



MSMCS

CLASS OF 2027

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT



Count Down to Graduation 2027

TIMELINE

REGALIA - CAP, GOWN, TASSEL, STOLE ORDER

DUE: **December 17, 2026**

Order Online: <https://www.jostens.com>

Jostens Rep: Blake Brown

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SENIOR PHOTOS & QUOTE for YEARBOOK

DUE: January 31, 2027

Submit up to 3 photos with Student Name and Quote

MSMYearbook@apps.matsuk12.us

Student Photographers available to take senior pictures @ MSC Campus
email MSMYearbook@apps.matsuk12.us

SENIOR MEETING*

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2027 @ 12:00 pm

Glenn Massay

SENIOR MEETING*

Tuesday, April 6th, 2027 @ 12:00 pm

Glenn Massay

SENIOR MEETING*

Wednesday, April 7th, 2027 @ 12:00 pm

Glenn Massay

(Attend April 6th OR 7th)

GRADUATION SLIDE SHOW DATA/PICTURES

DUE: **Wednesday, April 23rd, 2027**

Submit/Create in Senior 2027 Google Classroom

GRADUATION PRACTICE*

CAP, GOWN, TASSEL, STOLE, CORDS DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, May 11th, 2027 @ 10:00 am

Glenn Massay

LAST DAY FOR SENIORS!

Tuesday, May 11th, 2027

GRADUATION PRACTICE*

Friday, May 14th, 2027 @ 8:00 am

Menard Sports Center

GRADUATION

Friday, May 14th, 2027 @ 3:00 pm

Menard Sports Center

***Mandatory for all students**

Class of 2027

Graduation : May 14
3pm; Menard Center
no tickets required

Graduation contact: Mrs. Quinn
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graduation regalia



MSBSD
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA
BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

THREE LEVELS OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS



STANDARD DIPLOMA

Exceeds all state graduation requirements. Requires 25.5 credits, including English, math, science, social studies, PE and health, plus plenty of room for electives like CTE, fine arts, and world languages.



HONORS DIPLOMA

Requires 27 total credits and includes additional science, social studies, and PE, including three credits of advanced coursework as AP, IB, dual college credit, CTE concentrator classes, or 15 college credits.



HONORS WITH DISTINCTION DIPLOMA

Requires 27 total credits including 3 credits of CTE concentrators **and** any combination of 5 credits of AP, IB, JROTC level 2+, world language, dual credit courses or substitute 45 college credits.

Visit matsuk12.us for more information
or talk with your counselor.

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

EARLY ACTION

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

OCT – NOV

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

NOV – DEC

REGULAR DECISION

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

COMMON DEADLINES:

NOV 30
JAN 1, 15
FEB 1, 15

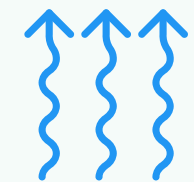
ROLLING ADMISSION

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

OFTEN HAVE PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID.

UNIVERSITY
OF ALASKA

FEB 15



**SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
PRIORITY
DEADLINE!**

MUST SUBMIT:

**ADMISSION
APPLICATION**

FAFSA

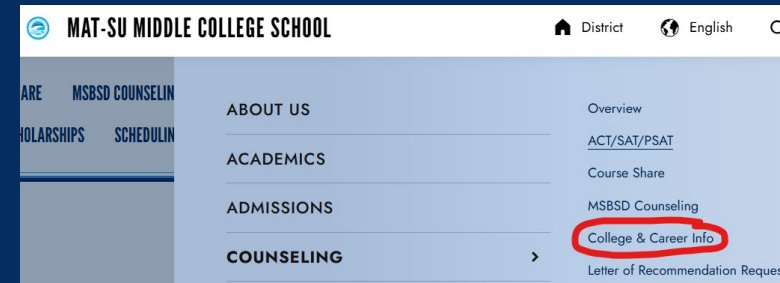
**UA FOUNDATION
STUDENT PROFILE**

MSMCS students generally* will apply to college as
first year students

TOOLS TO EXPLORE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OPTIONS



College Board Big Future College Search



MSMCS website, College & Career section

Campus visits (can be virtual!)

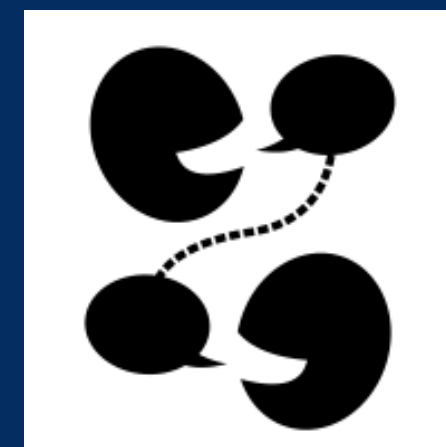


Campus Reel - virtual student-led tours

College & Career Fairs (can be virtual!)



