

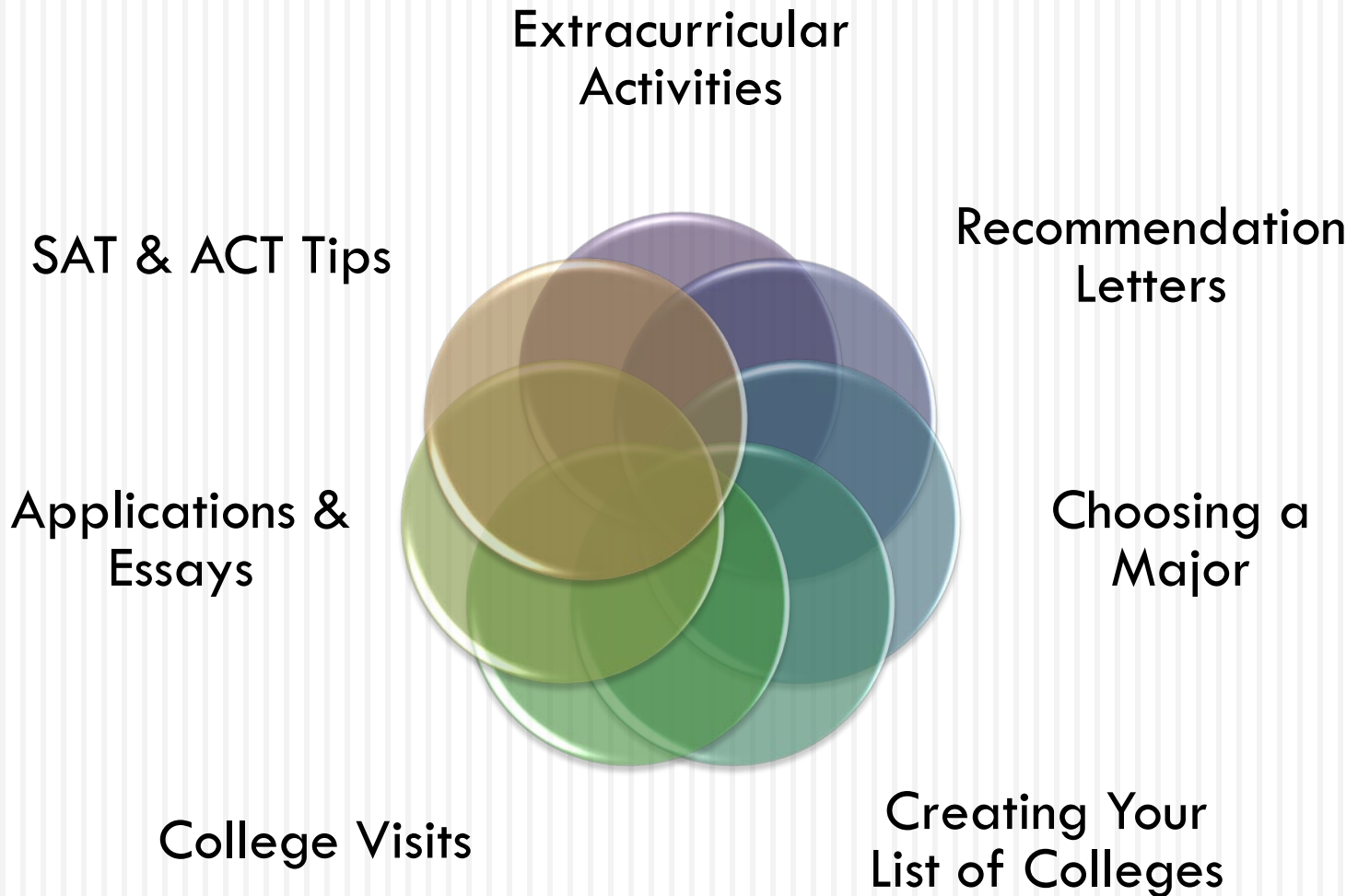
GETTING INTO WHERE I WANT TO GO



College Admission Seminar

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Seminar Outline



Ask Yourself These Questions:

Why do businesses & corporations market themselves?

Answer:

To increase the chance you will want or use their products.

**Preparation
NOW
is the Key**

How can you increase your chances of being accepted into the college you wish to attend?

Answer:

By marketing yourself so colleges wish to “want” YOU!

