



welcome!



to the

College Application Session

This session will provide an overview of the college application and financial aid process.

You will learn more about scholarships, types of financial aid, student life, and more.

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FINDING YOUR

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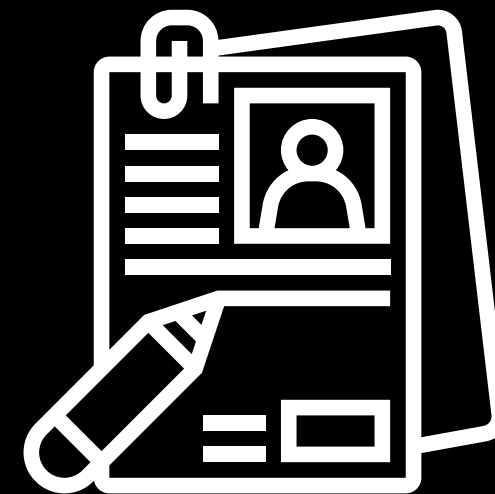
Location



Campus Life



Academic Programs



Admissions



Affordability

LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION

In-State vs. Out of State
City? Town? Beach?
Accessibility?
How far is **too** far?
How close is **too** close?



clubs, sports & organizations.

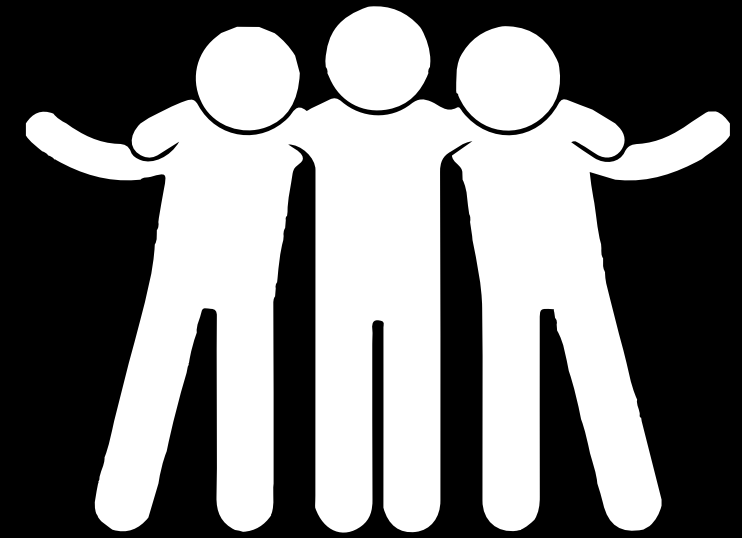


CLUBS

- Academic-Based
- Student Interest
- Club Sports
- Intramural Sports



- Division I
- Division II
- Division III



- Sororities
- Fraternities
- Student Support
- Special Interest

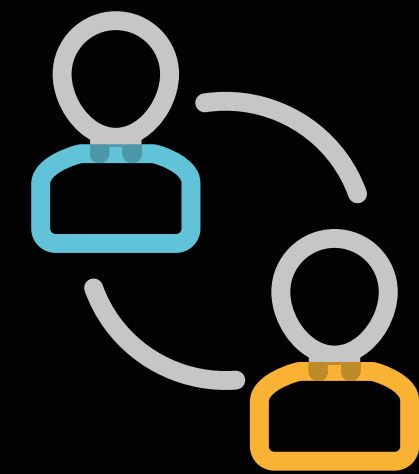
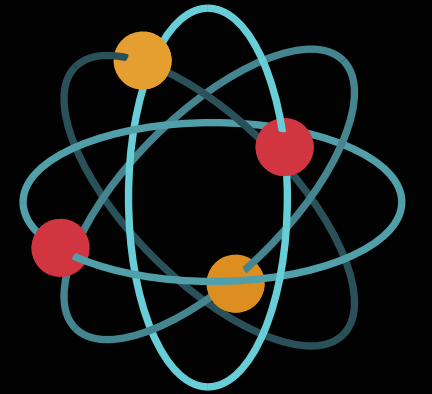
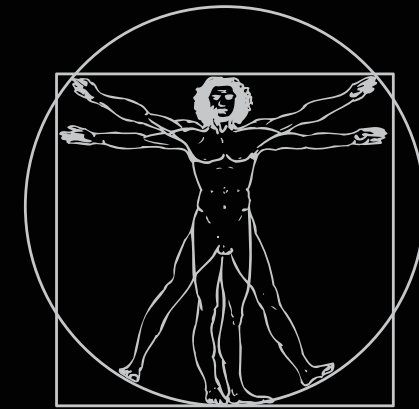
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ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

