

Senior Class

College Information Presentation

Fall 2026

Roles & Responsibilities

Student

- **Drives the process**
- Primary contact with colleges
- Fills out applications
- Asks instructors for letters of recommendation
- Writes essay
- Takes standardized tests & schedules retakes
- Sends test scores directly to colleges (if desired)
- Keeps track of and meets deadlines
- Bi-Weekly meeting with Mark

Parents

- Keep ongoing discussion with student about colleges and deadlines
- Discuss finances with student & fill out financial aid forms
- Help student attend college visits

Counselor & Office

- Help student develop college list with a balanced mix of safety, target, and reach schools
- Writes a recommendation letter for every student
- Send out transcripts & letters of recommendation after application submission
- Help student think critically about college and major choices

Application Timeline

SEPTEMBER

01

Senior Meetings

- Narrowing down list of schools

OCTOBER

02

Completing Applications

- Working on essay & recommendations
- FAFSA & CSS Profile open 10/1

NOVEMBER

03

Early Deadlines

- UVM Nov 1 / UNH Nov 15
- Many other colleges have early action deadlines
- Many Early Decision deadlines

DECEMBER

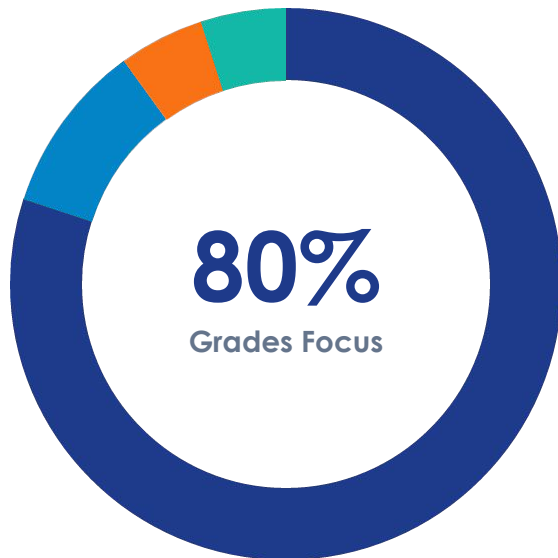
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Early Decisions

- Students informed about early application decisions

Holistic Assessment for Small State College

High Acceptance Rate: **75% Acceptance rate**



Academic criteria heavily dominate admissions decisions at this institution.

Grades **80.0%**

Primary focus on academic transcript, GPA, and course rigor.

Extra Curriculars **10.0%**

Involvement in activities, clubs, sports, and leadership roles.

Letters of Rec **5.0%**

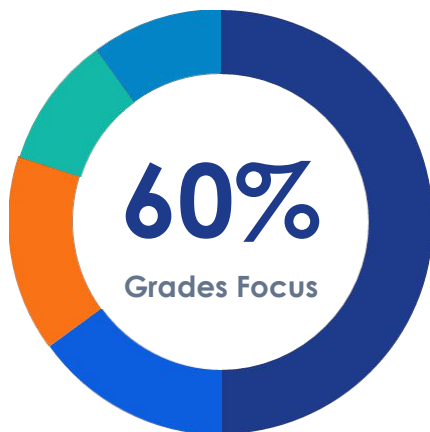
Evaluations and endorsements from teachers and counselors.

Essay **5.0%**

Personal statement and written expression.

Holistic Assessment for Small State College

Acceptance Profile: **60% Moderate Acceptance Rate**



Academic criteria remain central, complemented significantly by test scores, recommendations, and essays.

Grades, Classes & GPA **60.0%**

Primary emphasis on academic transcript and coursework rigor.

Letters of Recommendation **20.0%**

Counselor and teacher endorsements reflecting character.

Application Essay **10.0%**

Personal statement and quality of written expression.

Extracurricular Activities **10.0%**

Involvement in clubs, sports, leadership, and community.

Holistic Assessment for Highly Selective College

Low Acceptance Rate: **Less than 9% Acceptance Rate**



Holistic Evaluation

Admissions decisions evaluate the complete student profile, where essays, academics, and extracurricular impact carry near-equal weight.

Grades & Rigor **30.0%**

Academic transcript, GPA, and course rigor.

Essay **20.0%**

Personal statement and written supplemental expression.

Extra Curriculars **20.0%**

Leadership, depth of involvement, and activities.

Letters of Rec **15.0%**

Counselor and teacher endorsements reflecting character.