Extracurricular Activities

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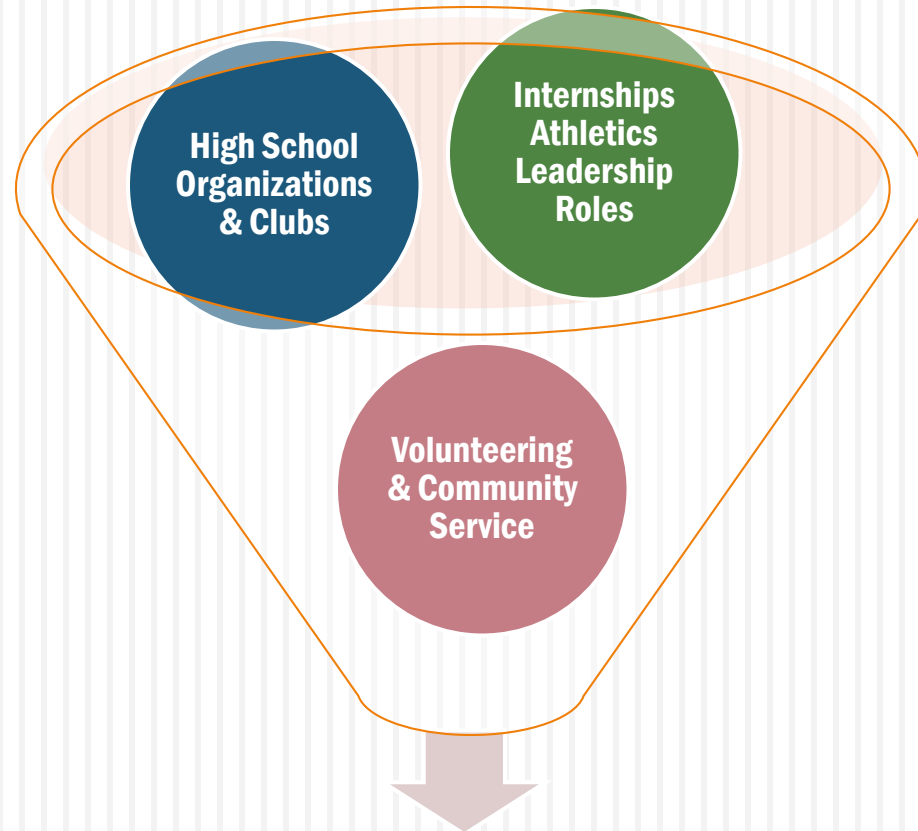
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Purpose:

Helps to set
yourself apart
from other
students.

Helps to build
an impressive
resume.

Extracurricular Activities



Shows a Commitment to
Finish What You Begin

Sample Resume

□ Curriculum Vitae

John Doe

1234 Delaware Avenue

Richboro, PA 18900

john DOE@internet.com

I. Academics: Jefferson High School 2005-2009

- A. Distinguished Honors: 9, 10, 11, 12
- B. Presidential Award of Outstanding Academic Excellence: 9, 10, 11
- C. National Honor Society (N.H.S.): 11, 12
- D. Rensselaer Medal Award for outstanding academic achievement in the study of mathematics and science: 11
- E. St. Michael's College Book Award for Scholarship and Service: 11

II. Extra Curricular

- A. Junior Varsity Mathletes: 9,10 1. Vice President: 10
- B. Varsity Mathletes: 11,12 1. Co-Captain: 12
- C. American Mathematics Competition: 9, 10, 11, 12 1. Co-Captain: 12

D. Literary Magazine: 9, 10, 11 ,12 1. Co-Editor: 10, 11,12

E. Student Congress: 10, 11, 12 1. President: 12

F. T.V. Studio/Media Aide: 10, 11, 12
1. Vice President: 10, 12

2. President: 11

□ G. National Honor Society: 11, 12

□ H. Mock Trial: 10, 11, 12

□ I. Book Club: 10, 11, 12

III. Community

- A. Church Parish
 - 1. Camp Calvary summer camp counselor: 9
- B. St. Mark's Parish
 - 1. Lector: 10, 11, 12
 - 2. Lenten Pizza Sale: 9, 10
 - 3. Teen Edge Assistant: 10
 - i. Faith organization for teenagers that met once a month
- C. Jefferson Responds: 9, 10, 11, 12
 - 1. Collect used school supplies and ship them to needy countries.

Recommendation Letters

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- Most college applications require 2 -3 recommendation letters from people who know you in & out of the classroom.

May

- Who to ask:

Jun.

- Academic teacher (English or Math)

Jul.