Word of mouth - family, friends, professors, professionals



AKCIS - apprenticeships, training and college search

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

11th and 12th Grade



MAT-SU COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Sign up in the
Counseling Department

- Open to parents, families, and the community
- Student buses running from core high schools
- Meet directly with colleges, trades, apprenticeships, military, and employers



TUESDAY
10.13.26



10am-3pm

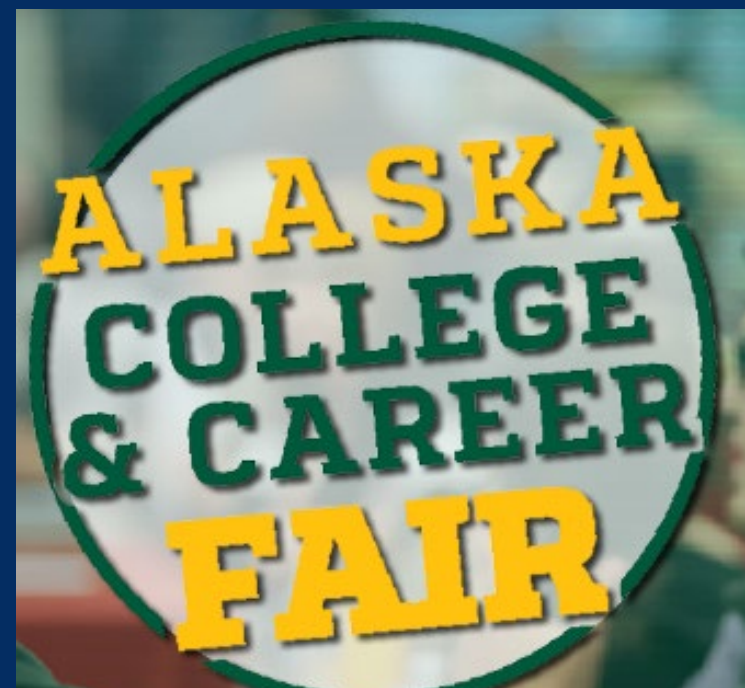


**MENARD SPORTS
CENTER**

Door prizes and Pitch Your Passion Grand Prize!



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA
BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



Anchorage Alaska College & Career Fair

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Alaska Airlines Center
3550 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99508

We look forward to welcoming high school students, families, and counselors to connect with representatives from colleges, universities, training and apprenticeship programs, U.S. military, and employers.