Test Scores **15.0%**

Standardized test performance (SAT/ACT evaluation).

Important Websites for College Bound Students

Naviance

<https://student.naviance.com>

A **school resource** for every student to manage application documents:

Transcript

School Profile

Recommendation Letters

Common App Forms

Common App

<https://www.commonapp.org>

The central application system used by most colleges TA students apply to:

Research & Save Favorite Schools

Manage College Applications

Manage Supplemental Forms

Upload College Essays

Naviance

Mark's Future Planning

College: Bachelor's Degree

 [Edit Path](#)

Plan Your Future

Quickly access your path highlights, favorite careers, information from your school, and more from this page.



Welcome to Naviance

No Welcome Message is available at this time.

[Additional Information from Your School](#)

Tasks from My School

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do.

[Go to My Planner](#)

What's New

Nothing new to review this visit. Check back later.

Search for a College



Enter name

[Search](#)

Colleges I'm Applying To



Favorite Scholarships



Trying to decide
which college is
right for you?

Check out colleges looking
for students like you!

[VIEW MATCHES](#)

The Common App



FIND A COLLEGE

Plan for college ▾

Apply to college ▾

Support your students ▾



Sign in

Create an account

Your future starts here

Apply to college for the first time or transfer to complete your degree. Navigate your entire college application journey with Common App.

Start your application



The Common Application

The screenshot shows the Common App dashboard interface. On the left is a sidebar with the 'common app' logo at the top. Below it is a 'Dashboard' link with a house icon. Under the 'APPLY' section are 'My Common Application' (document icon) and 'My Colleges' (graduation cap icon). Under the 'EXPLORE' section are 'College search' (magnifying glass icon), 'Direct admissions' (document icon), and 'Financial aid' (dollar sign icon). At the bottom of the sidebar is a user profile for 'Tippi Oshoniyi' with email 'tippi.oshoniyi@thet.net' and CAID '42786069'. The main content area has a light blue header with an illustration of a person looking at a city and the text 'Good morning, Tippi!'. Below this is a 'Dashboard' title. The first section is 'My Common Application', showing '0/6 sections complete' and a progress bar. Below the progress bar are six circular icons with labels: 'Profile', 'Family', 'Education', 'Testing', 'Activities', and 'Writing'. The second section is 'My Colleges', showing '5 colleges on my list' and a progress bar. Below this is a button 'Hide colleges' and a list of colleges under 'In progress': 'Bates College', 'Bentley University', 'Boston College', 'Dartmouth College', and 'University of Vermont'. On the right side of the dashboard is a 'Help & support' section with a search bar for 'Search FAQs', a text input field, and a search icon. Below the search bar are two FAQ entries: 'How can I add a college to My colleges?' and 'I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?'. Each entry has a 'Read full answer' link. At the bottom of the help section is another FAQ entry: 'How many colleges can I add to My colleges list?'.

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Dashboard

APPLY

My Common Application

My Colleges

EXPLORE

College search

Direct admissions

Financial aid

Settings

Sign out

Tippi Oshoniyi
tippi.oshoniyi@thet.net
CAID 42786069

Good morning, Tippi!

Dashboard

My Common Application

0/6 sections complete

Profile Family Education Testing Activities Writing

My Colleges

5 colleges on my list

5 in progress

Hide colleges

In progress

- Bates College
- Bentley University
- Boston College
- Dartmouth College
- University of Vermont

Help & support

Search FAQs

Search takes you to the student solution center

How can I add a college to My colleges?

To add a college to your account:

Select **College search** from...

Read full answer

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?

You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the **My Common...**

Read full answer

How many colleges can I add to My colleges list?

You may add and apply to up to 20 colleges. You may add and remove colleges from...

Use the College Search function to add colleges to your dashboard once you decide to apply there.

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app

Home

My Common Application

Personal Information

Address

Contact Details

Demographics

Language

Geography and Nationality

Common App Fee Waiver

Family

Education

Testing

Activities

Writing

Complete your Common Application

Personal Information

In progress

Preview

Legal first/given name*

Tippi

Would you like to share a different first name that people call you?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Clear answer

My first name*

Tippi

You can update how we use this name in your [communication preferences](#).

Middle name

Last/family/surname*

Help & support

Search FAQs

Search takes you to the student solution center

Need Help?

Please use the link below to look for an answer to your question. Answers to most questions can be found in th...