- Junior year teacher

Aug.

- Current teacher if they know you well enough

Sep.

- Teacher involved with you outside of classroom (not a coach unless specified – must know you academically also)

Oct.

- School Counselor

Nov.

- Build rapport with counselor so that they know your plans , school involvement/accomplishments

Dec.

- Make sure any discrepancies in transcripts are explained

Jan.

- When to ask:

Feb.

- Spring of junior year or earlier the better especially if applying Early Decision or Early Action

Mar.

- Getting the Best Possible Letter

- Academic teachers – talk about what you remember about their class, your class participation, refer to specific occurrence for them to remember you

Tips for Recommendation Letters

- ❑ Give plenty of time for preparer to write letter
- ❑ Teachers will be honored to help so don't be shy
 - ❑ Choose wisely – ask someone who will give you a favorable review
- ❑ Deadline dates must be provided for every requested letter – earliest date first
- ❑ Self-addressed/stamped envelopes should be provided to preparer
- ❑ Waive right to review letter on application form
- ❑ Communicate 1 week before deadline date
- ❑ Remember etiquette – thank the preparer

Choosing a Major

Finding a Major That Fits

- Take a Personal Inventory
 - ▣ Ask yourself some questions about what you are like and what you like to do
 - ▣ Ask your friends and family to describe how they see you
- Declared vs. Undeclared
 - ▣ Should I declare?

Career Opportunities by Major

- When considering a particular major, you should research:
 - ▣ Job Opportunities
 - ▣ Income Potential
 - ▣ Difficulty of Degree Program
 - ▣ Need for Going on to Graduate School
 - ▣ Loan Forgiveness Programs Available
- Website Resources to explore:
 - ▣ www.salary.com
 - ▣ www.cnnmoney.com/bestjobs

Could You See Yourself Working With:

People

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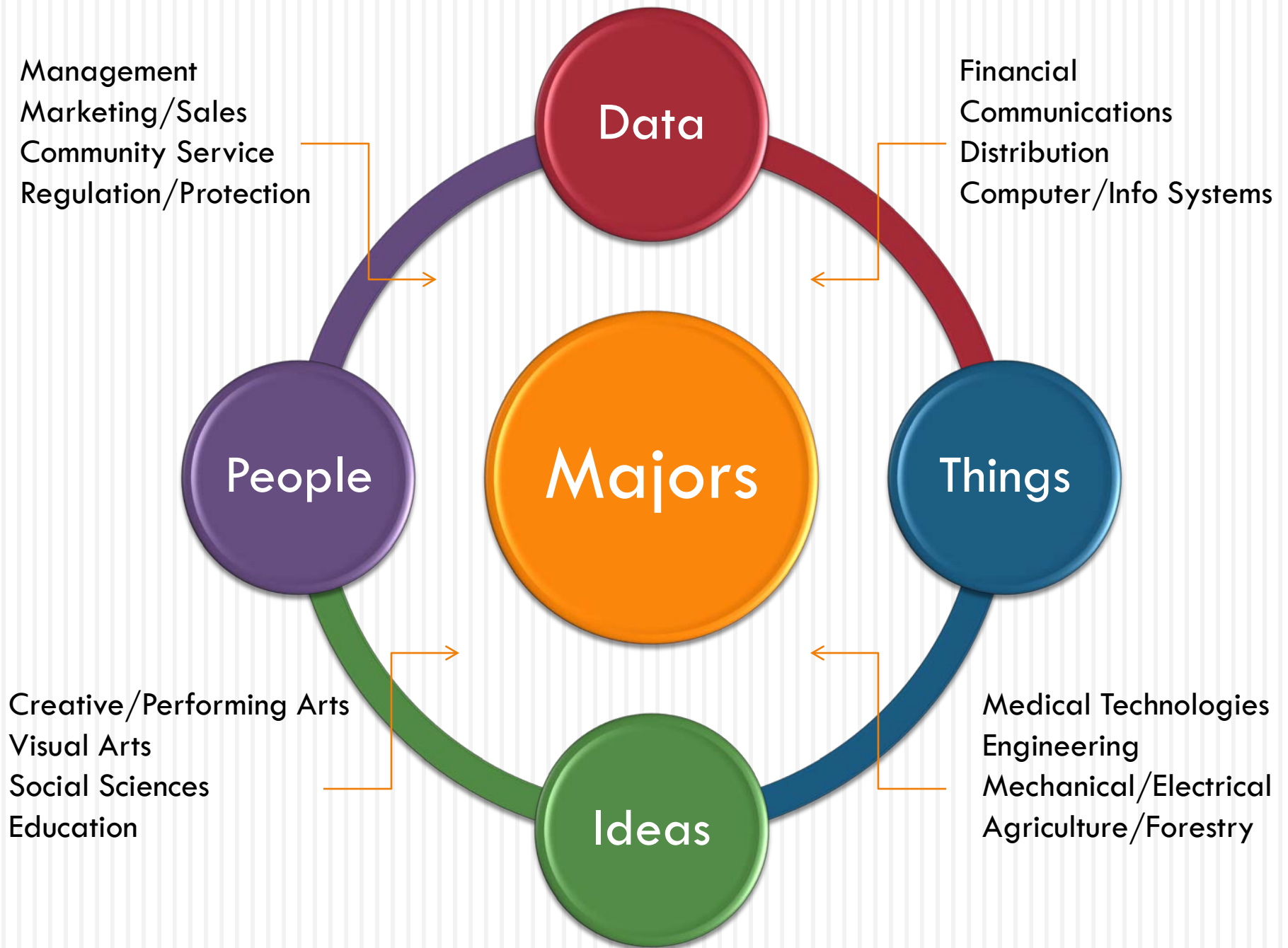
Facts
Numbers
Files
Accounts
Business
Procedures