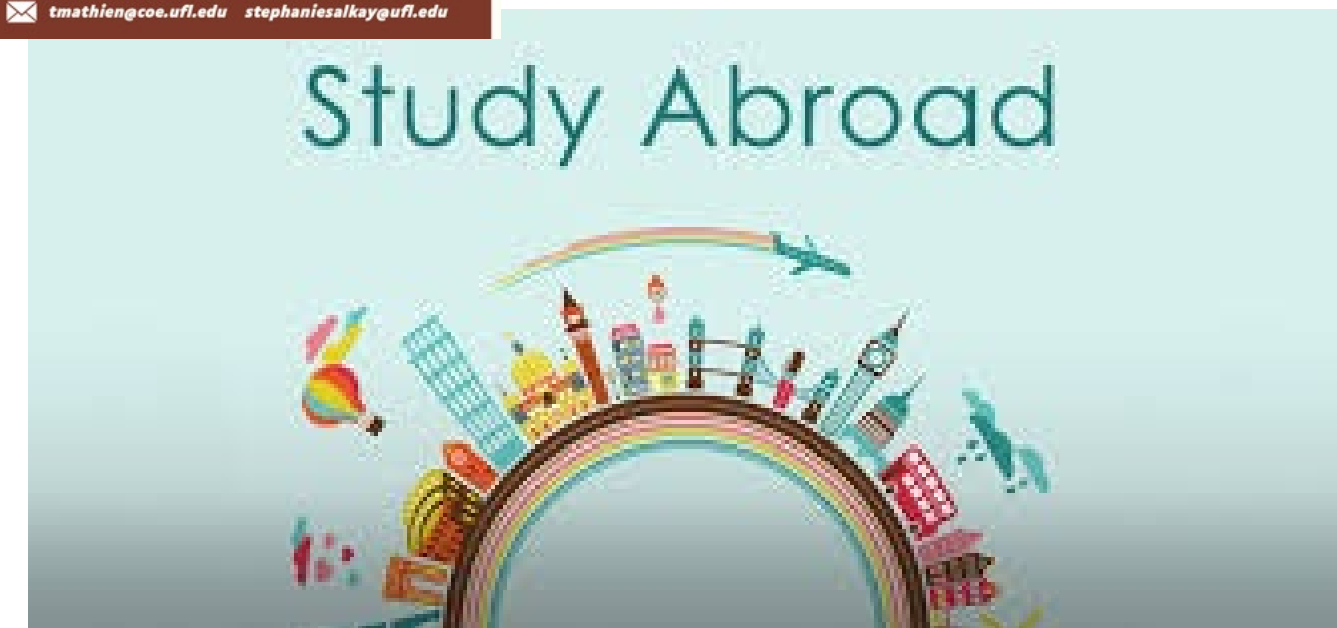


Honors Colleges and Honors Programs

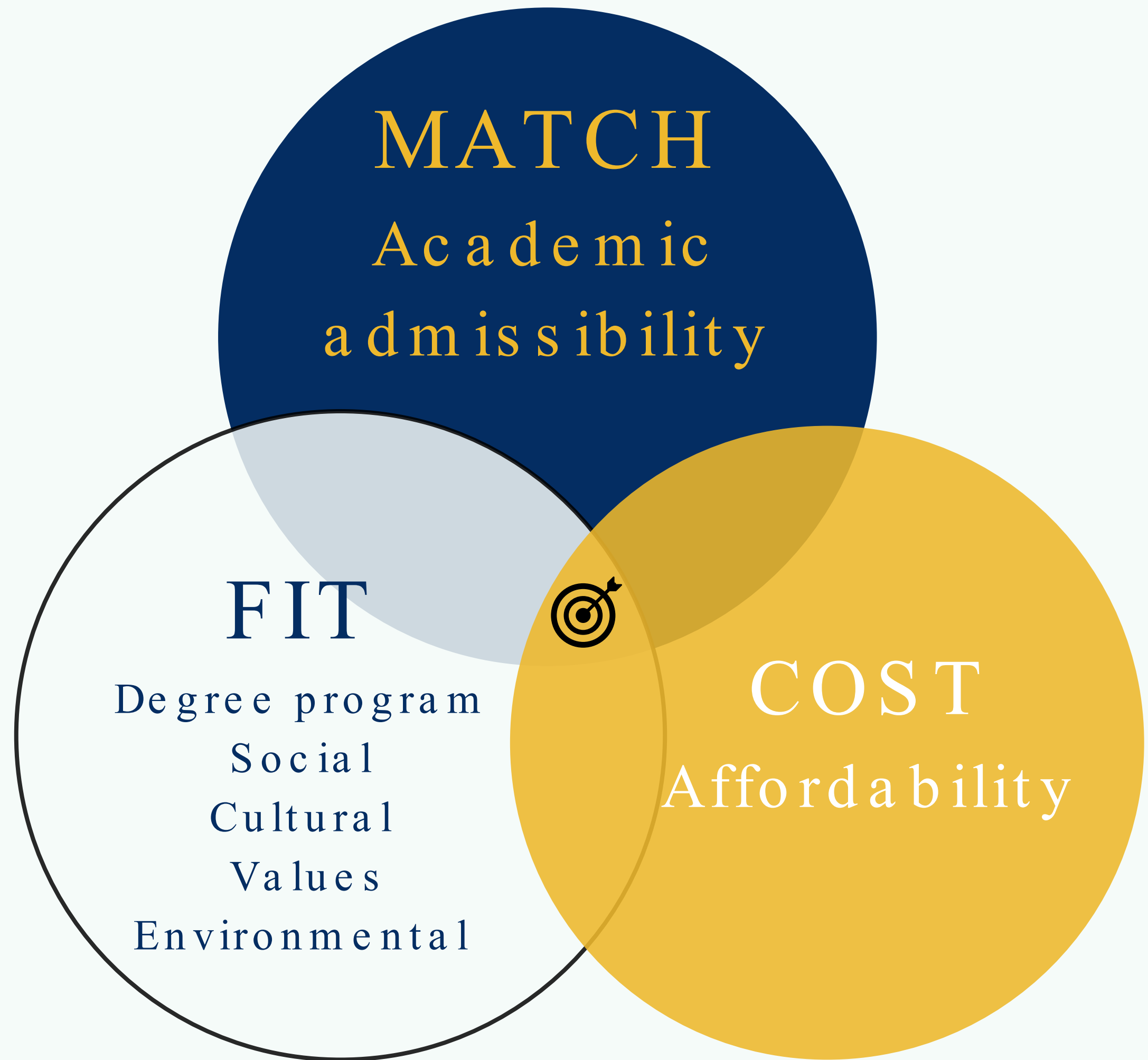
EXPERT ADMISSIONS
COLLEGE-BUILDING • COLLEGE-READY • COLLEGE-BOUND



