

Summary of College Selection & Application Process

“KEEP IT SIMPLE” GAME PLAN:

- (1) Use the Senior Timeline...read it often and follow everything on it...
- (2) Take SAT Exam two times; Take SAT Subject Test (only required by certain colleges)...
- (3) Fill out and submit Family Income Form AND Figure Out H/EOP Program Eligibility...
- (4) Create your College List...
- (5) Fill out your CUNY, SUNY, and Private School Applications...
- (6) Fill out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) AND CSS Profile (only required by certain colleges)

And apply for scholarships...
- (7) Receive acceptance letters from colleges...
- (8) Receive financial aid package award letters from colleges...
- (9) Compare your acceptance letters with the financial aid packages; discuss options with your teachers, parents, and counselors and make your final college choice by May 1st...KEEP IT SIMPLE ...

College List:

1. In order to create your list you have to figure out what you would like to major in while you are in college.
2. Your list should include CUNY, SUNY, and PRIVATE schools that offer your major.
3. Be sure that your list has a range of schools depending on your average.
4. The range of schools should include “reach, good chance but still hard to get into, and safety schools”.
5. The range of schools should include “financial reach, still a bit expensive, and clearly affordable.”
6. Your final college list should include the following:
 - (a) You should list 3-6 CUNY schools that offer your major

- (b) You should list 1-4 SUNY schools that offer your major
- (c) You should list 3-6 private schools that offer your major
- (d) You should list 2-4 test optional schools that offer your major

City University of New York (CUNY):

- 1. You will fill out the CUNY common application which costs \$65.00.
- 2. Only a limited number of fee waivers were given to our school, if any.
- 3. Students who meet the financial income guidelines will be selected and will not have to pay for the application.
- 4. If you have any questions regarding the CUNY application, call 1-800-CUNY-YES.

State University of New York (SUNY):

- 1. You will fill out the SUNY common application which costs \$50.00 per school.
- 2. Some of you who qualify for the Education Opportunity Program (EOP) will not have to pay for the application.
- 3. I will include a FEE WAIVER LETTER for up to 4 SUNY schools. IMPORTANT: IF THE COLLEGE DETERMINES THAT YOU ARE NOT FINANCIALLY ELIGIBLE YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY.
- 4. Some schools will require you to fill out a Supplemental Application or Part 2; this is done after your SUNY application is filled out and submitted.
- 5. If you have any questions regarding the application you can call SUNY's toll free number: 1-800-342-3811.

Private Colleges and Universities:

- 1. The application costs may vary but, most of you will probably be eligible for a fee waiver.
- 2. Remember to focus on the size and location of the school as well as whether or not they offer your major and any sports and/or activities in which you may be interested.
- 3. You will fill out the Common Application which is accepted by over 500 colleges at www.commonapp.org.
- 4. If the private college that you are applying to does not accept the common application you will have to go to that school's website to apply on-line or download their application.