Things

Machines
Tools
Living
Things
Materials
(food,
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metal)

Ideas

New Ways
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Creating Your List of Colleges

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- Know your EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- Choose:
 - 1 safe school
 - 1 reach school
 - 6 – 8 schools of interest
 - Check www.collegeboard.com to see if SAT/ACT scores are in their middle 50% range
 - Check www.fiskeguide.com for overviews of schools
- Schools should meet both academic & financial goals of the family
- Begin visiting in Spring of Junior Year.

College Visits

Parents

- ❑ Ask if high school allows excused absences for visits.
- ❑ Other than wedding ring, do not wear any other jewelry.
- ❑ Pack a camera & a notepad.
- ❑ Calculate travel/personal expenses.
- ❑ Visit Financial Aid Office & get contact information.
- ❑ Ask if Application Fee can be waived at time of visit.

Students

- ❑ Call first to arrange the visit.
- ❑ Dress casually, but neatly.
- ❑ Tour with a student from your anticipated degree program.
- ❑ Visit Admissions Office for personal “Thank You” & get contact information.
- ❑ Write “Thank You” note & mail the next day.
- ❑ Follow-up question 2 weeks later.
- ❑ Explore option of 2nd visit, if needed.

Level of Interest

Level of interest is key
for colleges.

You want the college to
see that you are
interested in them.

When communicating
with colleges, they are
always your “first
choice”.



Community Colleges

Cost Effective Alternative to Achieve
the Same Goal



Complete 2 yrs at a Lower Cost –
earn an Associates Degree



Transfer to 4 yr college through their
Partnership Program – earn BA or BS
with 4yr school name on the Degree

Free/Low Cost Colleges

Tuition Free Colleges

- ❑ Offered to all students
- ❑ Does not cover room & board or incidental expenses such as books & supplies, personal expenses or transportation
- ❑ Loans still required but not as much
- ❑ Some require students to work
- ❑ Many in rural/remote areas

No Loans Policy Colleges

- ❑ These policies have been adopted by over 6 dozen colleges
- ❑ Designed to eliminate loans through the use of grants
- ❑ Offered to low-income students (zero EFC students)
- ❑ No loan policies translate into free tuition when need exists

Tuition Free Options



Berea College

Alice Lloyd College (KY)
Barclay College (KS)
Berea College (KY)
College of the Ozarks (MO)
Cooper Union (NY)
Curtis Institute of Music (PA)
Deep Springs College (CA)
Franklin W. Olin College of
Engineering (MA)
Saint Louis Christian College
(MO)
Webb Institute (NY)
Wm. E. Macaulay Honors
College at CUNY (NY)



Naval Academy

Armed Forces Colleges:

US Military Academy – West Point NY
US Naval Academy – Annapolis MD
US Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point NY

No Loan Policy Options



AGI	Harvard	Yale
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
\$180,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
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Applications

