

Senior College Night

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Who We Are



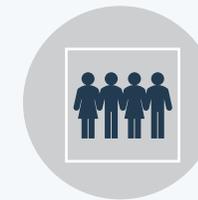
We are dedicated to providing students and families with FREE, important information about higher education and career planning



Team of expert Education and Career Counselors



Aim to empower students to plan and achieve their future goals with confidence and excitement



Facilitate connections among individuals and organizations that support students



Serve all NH students of any age, ability, background, interest, and pathway



Granite Edvance™

Appointments

We offer virtual and in-person appointments Monday-Friday. In-person appointments are held in our Concord office.

Schedule online:

<https://calendly.com/graniteadvance>

Or call: **603.227.5444**

Career & Aptitude Exploration

- Complete assessment and meet with a counselor to discuss careers and college majors that match your results

Exploring Education Pathways

- College, career prep, program options, application process, understanding role of financial aid

Financial Aid Support & FAFSA Prep

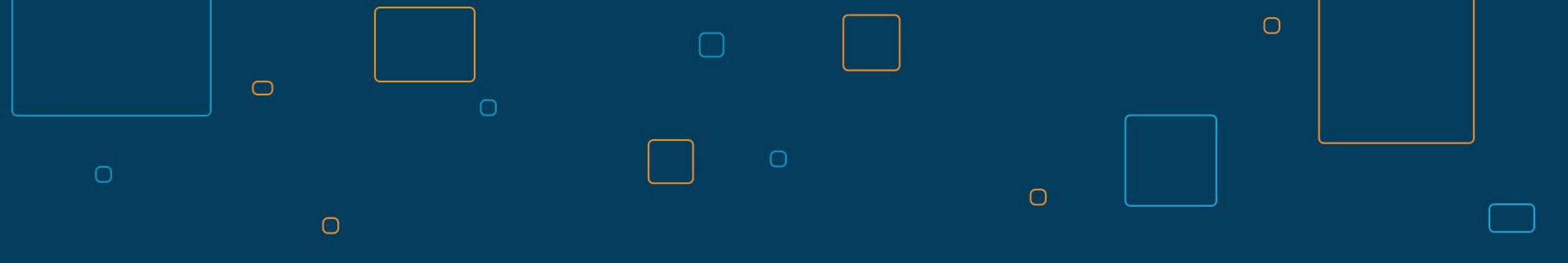
- Ask your questions about the financial aid process, create FSA ID

FAFSA Assistance

- FAFSA filing assistance

Reviewing Financial Aid Offers

- Understanding & comparing offers, next steps

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Build Your List

Do Your Research

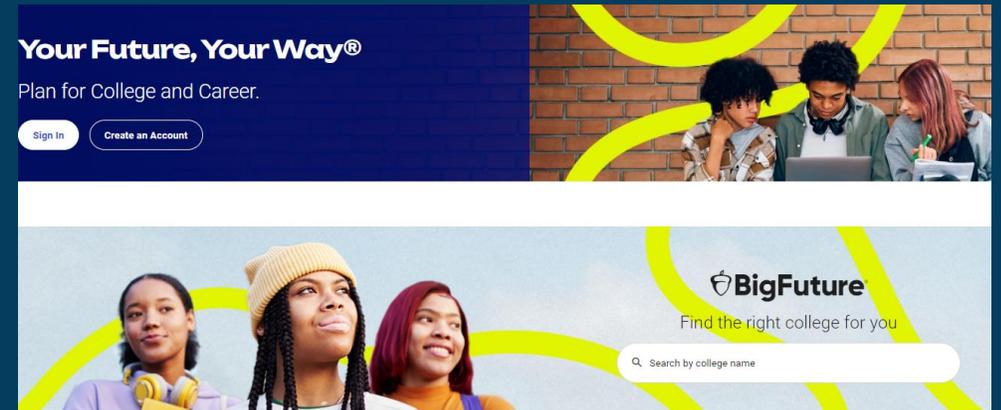
It's All About You!