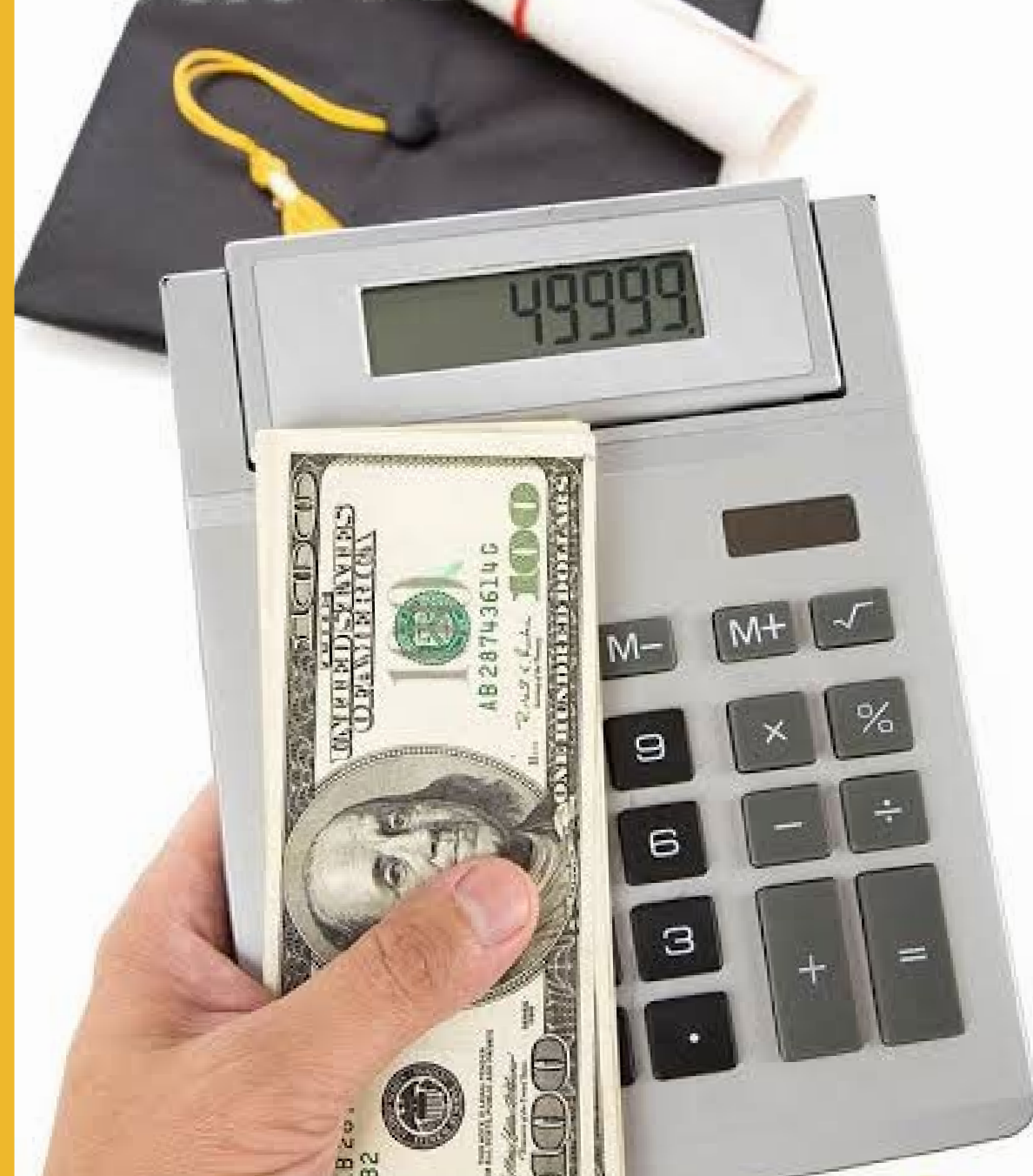
Enriching
your
student's
college
experience



COLLEGE LIST



Are you worried about how to
PAY FOR COLLEGE?



MONEY TALKS

EARLY & OFTEN!

RESOURCES?

EXPECTATIONS?

