

RUTGERS

THE STATE UNIVERSITY  
OF NEW JERSEY

# The College Admissions Process

# Summer Checklist

- ✓ Check in with your Counselor to find out about your cumulative GPA and Class Rank at the end of the year
- ✓ Start to think about which teachers you want to write your Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Start to make a list of Colleges / Universities that interest you
- ✓ Start to visit the Colleges / Universities on your list
- ✓ Take the August SATs (if possible) if you were not happy with your Spring Scores

# Senior Year Checklist

- ✓ Be sure that you will have completed a minimum of 16 academic courses by graduation
- ✓ In early Fall, request your Letters of Recommendation
  - Guidance Counselor
  - Academic Teacher
  - Other
- ✓ Take the SAT or ACT in the early Fall (September / October)
- ✓ Visit / re-visit the Colleges / Universities that still interest you
  - Open Houses
  - Daily Tours
- ✓ Submit Applications early and at least before the Deadlines
  - \*submit at least a week before the deadlines
  - \*\*SATs can take up to 2-3 weeks to reach schools
- ✓ Apply for Outside Scholarships

# What Should I Look for in a College?

Academic Majors

Athletics / Activities

Location

Cost

Size

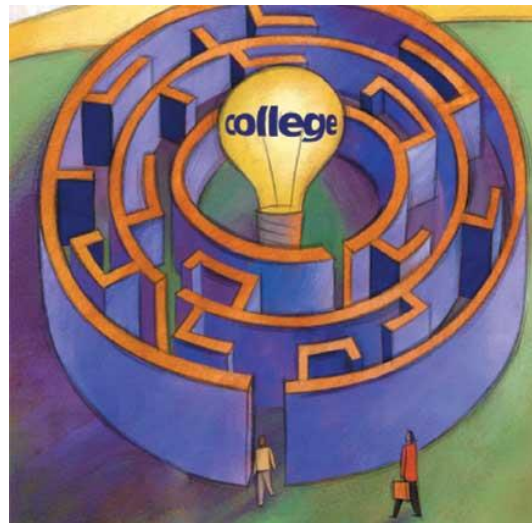
Public / Private

Diversity

Religious  
Affiliations

Housing

Personal Fit



# How to Apply

- Fill Out the Appropriate Application completely  
Platform Application vs. Individual School Application
- Send the required credentials to each school  
Electronically  
(Mail?)
- Typical Required Credentials:
  - Application Fee
  - High School Transcript
  - SRAR for Rutgers University
  - SAT or ACT Scores
  - Letters of Recommendation
  - Essay
  - Resume

**Know each College's Requirements and Application Deadlines**

## Tips for Writing the Admissions Essay

- Be sure you are answering the question
- If writing about a topic of your choice, use the essay to tell us more about you-something your application doesn't already tell us
- Be sure to follow the length requirements of the essay
- Check for grammatical and spelling errors
- Have a Teacher, Counselor, Parent, or Guardian look over the essay before you submit it

# What are Colleges Looking for?

- Strong high school grades/college courses
- Competitive SAT/ACT scores
- Challenging academic coursework
- Well written essay
- Portfolio / Audition
- Quality letters of recommendation (if required)
- Leadership
  - Ex. Team Captain, Student Government President
- A well rounded student

# Courses

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math: Geometry, Algebra I & II (science and math majors may require higher levels of math)
- 3 years of History/Social Science
- 2 years of Laboratory Science (minimum)
- 2 years of foreign language
- Academic electives
- Honors and Accelerated Courses





# Financial Aid

- The FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - can be filed after October 1<sup>st</sup> of Student's Senior Year
  - based on both Parent and Student financial information based from the Prior-Prior Year (2017 taxes for the class entering in 2019!)
  - should list all schools to which students have applied
- CSS Profile / Additional Forms
  - varies by school
- Financial Aid Packages:
  - Scholarships
  - Grants
  - Loans
  - Federal Work Study
- Must be re-filed each year



# Bridging the Gap at Rutgers-Camden

- There is no formal Application – To be considered, students must:
  - Apply and be admitted to Rutgers—Camden
  - Complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) by **May 1**
  - Accept their enrollment by **May 1**
  
- Rutgers–Camden will '*Bridge the Gap*' on the basis of adjusted gross income (AGI)\*
  - **\$0-60,000** (after federal and state aid applied) Rutgers–Camden will pick up 100% of the difference remaining between tuition and the general Campus Fee
  - **\$60,001-80,000** (after federal and state aid applied) Rutgers–Camden will pick up 75% of the difference remaining between tuition and the general Campus Fee
  - **\$80,001-\$100,000** (after federal and state aid applied) Rutgers–Camden will pick up 50% of the difference remaining between tuition and the general Campus Fee

*\*Adjusted gross income (AGI) is reported on the FAFSA from IRS Form 1040—line 37, 1040A—line 21, 1040EZ—line 4*

# Eligibility for Bridging the Gap

- Who is Eligible for *Bridging the Gap*?
  - New first-year (“freshmen”) students entering in Fall, 2016 and beyond
  - U.S. citizen or legal permanent U.S. resident
  - New Jersey Resident
  
- Who is **NOT** Eligible for *Bridging the Gap*?
  - Transfer students – on-campus or off-campus
  - Non-resident students of the State of New Jersey
  - Non-U.S. citizens or non-legal permanent U.S. residents
  - First-year students admitted in Fall 2016 with an AGI > \$100,000
  - Students admitted as first-year students or transfer students **prior to** fall 2016

# Renewal Requirements for Bridging the Gap

- To be renewed each year, the student must:
  - Earn 30 credit hours each academic year
  - Maintain continuous full-time enrollment in fall and spring semesters for 8 semesters at Rutgers—Camden
  - Maintain good academic standing within their college/school

## Important Financial Websites:

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- [www.library.coin3.com](http://www.library.coin3.com)
- [www.rutgers.edu](http://www.rutgers.edu)
- [www.hesaa.org](http://www.hesaa.org)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- <http://studentaid.rutgers.edu>



# It's all at Rutgers

- Founded in 1766 - Eighth oldest institution of higher education in the U.S.
- The State University of the State of New Jersey
- Research University with more than 300 research centers and institutes
- 39 Schools and Colleges
- 3 Campus locations:
  - Camden
  - Newark
  - New Brunswick / Piscataway
- 65,000 total students represented by 50 states and 115 countries
- 408,000 alumni worldwide
  - 200,000+ in NJ

# Rutgers University-Camden

- **75+** Bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and certificate programs
- **4** schools & colleges
  - ❖ College of Arts and Sciences
  - ❖ School of Business
  - ❖ School of Nursing
  - ❖ Rutgers Law School
- **38** undergraduate majors and programs
- **50+** minors, certificate and special programs
- **26** dual- and joint-degree programs
- **30+** graduate and professional programs
- **12** research institutes and centers
- **99%** of faculty hold a terminal degree
- **10 to 1** Student-to-faculty ratio
- **24** Average Class Size

Rutgers-Camden



# Final Helpful Hints

- Narrow your application pool to 5-6 schools
- Have reach, match, and safety schools
- Create a timeline
- Make sure you send your materials to the correct school
- Visit all the schools you apply to, so you can make an informed decision
- Create a separate e-mail address to give to schools, so you can all access the information
- If you have questions, contact the schools-don't just assume you know the answer



# Questions?



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