Getting Started – The College Application Process

College Search

Research Three Safety Schools

Colleges you can get into easily

Research Three Match Schools

Colleges that match your academic qualifications and that you can afford

Research Two Reach Schools

Colleges you wish you could attend but may have trouble getting into

Web Site Searches

Look at each Website to help determine your opinion of the college

Check College Majors

Determine academic qualifications of your program of choice

How the process of students selected is conducted

View Admissions Policies

How to begin the process

Compile Your Student Information

Update your student resume

List your accomplishments and activities

List your academic achievements and honors

Honor roll

Class Rank

Request grade transcripts from your high school

Be sure you have your SAT and/or ACT tests completed

Request letters of recommendation

College Paperwork Process

Complete applications by hand first

Write college application essays

Proofread essay for grammar, spelling, and punctuation

Have another person proofread your essays

Verify SAT and/or ACT test scores have been forwarded

Submit applications online with essays pasted into spaces provided

Gather all other information required and photocopy for your records

Student resume

Recommendation letters

Official transcripts

Financial information

Mail all paper college application materials