LIMITATIONS?



COST OF ATTENDANCE aka “STICKER PRICE”

Cost of Attendance for a full-time student who is living **on-campus** taking **24 undergraduate, lower division (100-200)** credits and is a(n) **Alaska** resident.

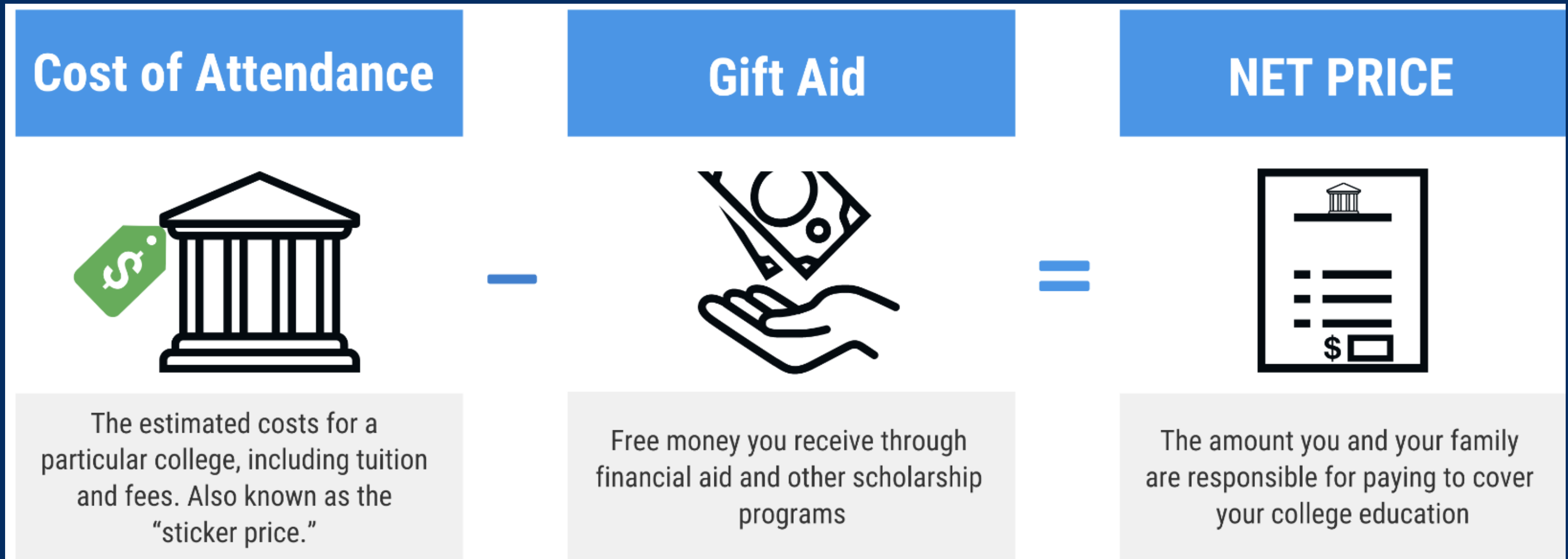
Tuition and fees	Amount	Other costs	Amount
Tuition	\$ 6,024	Books and supplies	\$ 768
Student fees	\$ 1,594	Housing	\$ 8,850
		Food	\$ 7,700
		Transportation	\$ 1,494
		Personal/misc.	\$ 7,138
<i>Tuition and fees:</i>	<i>\$ 7,618</i>	<i>Other costs:</i>	<i>\$ 25,950</i>
			<i>Total (estimated cost of attendance):</i> \$ 33,568



COA is the figure used for financial aid & scholarship purposes
not the price most students pay

WHAT WILL MY CHILD ACTUALLY PAY?

AKA “NET PRICE”



SEARCH “NET PRICE CALCULATOR” ON COLLEGE WEBSITES
INPUT YOUR INFORMATION TO GET AN ESTIMATED NET
PRICE

FINANCIAL AID



- **FIRST STEP IN APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID (loans, grants, work study, some scholarships)**
- **OPENS OCT 1**
DEADLINE: VARIES BY STATE WHERE COLLEGE IS LOCATED. (AK= JUN 30)
- **REQUEST FSA ID NOW!**
STUDENTAID.GOV/FSA-ID/
- **COMPLETED BY STUDENT & PARENT(S) ANNUALLY**
- **REQUIRED FOR AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP**
- **ACCESS ONLINE APPLICATION:**
STUDENTAID.GOV



Alaska Performance Scholarship(APS)