- What is most important to me?
- What do I want from my college experience?
- What are my non-negotiables in a college?
- Under what circumstances do I learn best?
- Can I picture myself on this campus?
- How do I recharge? Will this environment allow me to do so?

Understand Your Needs and Preferences

- Class size, campus culture, athletic and club options, activities in surrounding area

Bigfuture.org
Petersons.org



Use your school's platform



Consider . . .

Your Career Goals

- Are there majors/internships that support your long-term goals?
- Confirm opportunities for internships close to campus

Undecided Majors

- In most cases, applying undecided will not impact your admission (exceptions: nursing, engineering, health sciences, etc.)
- Opportunity to explore options and work with an academic advisor to find the major that is right for you

Accessibility Services and Academic Support

- Tips for students with IEP's and 504 accommodations in the **Admissions Insider** and **Accessibility Insider** on graniteedvance.org
- Not necessary to disclose disability in the admission process, but plan to meet with staff in the Accessibility Services office to discuss possible accommodations
- National Center for College Students with Disabilities (NCCSD)
 - Provides clearinghouse of colleges with disability services and direct links to their offices using cedardatabase.org

Get To Know The Schools

Attend College Fairs & High School Visits

Take time to ask questions

Fill out information cards to demonstrate interest and get on school's mailing list

Open House

Campus Visits

Attend athletic events, plays, or concerts

Information sessions & tours

Follow on Social Media

Follow the college, admissions, clubs, area of study, athletics, dining hall, residence halls

Notice the flyers on the walls of the campus center/residence halls and visit the dining hall to learn more about campus culture!

Creating Your List



Use a Balanced Approach

More likely and less likely admit schools

If you cannot name 2-3 specific reasons for applying to a certain school, it shouldn't be on your list



Keep Your Major in Mind

Some majors may be more competitive and have different admission requirements (nursing, engineering, PT, PA)



Consider the Type of Financial Aid Offered

Is ONLY need-based aid offered?

Are BOTH need-based AND merit-based aid offered?

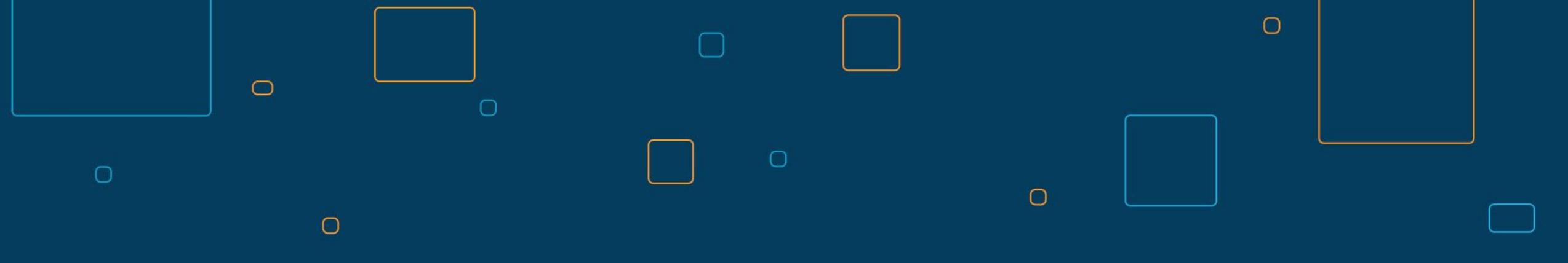
Which is most appropriate for your situation?



Net Price Calculators

- Provide estimated cost of attendance minus estimated grant and scholarship aid (net price)
- Required on each college or university's website to calculate net price
- Calculators will differ from college to college
- Student will be asked to provide information about their family and their finances
- Results are an estimate – you still must file the FAFSA and any other required financial aid forms



