ST. JOHN FISHER UNIVERSITY

Inside the Admissions Office

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Components of Admissions

- Application deadlines
- College application vs. Common application
- College Essay
- High School Transcript
- Letters of Recommendation
- Standardized Tests
  - Test Optional
- Activities Resume
- Interview, audition

Application deadlines

- Rolling Admissions
  - Sooner applied, sooner decision is received
- Early Action
  - Can apply to more than one early action college
  - Non-binding
- Early Decision
  - Only apply to one early decision college
  - If accepted and institution is affordable, student commits
    - Withdraws applications from other colleges
  - Financial aid package should be received to determine affordability
- Regular Admission

College application vs. Common application

- Identify list of colleges
  - Determine application preference
  - Application fees
  - Apply to specific school within the university
- Commonapp.org
- Coalition Application
  - 90 colleges and universities

College Essay

- Common application essay choices
- Information about you that is not on the transcript
- Same essay for all colleges
- Best way to make first impression
  - Some colleges don't grant interviews
- Proofread

High School Transcript

- GPA
- Units
  - English
  - LOTE
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies
- Regents exams
- Accelerated classes
- Required classes by collegiate program

Letters of Recommendation

- Check application requirements
- Select individuals carefully
  - Know you well
  - Highlight characteristics not reflected in transcript
- 1-3 sufficient
- Be sure recommender knows your timeline
- Follow up with thank you note and your college selection!

Standardized Tests

- Check application requirements
  - Program requirements
- ACT or SAT
- Superscoring
- Test optional
  - Submit or not to submit
- https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/act-sat-concordance.html

Activities Resume

- Highlights extracurricular activities
  - Part-time job
  - Athletics
  - Clubs
  - Music or theater
- Identify leadership positions
- Spell out acronyms
- Community service or volunteering
  - Scholarships
- Include family responsibilities

College Interview/Audition

- Why interview?
  - Evaluative
  - Informational
  - Demonstrated Interest
- Does institution require interview?
- Auditions and portfolios
  - Check college requirements
- Timeframe

Next Steps

- Monitor application materials
  - Admissions portals
- Decision letters
  - USPS or email
- Scholarship applications
  - Deadlines
- FAFSA
  - CSS Profile
  - TAP
- Enrollment Deposit