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Admission types explained

This is a guideline to help you choose the correct admission type for your application. However, some colleges have unique rules and deadlines. It's important to check the college website to make sure you have the correct information.

Rolling admission

This option allows you to apply to a college on any date. But spaces run out, so it's best to apply early! The college will review your application once it's received. You'll only have to wait a few weeks to find out if you got in or not.

Regular decision

Regular decision means you have to submit your application by a certain date. This date is often set in January. You can apply to more than one college with this option. You'll likely hear back from the college in March or April.

Early action (EA)

Early action allows you to apply before the regular deadline. If you're offered a place, you can accept right away or decide when you're received more offers. Some colleges offer EA I and EA II. The EA II deadline is later than the EA I deadline.

Early decision (ED)

Early decision allows you to apply before the regular deadline. But if you're offered a place at the college, you have to accept. Your application is binding. Some colleges offer ED I and ED II. The ED II deadline is later than the ED I deadline.

Priority deadline

Priority deadlines are often set for early in the year, such as November. It's best to submit your application before that date. This will increase your chances of being accepted and receiving financial aid from the college.