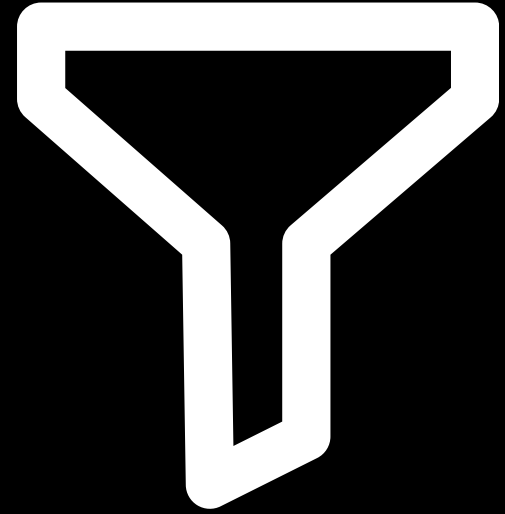
Academic offerings include:

- Majors
- Minors
- Dual degree offerings
- Certificates, etc.

About **80%** of students in college end up changing their major at least once, according to the National Center for Education Statistics



Resources for a College Search



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-COMMON APP

- ONE OF THE MOST COMMON AND ALSO THE BEST RESOURCE FOR FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS
- DIRECTLY SYNCs THE SCHOOLS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WITH APPS MAKING IT EASY TO KEEP TRACK

-COLLEGE BOARD

- GREAT FILTERS TO MAKE SURE THE SCHOOL FITS YOUR NEEDS
- GREAT RESOURCE FOR UPLOADING ATTACHMENTS TO YOUR APPLICATION

-NICHE

- GREAT FILTERS AND RANKINGS ON SCHOOLS
- DIRECT ADMISSIONS-GREAT TOOL TO APPLY OR JUST SEE THE ODDS OF GETTING INTO A SCHOOL AS WELL AS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY
- COLLEGE QUIZ



common
app 

 CollegeBoard

HOW TO APPLY



CHECK THE
TESTING POLICY

What is Generally Required?

- Completed Application
- Application Fee or Waiver
- Official High School Transcript(s)
- Essay(s)

Addition Items to Consider:

- Letters of Recommendation
- Resume

Types of Decisions

Early Decision

GENERALLY BINDING

Early Action

NON-BINDING

Instant Decision Days

NON-BINDING

On-Site IPDs

NON-BINDING

Regular Decision

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admissions

No deadlines

These apps read on an ongoing basis but make sure to check specific programs



Testing 101

BREAKING DOWN THE SAT & ACT



TEST OPTIONAL

STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE
WHETHER OR NOT THEY
SUBMIT SAT OR ACT
SCORES FOR
CONSIDERATION

TEST BLIND

TEST SCORES ARE NOT
CONSIDERED- EVEN IF
A STUDENT CHOOSES
TO SUBMIT TEST
SCORES

TEST REQUIRED

SAT OR ACT SCORES
ARE REQUIRED FOR
CONSIDERATION

NOTE: SOME SCHOOLS MAY HAVE SPECIFIC MAJORS/PROGRAMS
THAT ARE TEST REQUIRED, EVEN IF THEY ARE GENERALLY TEST
BLIND OR TEST OPTIONAL,

LETTERS OF **RECOMMENDATION** FROM WHO? AND HOW MANY?

Your goal is to find the people who can address the important aspects of you in the best and most comprehensive light possible. Usually the people you choose are either a supervisor or professor, former or current. The letter writer should know you well in one or more of the following areas:

- Academic ability
- Interpersonal skills
- Work ethic
- Leadership qualities
- Ability to function on a team



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

FROM WHO? AND HOW MANY?

- Always give adequate lead time: 4-6 weeks minimum
- Be prepared for any response
- Helping your letter writers write the best possible letter: Student resume or brag sheet.

Follow-Up: Handwritten Thank you Card or E-mail



Essays & Writing Prompts

23-24 Common App: Examples

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

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Financial Aid and Cost

- **Applying for Financial Aid**
- **Types of Financial Aid**
 - **Scholarships**
 - **Grants**
 - **Loans**
 - **Employment Opportunities**
- **The Cost of Attendance**
 - **Direct Costs (Your Bill) vs. Indirect Costs**



Applying for Financial Aid

- Federal Aid: Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (studentaid.gov)
 - Generally opens up October 1 for students to complete their senior year
- State Aid: Applications vary by state, NJ is Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) (njfams.hesaa.org)
- Sometimes schools may require you to complete the CSS Profile (cssprofile.org)
- Every state has its own funds and process for distributing aid, which often consists of grants and scholarships. Some states only require that you complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, while other states require families to complete a separate application.
- Some state aid is first come, first served, so complete your FAFSA form early to maximize your eligibility.

