



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

GEORGE C. MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL

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COLLEGE SEARCH



- College & Career Specialist
- Naviance
- Common Data Set
- Academic Common Market
- How many institutions should you apply for?



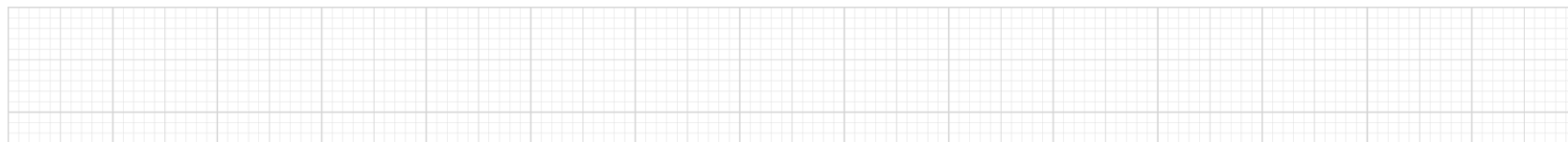
HOW TO APPLY

- The Common Application
 - 900+ members
- Coalition Application
 - 300+ members
- Individual College Application



DEADLINES

- Early Decision (Binding)
 - October/November
- Early Action (Non-binding)
 - December
- Regular Decision
 - January
- Rolling Admissions



WHAT IS THE SRAR?

A Self-Reported Academic Record puts the applicant in the driver's seat during the application process. Applicants will self-report their coursework, grades, and test scores (if applicable) and it replaces transcripts in the application review process.



WHICH COLLEGES USE IT?

Baylor University

Binghamton University, SUNY

Clemson University

Duquesne University

Florida A&M University

Florida Atlantic University

Florida Polytechnic University

Florida State University

Kean University

Louisiana State University

Montclair State University

New College of Florida

New York University (NYU)

Northeastern University

Pennsylvania State University

**Rutgers University (Camden,
Newark, New Brunswick)**

Texas A&M University

Texas Tech University

US Air Force Academy

University at Buffalo, SUNY

University of Connecticut

University of Delaware

University of Florida

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

University of North Florida

University of Oregon

University of Pittsburgh

University of Rhode Island

University of South Florida

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

University of Texas (San Antonio & Arlington)

University of West Florida

Virginia Tech



ESSAY

- REVIEW ALL INSTRUCTIONS
- ESSAY VS. PERSONAL STATEMENT
- TELL YOUR STORY
- REFLECT ON PAST EXPERIENCES
- PROOFREAD!



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OBJECTIVE

Academic Courses

- Challenging courses
- Core Subjects all four years (including Senior year)
- Have you stretched yourself

Overall Performance (GPA/Rank)

- Grades in advanced courses
- Comparing students from the same High School?

Test Scores (SAT vs ACT)

Volume of Applications (college)

FACTORS IN GETTING ACCEPTED

SUBJECTIVE

Extra Curricular

- Depth of involvement, contributions
- Quality vs Quantity

Essays

- Stick to the topic and length
- This is your “megaphone”

Recommendations

- Someone who knows you

Interview and Campus Visits

- Does it impact admissions?



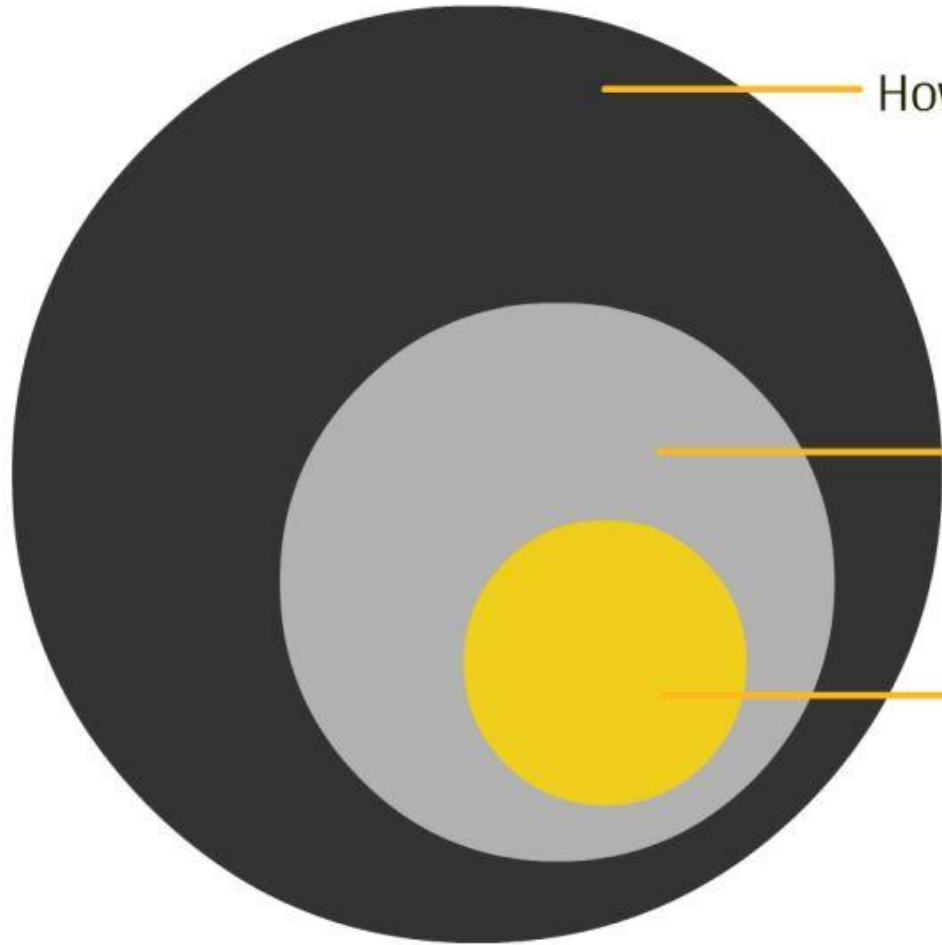
FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Virginia Alternative State Aid (VASA)
- CSS profile
- Priority deadlines

HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Naviance
- Institution Scholarship Application
- College & Career Specialist





How many students apply to a college

How many students are admitted to that college

How many of those admitted students are awarded a scholarship



FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS CONT.

TRUSTED WEBSITES

- [Finaid.org](https://www.finaid.org)
- [Collegegreenlight.com](https://www.collegegreenlight.com)
- [Fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
- [Scholarships.com](https://www.scholarships.com)
- [Scholarshipamerica.org](https://www.scholarshipamerica.org)
- [Moneygeek.com](https://www.moneygeek.com)