



College APPS: 12 Steps to Finding Your Match



Apply with Confidence!

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The Cheat Code

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Lesson 1 Action Steps

- ☐ Familiarize yourself with the workbook
- ☐ Set a daily time on your calendar to work on your application
- ☐ Ask a family/friend to hold you accountable
- ☐ Think of one school you are interested in
- ☐ Use Google to search the following prompts with a school you are interested in!
 - Fact sheet at _____
 - 1st year student profile at _____
 - Average amount of financial aid for students at _____
 - Average test scores for admissions at _____



Helpful Links

[Navigating a College Website](#)

[Stress Relief Tips](#)

[Open Curriculum](#)



LESSON 1: HOPES AND FEARS

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DUALITY REGARDING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

HOPES	PLANS TO CELEBRATE
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

FEARS	PLANS TO OVERCOME
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	





POSITIVE STATEMENTS

IN THIS PROCESS

I can get through this.

I am enough.

I am a legacy maker,
generational breaker

I am my own inspiration.

I am stronger than I think.





POSITIVE STATEMENTS

IN THIS PROCESS

I can be brave and afraid at the same time.

This is exciting and I will ride the waves.

I have what it takes.

I am a finisher.

I'm going to do it afraid.



EA/ED 101

Deadlines are normally between November 1st and December 15th

Early Decision

- Binding. Students must go.
- Can only opt to not go if the financial aid package does not fit students' budget.
- Can only apply to one ED school.
 - If accepted, must formally withdraw all other applications.
- Must deposit shortly after acceptance (between 14-30 days).

Early Action

- Non-Binding.
- Can apply to more than one.
- Can deposit by May 1st.
- Note there is a restricted early action as well (REA) where you can only apply to ONE school early, but not bound to attend if accepted.

Is ED/EA for me?

1. Will you complete all applications, essays, financial aid and receive a letter of recommendations between November 1-15th?
2. Is this school one that you researched and is your absolute first choice?
3. Are your grades strong from your first 3 years of high school?
4. Does your GPA reflect a similar GPA to the average for their first-year enrollment?
5. Are your completed test scores (SAT/ACT) close to or above the average for their first-year enrollment?
6. Is this school an academic, social and financial fit?
7. Have you visited the campus or attended a virtual info session?

If you answered NO to any of these questions, you should do **EA** and not ED.

If you answered YES to those questions, please answer the following to see if you should do ED:

1. If you are to get into the school, are you okay with not knowing about the fate of your other options?
2. Are you able to submit a deposit after getting in within 15 days of notification?

If you answered YES to BOTH of these questions, you can consider doing ED.

