leadership Award

University of Portland: Nursing students should apply early October

Pacific Lutheran: Apply by December 1 to be considered for the President's Scholarship

University of Puget Sound: apply by November 1 for free

Note: WSU, Central, and community colleges have separate scholarship applications with deadlines. Be sure you apply *to the college* well before the scholarship deadline so that you can access the *scholarship application*.

COLLEGE APPLICATION FEES



- Application costs range from free - $90
- Most colleges accept some sort of fee waivers
- If you are enrolled in Free & Reduced Meals, fee waivers are one of the benefits
- Start the process by completing requests in Scoir and in Common App
- An information sheet detailing fee waiver options and procedures is in the Financial Info & Resources folder in the 2023-24 College Application Packet

ADVICE FOR PARENT/ GUARDIANS

- Be the consultant, not the director. Ask, “What can I do to help?”
- Respect your student’s limits & be aware of stress
- Remember: no one step, grade, application, or college will make it or break it for your student
- Realize that there are always more alternatives
- Be mindful of what you post on social media



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