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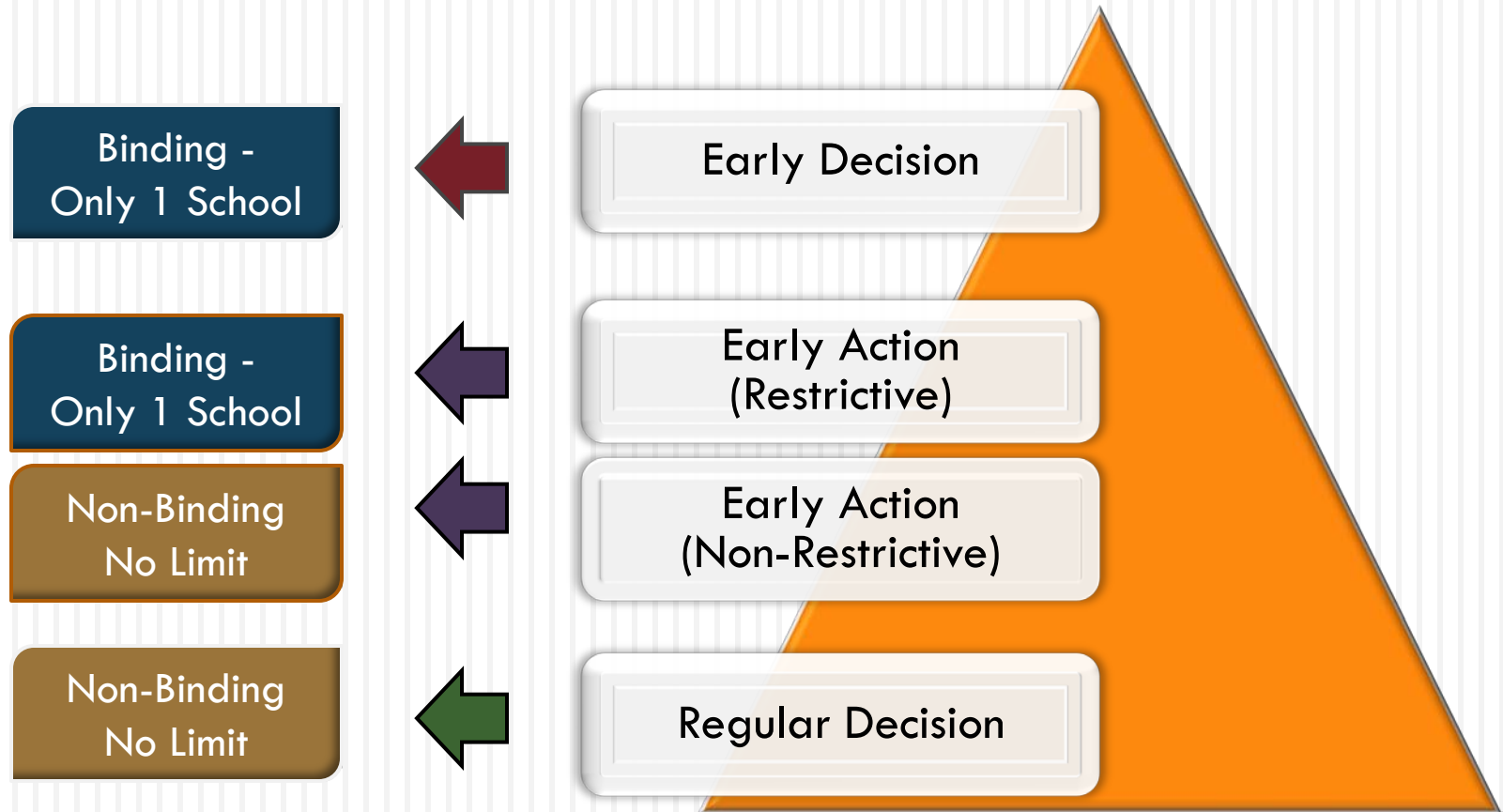
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- Download applications from college websites
- Check which schools use the “Common Application”
- Paper application vs. On-line application
- Review deadline dates
- Submit applications to Guidance Office by October 1st.
- Submit applications to colleges no later than October 15th.

Types of Applications



Rolling admissions means that you may have a decision as early as October.

