



The College Application Process

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St. Joseph's College

- Location : Patchogue, NY
 - Suburban Campus
 - Commuter School
- Small, Private, 4-year, Liberal Arts Institution
- Current tuition - \$24,500 (2016-17)
- Rolling Admissions
- GPA Requirement – Strong B student
 - unweighted GPA of at least an 80
- SAT average – 1100 New SAT
 - ACT – 22 Composite Score Required
- NCAA Division III

Before Applying

- Know where the student stands academically
 - GPA, rank, regents scores, curriculum of program of interest
- Research careers of interest, majors, and colleges
- Take SATs/ ACTs- senior year test scores can matter
- Get involved in outside activities
 - Leadership roles, work, community service
 - Focus on what student is passionate about
- Visiting campus
 - Admissions interview, team visit, regional college nights
- Make sure student's e-mail address, social networking accounts are appropriate

Application Options

- The Common Application
 - www.commonapp.org
 - Over 500 member institutions
 - Check application fee waiver ability
 - Supplemental materials for separate institutions
- The Universal College Application
 - www.universalcollegeapp.com
 - Approximately 50 member institutions
- SUNY Application
 - www.suny.edu/applysuny
 - SOAR – Student Online Academic Record- can start as early as 9th grade
- College Specific Online Application or paper application
 - May ask for less information
 - Send test score/ transcript information manually
 - Can contact school directly for troubleshooting
 - Receipt confirmation
- Onsite Application days
 - Sit one on one with an admissions representative
 - Provide school with transcripts and test scores, completed application

Deadlines to remember

- Early Decision (Binding) vs. Early Action
- Rolling Admissions- priority deadlines
 - Financial Aid- can be processed as of October 1, 2017
 - Financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov
 - Scholarship
- Deposit/ Commitment – May 1st
- Housing
- “Waitlisted” decisions

Application Submission Process

- Request application forms and information from colleges-Preference?
- Request letters of recommendations
- Write and proof essay
- Interview with colleges if necessary or recommended
- Complete application-
 - Make copies of all materials sent
 - If applying online, make sure to hit “submit” and receive a confirmation
 - Include signature page, application fee
 - Send supplemental materials
 - Send transcript and test scores
 - Follow up on additional materials needed if file is incomplete
 - Send mid year grades
- Complete Financial Aid process

Reviewing an Application

- Academic Transcript
 - GPA of Freshman through Junior Year
 - Consistency through senior year- mid year grade reports
 - Weighted vs. Unweighted
 - Trends
- SAT and ACT scores- *new SAT as of Spring 2016-
 - Scores out of 1600 – Evidence Based Reading and Writing + Math , optional essay
 - SAT score converter available on collegeboard.org
- Curriculum- college preparatory courses most important
 - 4 Major Subjects - Recommended
 - Math, English, History, Science
 - Specific Subjects for majors
 - Foreign languages
 - Course Level- Regents, Honors, AP, College Courses
 - Elective courses chosen
- Regents Exam Scores- consistency in course grades

Reviewing an Application

- Biographical Data-
 - Geographic location, background, extenuating or unusual life circumstances and experience, first generation
- Essay
 - Consistency in writing skills, attention to topic, avoid controversial subject material
 - Can set apart two academically similar students
- Letters of Recommendation-
 - teacher, counselor vs. coach
- Class Ranking- not required by all institutions
- Activities Resume- treat application process like a job
 - service, leadership, non-academic achievements
- Portfolio and Special Talents – if required

Questions??

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