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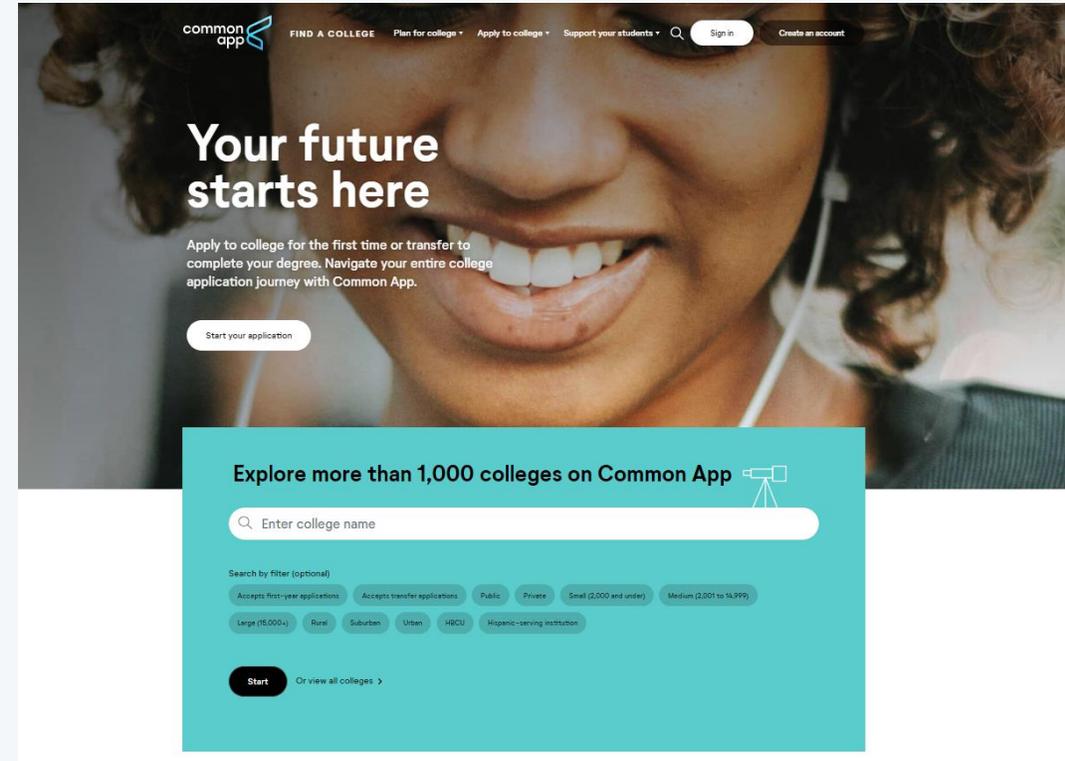
Apply

When To Apply

Admission Type	Details	Deadline	Commitment
Early Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannot apply to more than one school ED• If admitted, student agrees to enroll and withdraw all other applications• Student, parent, and school counselor sign contract	October – January Some schools will offer EDI and EDII	Binding
Early Action (EA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications reviewed and decisions sent early	October – December Some schools will offer EAI and EAll	Non-binding
Regular Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All applications reviewed after hard deadline	November – March	Non-binding
Rolling Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First come, first served• Applications reviewed as received• Class may be filled early in cycle, so apply accordingly	Within a specific time-frame until class is filled	Non-binding
Direct Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simplifies the admission process accepting students before application• Colleges based on specific criteria for admissible students• Common App based on student-entered data	Throughout admission cycle	Non-binding

Elements Of The College Application

- High school transcript
- College essay
- Extra-curricular activities
- Letters of recommendation
- SAT or ACT scores



Commonapp.org

Additional Elements To Consider

- Auditions
- Portfolios
- NCAA Eligibility Center
- Supplemental Essays



These are great topics to ask about when talking with college admission reps!



Students Take The Lead

Opportunities to build your “soft skills”

- You should be the one to email or speak to college admissions representatives
- Sign up for college tours
- Use social media appropriately
- Create new professional email account for college
- Stay in communication with parents, school counseling office, college admissions, and financial aid offices
- Make a plan to stay organized



Helpful Hints

1

Start early

2

Get organized – check and record all your deadlines

3

Know what is required (test scores, letter of rec, essays, supplements)

4

Be consistent (name, use the same email and mailing address)

5

Attend your school's financial aid night or join us online for a virtual event

6

Create your FSA ID for the FAFSA

Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

studentaid.gov

Questions

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