Essays

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- Once applications are downloaded, review to find out how many essays and/or personal statements will be required
- Review the essay topic & think about what to write
 - ▣ Passionate & Proofread
- Topics usually include:
 - ▣ Overcoming Adversity
 - ▣ My Greatest Challenge
 - ▣ Influential Person in My Life
 - ▣ Effect of a Favorite Extracurricular Activity on My Life

Admissions Interview

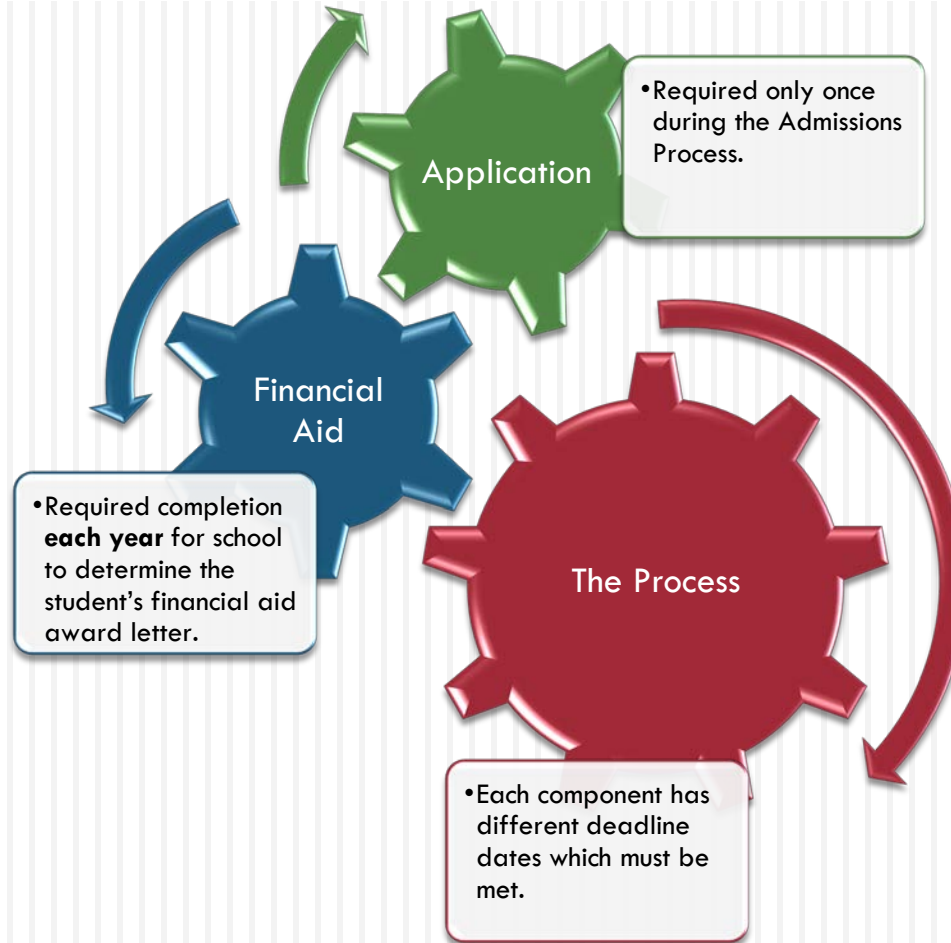
“It would be better for an Admissions Officer to reject a student than for a student to reject himself by not applying.” – Keith Calil

Preparing For The Interview



- ❑ Be prepared by having answers to commonly asked questions:
 - ❑ Why do you want to attend the university?
 - ❑ What do you plan on studying?
 - ❑ What do you have to offer the university other than academics?
- ❑ Personal appearance should reflect a confidence and pride while still being individualistic.
- ❑ Avoid improper speech patterns; sound articulate (no “like”, “um”, “cool”, “you know”).
- ❑ Be conscious of body language (no slouching, crossed arms, keep eye contact).
- ❑ Relax and be yourself!

Deadlines



SAT vs. ACT

SAT

- ☐ Reasoning Test
- ☐ No science in test
- ☐ No trigonometry
- ☐ Vocabulary
- ☐ 140 questions
- ☐ 3 hours

ACT

- ☐ Knowledge Test
- ☐ Science in test
- ☐ Trigonometry
- ☐ Grammar/Punctuation
- ☐ 215 questions
- ☐ 3 hours

SAT Subject Tests may not be required by some schools if the ACT is taken.

Website to visit: www.petersons.com for more information.

SAT Tips

1. Every group of questions can be divided into 3 parts: Easy, Medium, Hard.
2. Answer all the easy questions first. If time allows, go back and do the hard ones.
3. Leaving a question blank costs you almost as many points as answering it incorrectly.
4. Slow Down – you will improve your scores by attempting fewer questions & devoting more time to questions you can probably get right.
5. Finishing is not the goal unless shooting for an 800.



Sources:

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FinAid.org

Petersons.com

FiskeGuide.com

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Act, Inc.

Timeline

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