GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE

This guide was developed with you in mind to help you navigate the college application process. It provides a road map for high school or in order that you might begin preparing your senior in high school or in order that you might begin preparing

Ready to finish high school in 4 years of English and

FRESHMEN YEAR

- Meet your school counselor and create a four-year plan which includes challenging courses, such as honors, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or other higher-level courses.
- Research and select their majors.
- What are you doing after school? Become involved in clubs and/or sports.
- Summer plan: Stay off the couch and apply to summer programs! Also, consider finding volunteer opportunities in your community.

Seniors

- Meet with your school counselor to plan your junior year schedule. Are you on track?
- Meet with your school counselor about test fee waivers. Ask your guidance counselor for more information.
- Consider taking the PSAT (collegescorecard.org) or PLAN test to prepare for the SAT or the ACT. Ask your counselor about local scholarships available to students in your area.
- Participate in any extracurricular activities. Update that résumé!
- When writing application essays, stay true to your voice and don’t be afraid to follow your instincts.
- The College Board (SAT) and the College Board ACT. Ask about local scholarships available to students in your area.
- Fee waivers are available to students who cannot afford the cost of applying to college. You should also check for state and local scholarships.
- Remember to save all your college application materials, including any materials that have been requested by the schools to which you have applied. You will need these materials when you receive your offers of admission.
- Your application will be considered in context; regardless of what kind of school you attend, you will be penalized if you come from a public high school. Competitive colleges consider students from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives— including students who have attended public high schools. Your application will be evaluated in context, regardless of years of high school you attended. Did you take advantage of opportunities available to you? Did you challenge yourself? You will not be penalized in the admissions process if you come from a public high school.
Resources at Stanford

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August 2, 2023
Accepted!

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Meeting the financial need of incoming students is a top priority for Stanford. The financial aid program is designed to be need-blind and need-aware, providing access to scholarship opportunities! Check out Stanford’s Net Price Calculator is located at www.stanford.edu/financialaid.

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Paying for Your Education

How can I go to pay for college?

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You can find on the financial aid website.

Why does Stanford have a financial aid package? If you meet the requirements, the financial aid package will help cover the cost of college.

When do I need to apply for financial aid?

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Where do I talk about financial aid?

Financial aid from sources other than your college, or outside aid, is another way to obtain money for college. If you receive outside aid, you will need to verify that aid dollar-for-dollar with your college.

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