Read full answer

All help topics

The Common App tab will take you to the sections that ALL Common App schools require.

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My Colleges

College information

APPLICATION

General

Academics

Activities

Contacts

Family

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and submit application

WRITING SUPPLEMENT

Writing Questions

Review and submit writing

Apply to Dartmouth College

Dartmouth College



apply@dartmouth.edu · Phone (603) 646-2875
6016 McNutt Hall
Hanover, NH 03755
USA

Application deadlines

Fall 2026
Early Decision · November 01, 2025
Regular Decision · January 01, 2026

Links

- [College website](#)
- [Admissions office](#)
- [Financial aid](#)
- [Virtual tour](#)
- [College Navigator](#)



Application information

Application Fees:

- First Year International Fee - \$85
- First Year Domestic Fee - \$85

Standardized test policy: ?

- Always required
- See website
- [Test Policy Information](#)

Help & support

Search FAQs



Search takes you to the student solution center

Can a college see the list of colleges on the My colleges list?

A school cannot view any other schools on your My...

[Read full answer](#)

When is the deadline for my application submission?

To meet an application deadline, you must submit your application materials by...

[Read full answer](#)

[All help topics](#)

The My Colleges tab will show you questions or writing supplements specific to each college. These must also be filled out before you submit your application.

College Application Deadlines

Understanding your options and commitments for submitting applications

FLEXIBLE

Rolling Admission

Apply at any time during the application window.

Applications are evaluated as they arrive, with acceptances sent out shortly thereafter.

STANDARD

Regular Admission

Submit applications by a specified fixed deadline.

All applications are evaluated together, and decisions are released in one large batch.

BINDING

Early Decision

Apply to **one top-choice school** with a binding commitment to attend if accepted.

Must immediately withdraw all other college applications if accepted.

Colleges accept 50%+ of their class this way.

NON-BINDING

Early Action

Shares an early timeline similar to Early Decision.

Not bound to attend if accepted; you can apply to multiple other schools.

Campus Visit

Key strategies and considerations for exploring potential colleges

ENGAGEMENT

Demonstrate Interest

"Official" visits are a highly effective way to show active interest in an institution.

Admissions offices often track official check-ins to gauge applicant intent.

EXPLORATION

Take Tours

Try to experience at least a couple of tours during your search.

Mix both in-person visits and virtual guided tours to cover more ground efficiently.

EVALUATION

Key Factors

Consider during visits:

- Geography, location, & convenience
- Your degree of genuine interest
- Compare and contrast options

MEDIA

Online Insights

Leverage YouTube and social channels.

Explore authentic student perspectives, day-in-the-life vlogs, and campus work.

Demonstrated Interest

How colleges track applicant engagement and enthusiasm

REPRESENTATIVES

Virtual Visits

College rep virtual visits.

Attend online sessions hosted by college representatives to learn more and show active interest.

EXPLORATION

Virtual Tours

Campus virtual tours.

Explore campus facilities, housing, and student spaces remotely when in-person visits aren't possible.

OUTREACH

Admissions Office

Communication with admissions office.

Reach out via email or phone with meaningful questions about programs and requirements.

EVALUATION

Interviews

Key Aspects:

- Informational vs. Evaluative interviews
- Connect with Admissions Reps if visiting campus and available

Standardized Tests

Overview of format, scoring, and test-optional considerations

COLLEGE BOARD

SAT

- 2 Components: Evidence Based Reading & Writing, Mathematics
- No Guessing Penalty: Points are only awarded for correct answers
- Scoring Scale: 400–1600 overall scale (800 max for each section)

ACT ORG

ACT

- 4 Components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science
- No Guessing Penalty: Points are only awarded for correct answers
- Scoring Scale: 1–36 point scale, with total composite being an average of all sections

ADMISSIONS GUIDANCE

Most colleges are remaining test optional again this year. If you are a good test taker it may be worth the time to take the test and have it as part of your application. Make sure you are aware if any schools on your list are requiring test scores.

Register for SATs



CollegeBoard

Sign In



Search



Most scores from the August 28th SAT are now available. [View your scores.](#)



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Important Dates

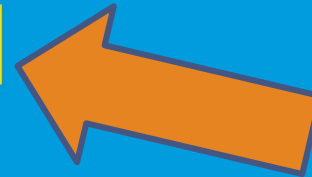
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Show Colleges You're Ready

Register now for an upcoming SAT.

