

Application Advice: A few points

As you navigate the college application process, counselors have a few points of advice:

- ⇒ You are looking for an institution where you stand a good chance at being happy, successful, and engaged. We encourage you to spend as much time researching all of your choices as you may on your top selections. Do not apply to schools that you know you have no interest in attending because of geographic location, career or program interest, or it does not have a club or team in your favorite extra-curricular activity.
- ⇒ Refrain from making the assumption that if a school is more competitive to get into, then it is more worthy or more challenging than other schools. While state universities are sometimes easier to be offered admission to, they are not necessarily “easier” schools. Program quality and academic rigor may be equal to a school with a more selective admissions process.
- ⇒ Pay careful attention to required and suggested application due dates. Some colleges have dates that are very early in the fall.
- ⇒ Not all good colleges and universities are located in the northeast. Although New England and New York offer many good college choices, looking beyond this geographic region may increase your uniqueness.
- ⇒ Many colleges are not need-blind, which means that your ability to pay for that college can impact your admissions decision. Take your financial situation into consideration. Do not refrain from applying since you may receive financial aid; however, be reasonable in your expectations.
- ⇒ State universities are not necessarily safe choices. Our own state university has GPA requirements and does not offer admission to all Vermont students.

TIP: The college application process can feel daunting as you transition to life beyond high school; however, it will not be your only decision and you have the skills to change it, if you wish.