Earn up to \$28,000 for your education

Level 1

\$7,000/yr

Specified Curriculum

AND

High School GPA 3.5

OR

ACT 25, SAT 1210, or

WorkKeys 18*

Level 2

\$5,250/yr

Specified Curriculum

AND

High School GPA 3.0

OR

ACT 23, SAT 1130, or

WorkKeys 15*

Level 3

\$3,500/yr

Specified Curriculum

AND

High School GPA 2.5

OR

ACT 21, SAT 1060, or

WorkKeys 12*

**FUNDS
COLLEGE
OR
TRAINING
IN ALASKA**

**MAX OF 8
SEMESTERS OF
FUNDING**

**WINDOW OF
USE:
8 YEARS
POST HIGH
SCHOOL**

SCHOLARSHIP BASICS

FINDING THE \$

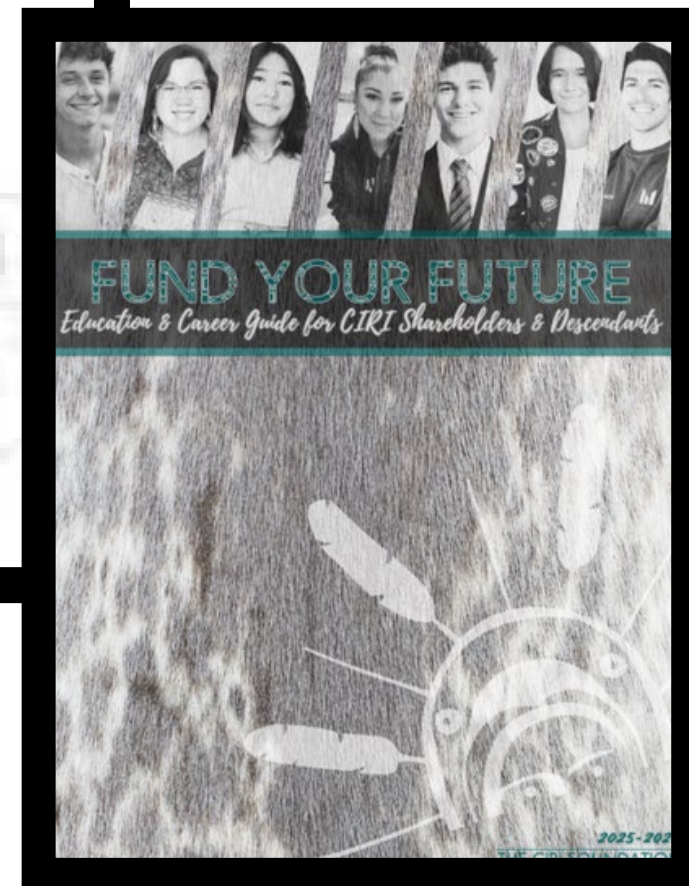
➤ CHECK SCHOLARSHIPS
& DEADLINES AT
TARGET COLLEGES

➤ MSMCS WEBSITE
LOCAL | STATE | NATIONAL
CHECK WEEKLY!

➤ MSMCS SOCIAL
MEDIA  

➤ PRINCIPAL'S
MESSAGES

Save on college costs



“MATCH” CONVERSATIONS

Have you looked into the admission requirements for the colleges you're interested in?
What do they focus on the most?

Are there lots of choices for academic majors in case you change your mind or are unsure what you want to study?

What do you think about the average GPA and test scores for students at the schools you're considering?

Do you feel like the schools on your list are a good mix of reach, match, and safety schools?



APPLICATION PROCESS ROLES

➤ PARENT

ASSIST WITH
ORGANIZATION
ENCOURAGE

COMPLETE PARENT
PORTIONS OF APPS

GUIDE

ATTEND EVENTS & COLLEGE VISITS



➤ STUDENT MANAGE DEADLINES

REFLECT
RESEARCH
ASK QUESTIONS

MAKE DECISIONS

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION ITEMS

> FEE

FEE WAIVER
MAY APPLY

> TRANSCRIPTS

HIGH SCHOOL | MSMCS WEBSITE
UNIVERSITY | UA ONLINE ACCOUNT

> SAT OR ACT TEST SCORES

REQUIRED | OPTIONAL | BLIND

> LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

2 - 3 LETTERS | AT LEAST 1 TEACHER
REQUEST 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE
REQUEST FORM ON MSMCS WEBSITE

> PERSONAL STATEMENT / ESSAY(S)