Register Now



SAT Dates and Deadlines



Check for Test Center
Closings



Connect to Colleges and
Scholarships

Register for the ACT



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The ACT Test



US Students ▾

Registration ▾

Test Prep ▾

Test Day ▾

Scores ▾

Take the ACT on October 23!

The deadline to register is September 17.



Register for the ACT →

ACT Superscoring is Now Available!

ACT will now provide an automatically calculated ACT Superscore to all students who have taken the ACT more than once from September 2016 to current day. [Log in to MyACT](#) to view and send scores.

Test Scores



You must send your scores directly from the College Board or ACT websites to your colleges.

Superscoring

Highest Section Scores Count

Many colleges take the highest scores attained on each section, even from different testing dates.

Selective Schools Policy

Very selective schools are less likely to superscore. Always call potential colleges or check their official websites.



Test-Optional?

Should you submit your scores?



Contact Schools First

Ask if sending scores grants benefits (e.g., scholarships, honors programs).



Above Average Scores

Send scores if they are at or higher than the school's average.



Below Average & No Benefits

If there are no perks and scores are at or below average, skip sending them.

Funding A College Education



There are several different forms of financial aid available to help cover expenses.



Loans

Federal & Private

Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest. Federal loans generally offer lower interest rates and more flexible repayment plans than private lenders.



Scholarships & Grants

Gift Aid (No Repayment)

Financial assistance awarded based on academic merit, financial need, or specific talents/attributes that does not need to be paid back.



Work Study

Earned Financial Assistance

A federal program providing part-time campus employment to help students earn money to pay for educational expenses.



Expected Family Contribution

Index / Out-of-Pocket

An index number calculated from your FAFSA information used by colleges to determine how much financial aid you are eligible to receive.

Financial Aid Timeline



Track key financial aid milestones and deadlines throughout your senior year.



JANUARY

Scholarship Search Underway

Active search for local, state, and institutional scholarship opportunities.

FEBRUARY

VSAC Application Due

Final submission deadline for VSAC scholarship applications.

MARCH

Regular Decision Window

Colleges begin sending admissions letters and financial aid packages.

APRIL

Regular Decision Window

Review, compare, and appeal financial aid offers from accepted schools.

MAY

May 1 - Commitment Day

National Decision Day deadline to submit enrollment deposit and accept aid.

Net Price Calculator Center

- Each school offers their own Net Price Calculator on their website
- Type the name of the College you are interested in
- This site will bring you directly to your desired school's own Net Price Calculator



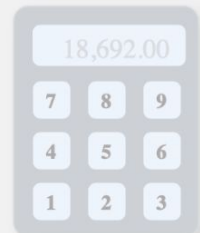
U.S. Department of Education

Net Price Calculator Center



Search for Schools' Calculator

University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)|



What does Net Price mean?

Net Price is the amount that a student pays to attend an institution in a single academic year **AFTER** subtracting scholarships and grants the student receives. Scholarships and grants are forms of financial aid that a student does not have to pay back.

What is a Net Price Calculator?

Net price calculators are available on a college's or university's website and allow prospective students to enter information about themselves to find out what students like them paid to attend the institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account.

Net Price Calculator



The University of Vermont

UVM Forward →

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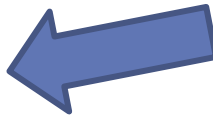
STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

Net Price Calculator

 Use our net price calculator to help better understand and manage your college finances.

The Net Price Calculator is a tool to estimate your out-of-pocket costs for a UVM education.

BEGIN UVM'S NET PRICE CALCULATOR



The calculator is intended for first-time, incoming undergraduate students, and is only an estimate based upon information you have provided.

Remember that your actual aid eligibility is subject to information submitted on your FAFSA, as well as meeting UVM's priority filing deadline, fund availability, and academic record.

WORKSHEETS AND FORMS

NET PRICE CALCULATOR

COSTS OF ATTENDING



APPLY FOR AID AT UVM



CONTACT US



Financial Aid

Primary Application 1 of 2: FAFSA & State Grants

FEDERAL AID OPENS 10/1/2026

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- **Institutional Allocation:** Used by most colleges to distribute federal financial aid.
- **IRS Data Import:** Import tax details directly from the IRS to streamline application forms.
- **Early Prep:** Create your FSA ID now at fsaid.ed.gov to be ready before launch.

