

# APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

AND WHAT HAPPENS ONCE YOU'RE IN

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# TYPES OF SCHOOLS

## Public

Receives funding from the state

Generally cheaper

Will have different tuition for  
instate and out of state  
students

Significantly more common

MIT, UCLA, CU Boulder, University  
of Wyoming

## Private

Privately funded

Much more expensive (\$60,000 a  
year)

More generous with scholarships

Harvard, Stanford, Yale,  
Princeton

# TWO MAIN PATHWAYS

## Institution Applications

Applying directly to college or university

Most colleges have this, especially private schools

Can be very different from school to school

The best option when applying to only a few schools

## The Common App(lication)

A single application that is accepted by many (but not all schools)

Fill it out once and you are done

Better if applying to many schools that accept it

A little long and tedious

# WHEN TO APPLY

Most apply some time in 12th grade

Some schools have “early application,” and some are exclusive

Earlier is generally better

Some schools cut off applications in February or March, some go through to late April

Some schools notify acceptance right away, a lot of private schools release in late march

Students decide school by May 1st

# MIT

MIT's 7 (ish) step  
application  
process

A lot isn't  
included—each  
section has a  
bunch of other  
stuff

Deadlines & Requirements

MyMIT

Early vs Regular

Part 1: Biographical Info

Part 2: Essays, Activities, Etc

Letters of Recommendation

Tests & Scores

Interview

February Updates & Notes Form

Portfolios & Additional Material

# UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Much more simple  
application  
process

Essentially just  
providing contact  
information and a  
bit of  
information about  
yourself

Also much less  
competitive



# ALRIGHT, YOU'RE IN - NOW WHAT?

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Transcripts

Placement Exams

Standardized Tests

Housing applications

Immunization confirmation

Enrollment confirmation (May 1st)

Orientation

# SCHOLARSHIPS!

College is expensive, so students receive (or try to) money in the form of scholarships or grants

Individual colleges have their own scholarships, and then students apply for additional private scholarships

Very competitive, with reward values ranging from a few hundred dollars to a full ride

The primary means by which people are even able to afford to go to college in America



# ORIENTATION

I just did this, so it's still new for me

Go to college, meet some people, and sign up for classes

Most colleges have a mandatory orientation

Early orientation is before  
classes you want!