ROBERTSON'S FRIDAY OFFICE HOURS
FOR ASSISTANCE

> STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED/BUDGET

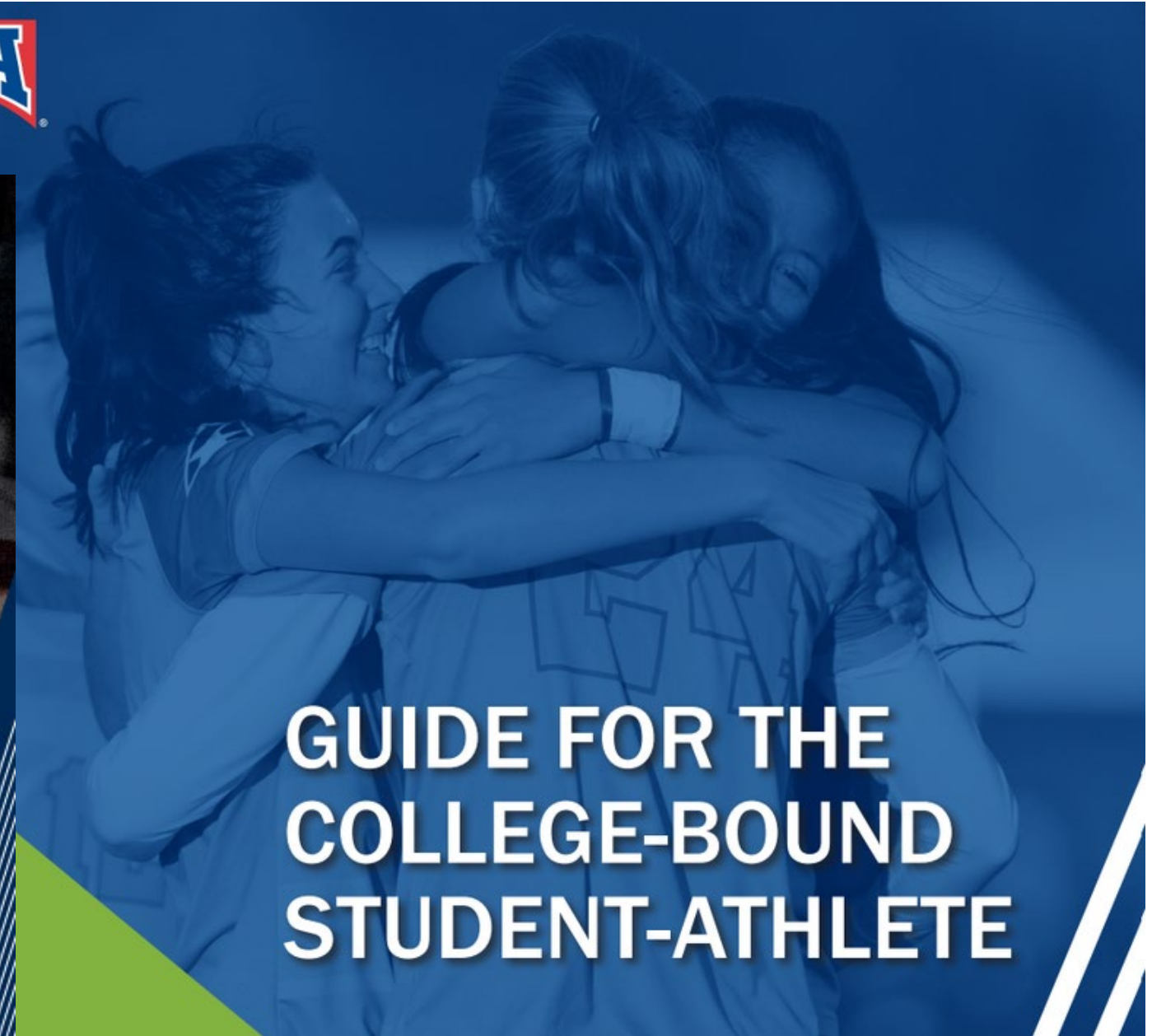
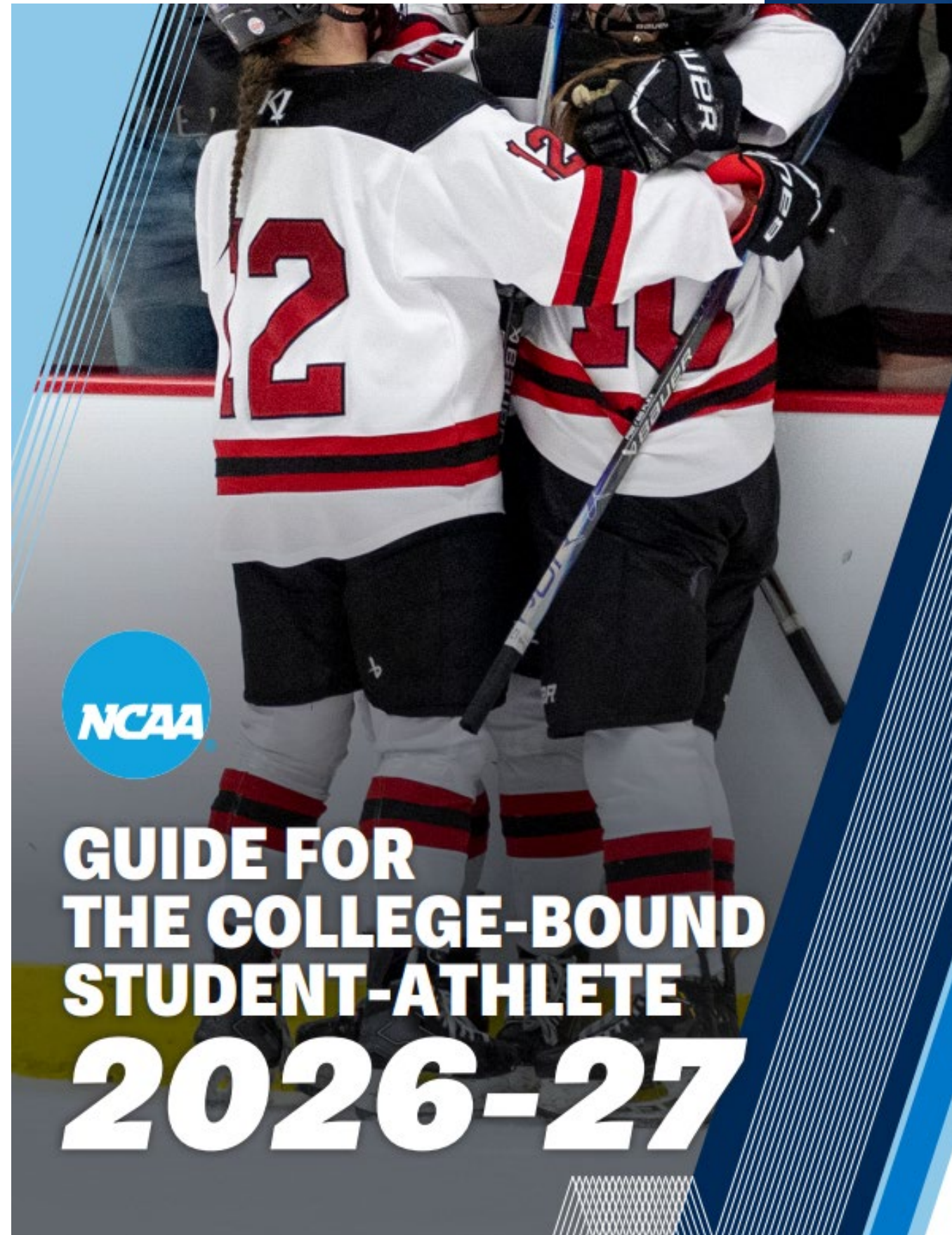
COA - RESOURCES = UNMET NEED
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