ACTION ITEM

[Complete FAFSA Application](#)

This form is generally due around the time the application is submitted but varies by institution.

STATE & LOCAL AID

The Vermont Grant

VSAC Financial Aid Resources

- **Apply Promptly:** Found on the VSAC.org website. Apply ASAP after completing the FAFSA.
- **Guidance & Support:** VSAC offers dedicated workshops and tips for students and families.

VERMONT GRANT LINK

[Vermont Grant Website](#)

VSAC TIPS & WORKSHOPS

vsac.org/plan/paying-for-college/fafsa-first

Financial Aid

Primary Application 2 of 2: CSS Profile

INSTITUTIONAL AID Opens 10/1/2026

CSS Profile

College Scholarship Service Profile

◆ Selective Institutions

Used by a smaller number of selective, private schools to allocate institutional aid.

◆ Direct Funding

The CSS Profile is used by these specific colleges to give out grants, scholarships, and loans directly.

HELPFUL RESOURCES & LINKS

[Colleges that use the CSS Profile](#)

[CSS Profile Application](#)

This form is generally due around the time the application is submitted but varies by institution.

LIVE WORKSHOP

FAFSA & CSS Workshop

Evening of Thursday, Oct 22nd

A financial aid representative from **Dartmouth College** will be here to answer questions and help you complete these forms.

Please remember to create your FSA ID ahead of the meeting

THINGS TO BRING:

- Your tax documentation
- Social Security Numbers
- Current balances from bank accounts
- Net worth of investments
- Records of untaxed income
- Records of child support received

FAFSA

Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

UNDERSTAND AID ▾

APPLY FOR AID ▾

COMPLETE AID PROCESS ▾

MANAGE LOANS ▾

Complete the FAFSA[®] Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA[®]) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA[®] Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

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Returning User?

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[View your *Student Aid Report* \(SAR\)](#)

[Log In](#)



CSS Profile



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Learn how to apply



Completing the CSS Profile for the Noncustodial Parent

ABC UNIVERSITY

Financial Aid Offer

John Smith
123 Main Street, Boston, MA 02110

Cost of Attendance: \$56,000

Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, housing, meals, books, supplies, transportation, and other education costs.

Eligibility Factors

Our determination of your eligibility for financial assistance was based in part on the factors listed below:

Enrollment Status: Full-Time Undergrad: **Number in Family:** 3
Housing Status: On Campus **Number in College:** 1

A change in any of these factors will affect your eligibility. Please notify our office right away if any of these factors are incorrect or if they change at any time during the academic year.

Financial Aid Offer

You are eligible to receive the following assistance:

	Fall	Spring	Total	Check to Accept	Revised Amount
ABC University Grant	17,995	17,995	35,990	☐	_____
Federal SEOG	500	500	1,000	☐	_____
Federal Pell Grant	2,960	2,960	5,920	☐	_____
MASSGrant	800	800	1,600	☐	_____
Federal Work-Study Program	750	750	1,500	☐	_____
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	1,750	1,750	3,500	☐	_____
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	1,000	1,000	2,000	☐	_____
Total	\$25,755	\$25,755	\$51,510		

Outside Scholarships/Resources:

