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College admission requirements usually include an application, academic records, personal essays, letters of recommendation, and extracurricular activities.

Bachelor's degree

A bachelor's degree is earned for an undergraduate course of study that normally requires three to five years of study (depending on institution and field of study).

COA

Cost of Attendance (COA) is the total cost of going to college, including tuition, room and board, books, transportation, fees, and personal expenses.

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eadlines

Missing a deadline can have serious consequences. Be prepared by tracking and confirming deadlines. There are typically deadlines for applying for admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and even on campus housing.



Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is the amount of money you and your family could be expected to pay for one year of college costs, based on the data gathered from the FAFSA and determined by a federal formula applied to that data.

F AFSA



This is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a federal form required to apply for need-based financial aid including grants, loans and work-study awards.

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Grants, like loans and some scholarships, are based on financial need. A grant may be provided by federal or state governments, an institution, a foundation, or some other nonprofit funding source and does not have to be repaid.

Housing

Typically 4-year schools require freshman to live on campus in housing provided by the institution. On campus housing is usually a dormitory, or shared living space. You might have one or more roommates, share a bathroom, and have a commons area for recreational activities. Students pay a monthly fee to live on campus, like rent.

In-state student

An in-state student is a student whose permanent residence is in the same state as the college or university he or she attends or hopes to attend. In-state students pay lower tuition than out-of-state students.

Junior College

A Junior/Community College is a two-year institution of higher education. Course offerings allow students to transfer to a four-year college, earn a certificate or degree in a particular program, and help prepare students for employment in two years.

Kinesthetic

A learning style where students are physically doing a task, as opposed to listening to a lecture or watching demonstrations.

L oans

A loan is a type of financial aid that is available to students and/or parents. An education loan must be repaid. In many cases, however, payments do not begin until the student finishes school.

Merit based aid

A form of gift aid (does not require repayment) based upon your grade point average, academic excellence and extracurricular involvement with some attention to your financial need. Most scholarships are considered merit based aid.

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date

The date by which applicants who are accepted for admission are expected to notify the institutions of their intent to enroll and make enrollment deposits. That date is often on or around May 1st and is sometimes called Senior Signing Day or College Signing Day.



open-door

Open-door institutions are usually public two-year junior/community colleges. The term open-door refers to an admission policy that states that anyone who is 18 years of age or older, whether or not a high school graduate, can be admitted to that college.

Pell Grant



The Federal Pell Grant is a form of financial aid provided by the Federal government to students whose FAFSA indicates a high level of financial need. The Pell Grant does not have to be repaid.

Q quad

Short for quadrangle, a quad is a large open area where people can gather, surrounded on four sides by buildings. An example of a quad is a courtyard in a college or university.

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each school

A college or university that you have a chance of getting into, but your test scores, GPA and/or class rank are a bit on the low side when you look at the school's profile. Students are encouraged to apply to at least one reach school.



Scholarships

A scholarship is a sum of money given to a student for the purposes of paying at least part of the cost of college. Scholarships can be awarded to students based on students' academic achievements or on many other factors. Scholarships do not need to be repaid.

Tuition



Tuition is the amount paid for each credit hour of enrollment. Tuition does not include the cost of books, fees, or room and board.

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ndergraduate

A student enrolled in a 4- or 5-year bachelor's degree program, an associate's degree program, or a vocational or technical program.

Vocational school

This type of institution is similar to a community college in that it offers specific career-oriented programs that last from a few months to a couple of years. Most are specialized and offer intense training in one specific skill area.

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ork study

Most colleges offer work-study programs. They allow students to work part time during the school year as part of their financial aid package. The jobs are usually on campus and the money earned is used to pay for tuition or other college expenses.

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When applying for school, scholarships, financial aid, and other college documents make sure and read thoroughly before you sign. Know what you are committing to.

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ou are here.

Make the best of your college experience by getting involved. After all, you are there for a good amount of time so make the most of it by becoming familiar with the campus, your fellow students, professors, and get involved with clubs that interest you.

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College is packed with all sorts of things do to - from going to classes, studying, going to sporting events, participating in clubs, to just being with friends. Make sure to include a good nights rest in your schedule.