Merit-Based Scholarships

- Generally automatically reviewed for by each school you are applying to
- Important to find out what each school is looking for

Stockton University's Example:

Academic: Official High School Transcript

Extracurricular:

Work (part-time or summer jobs) – Volunteerism or Community Engagement – Family responsibilities
School/Community clubs/organizations – Arts/Music/Sports – Other experiences that have been meaningful to you

Out-of-State Tuition Scholarship: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (all GPAs will be converted to a 4.0 scale)

Athletic Scholarships

- Only about two-percent of high school athletes are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.
- Division III: Schools do not offer athletics scholarships
- Division II: Partial Scholarship Model
 - The partial-scholarship model is sometimes referred to as an “equivalency” system. That’s because schools in Division II are allowed to award athletics-based financial aid that is “equivalent” to a certain number of full grants in each sport.
- Division I: Division I schools may provide student-athletes with multiyear scholarships. Additionally, Division I schools may pay for student-athletes to finish their bachelor's or master's degrees after they finish playing NCAA sports.



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Outside Scholarships



- Endowed/Foundation Scholarships
- Outside Scholarships
 - Local Scholarships
 - National/Regional Scholarships
 - FastWeb Scholarship Search
 - Financial Aid Tips Mometrix College Prep
 - Career OneStop Scholarship Finder
 - CollegeBoard Fund Finder
 - Scholarships.com Find Money for College
 - College Net Scholarship Search
 - US News Scholarship Search
 - Tuition Funding Source Scholarship Search

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Grants, Loans and Employment Opportunities

- Grants
 - Potential to receive free institutional, state and/or federal money
 - Some states and/or schools have specific programs
 - NJ: Garden State Guarantee, Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF), Stockton Promise
- Loans
 - Generally students are offered federal loans through the FAFSA
 - Additional Private/Alternative Student Loans are available
 - Federal Parent PLUS Loan is an option
- Employment Opportunities



Funding Your Education



The Stockton Promise grant covers 100% of the gap between federal, state and institutional financial aid and the cost of tuition and fees for qualifying students.

Learn more about the Stockton Promise grant at stockton.edu/promise.

The Garden State Guarantee was created to assist New Jersey residents in affording the cost of their education. The benefits include a tuition and fee free guarantee or a sliding scale Net Price for qualifying students.

Learn more about the Garden State Guarantee at stockton.edu/gsg.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND

EOF

SENIORS- To see if you are eligible:

- Complete the EOF Application
- Send in your family's 2021 and 2022 tax transcripts
(eoffinaid@stockton.edu)

Visit Stockton.edu/EOF for more info

- EOF students receive the following benefits
 - Acceptance and Housing Deposit Wavier
 - Tuition and Housing Assistance
 - Book Stipend
 - Advising and Counseling Support

Household Size	Gross Income (Not to Exceed)	Maximum Asset Cap (Not to Exceed)
1	\$27,180	\$5,436
2	\$36,620	\$7,324
3	\$46,060	\$9,212
4	\$55,500	\$11,100
5	\$64,940	\$12,998
6	\$74,380	\$14,876
7	\$83,820	\$16,764
8	\$93,260	\$18,652
8+	Add \$9,440 for each additional family member	Add \$1,888 for each additional family member

Grants, Loans and Employment Opportunities

Direct Costs (Your Bill)

- Tuition & Fees
- Housing and Food

Admissions, Scholarships & Aid Campus Life Athletics & Recreation Arts & Culture Alumni & Friends

Bill Estimator

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Undergraduate Graduate Doctoral

Choose a Semester:

Summer 2023 Fall 2023

Student Type: Undergraduate

Tuition:

Fees:

Meal Plan:

Housing:

Estimated Total: \$0.00

[Print Estimate](#)

2022-2023

Tuition & Fees/Room & Board*

	NJ Resident	Out-of-State
Tuition & Fees	\$15,188	\$22,922
Room & Board	\$13,520	\$13,520
Total Cost	\$28,708	\$36,442

Indirect Costs (Cost of Attendance)

- Books and supplies
- Equipment
- Transportation
- Miscellaneous personal expenses

What Other Expenses Should I Budget For?

	State Resident	Non-Resident (out of state)
Books & Supplies	\$1,374.00/Year	\$1,374.00/Year
Transportation	\$907.00/Year	\$980.00/Year
Personal Expenses	\$3,943.00/Year	\$3,943.00/Year
Total Indirect Expenses*	\$6,224.00/Year	\$6,297.00/Year

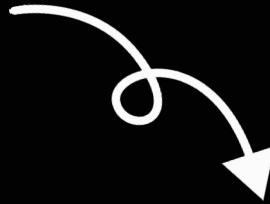
*Indirect expenses include expenses that you may incur while attending school, including books and supplies; however, these are not expenses that you will be billed for by the university.

**Students who are living off campus should still think about the housing and meals costs listed above under direct costs. Housing and meals are indirect expenses to students living off campus.

QUESTIONS



Ready to start your college search?



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