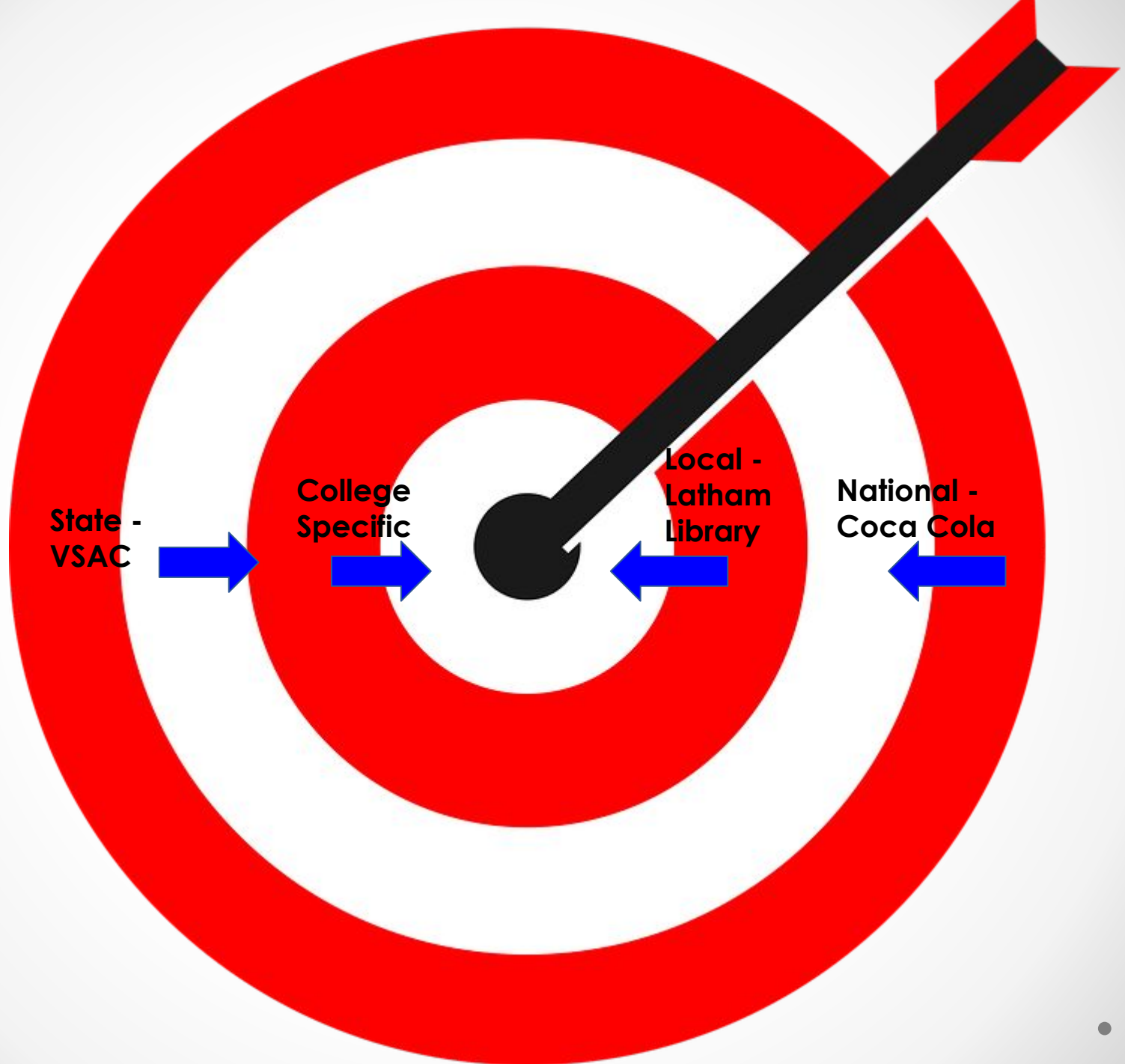
Total outside scholarships and/or other education resources for the academic year, as reported by you:

\$1,000 Computer Science League Scholarship
\$500 Boston Karate Scholarship

This letter is for your records and does not need to be returned to us unless you would like to decline any of the aid offered to you. If you do not want to accept particular awards, or you would like to accept less than the amount offered, please indicate the revised amount on the line next to the appropriate award(s), initial your changes, make a photocopy for your records, and return the original to our office.

Scholarships





GAP Year Considerations

Key factors to evaluate when planning an interim year



01

Reasons for Interim Years

- Personal growth & self-discovery
- Preventing academic burnout
- Skill development & travel
- Community service & volunteering



02

Deferral vs. Waiting to Apply

- **Deferral:** Securing current admission offer
- **Re-applying:** Starting application fresh next year
- College-specific gap year policies
- Deposit & deadline requirements



03

Employment

- Earning money for college expenses
- Building resume & career skills
- Internships & apprenticeships
- Exploring industries of interest

Where can I get important information from the counseling office?



01

The Counseling Page

Has important announcements, including college rep visits.



02

The School Calendar

Has information about upcoming college visits and events like this one.



03

Email from Tippi Oshoniyi

Regularly sent to students' thefordacademy.org accounts. She usually includes parents on important email.



04

Head of School Weekly Email

Sent out weekly to student and parents

Homework

Essential action items for your college application process



01

Initial Steps & Meetings

- Have a discussion about what needs to be done
- Make a senior meeting appointment



02

Application & Essays

- Ask instructors for recommendations
- Make a Common Application account
- Begin constructing an essay



03

Financial Aid Prep

- Make a FAFSA account and create an FSAID
- Check to see if your college requires the CSS Profile