> RESUMÉ / ACTIVITIES LIST

WORK | SERVICE | ACTIVITIES | HOBBIES
FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES | HONORS

College
Athletics?

Check out
these
resources
to learn
how to
become
eligible.



WHAT IF MY CHILD IS UNSURE OF WHAT THEY WANT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

➤ GAP YEAR

SET GOALS, INTENTIONS,
TIMELINES

➤ CONSIDER FLEXIBLE DEGREES

➤ SCHEDULE CAREER ADVISING SERVICES

➤ CAREER EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

JOB SHADOWING | VOLUNTEERING
CAREER DAYS | INTERVIEWING

Next Steps

TALK WITH SENIOR ABOUT SIGNING UP FOR FREE OCT 23, 2026 SAT

REFINE COLLEGE LIST, DISCUSS APPLICATIONS, & CALENDAR
DEADLINES

(USE COLLEGE INFO TRACKING TOOL PROVIDED IN RESOURCES)
PREPARE ITEMS NEEDED FOR COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS. RESEARCH & APPLY!

SENIORS NEED TO SCHEDULE A SENIOR PLANNING MEETING WITH MS.
PIATT (PARENTS WELCOME)

CREATE FSA ID TO PREPARE FOR FAFSA COMPLETION IN OCTOBER



SCAN TO ACCESS
PRESENTATION LINKS TO
RESOURCES!



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SCHEDULE A MEETING