



Vermont State
University

College Pathways 2026

Navigating the Admissions Process

Overview

- College Search Process
- Visiting Campus
- Application Components
- Application Review Process
- How to Enhance Your Application
- Deadlines and Decision Types
- Q & A



College Search Process

Narrowing your search – Finding the right "fit" for you:

- Major/ area of interest
- Clubs & organizations
- Sports
- Location (proximity to home, climate, city/country)
- Size (undergraduate/graduate, class size, S:F ratio)
- Academic Rigor: Safety vs. Reach



College Search Resources

- School Counseling Office
- Admissions Offices
- Websites
- Printed Literature
- College Surveys and Reports



Campus Visits

- Think about where you are in the admissions process
 - Attend a variety of tours/events
 - Make a reservation
 - Attend Interviews
 - Visit a class/ shadow a student
- Types of Visits:
 - o Open House
 - o Regular Campus Visits
 - o Student Panels
 - o Admitted Students Day
 - o Try a Major Day
 - o Afternoon with Athletics



Application Components

- Common Application vs School Specific
- Application Fee
- Official Transcripts
- Test Scores
- Recommendation Letters
- Essays
- Extra-curricular Activities



Deadline Types

- Early Decision
- Early Action
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admissions

Decision Types

- Admit
- Admit to Second Choice
- Waitlist
- Deny
- Defer
- Other Decision Types



Trivia Time!



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What characteristics are you looking for in a school?

Small Class Size

Lots of Sports

In a Big City!

As far away from home as possible

HUGE campus!

Cost – Save money!

If you are interested in a particular college and meeting with a representative which of the following should you do?

Reach out to the admissions office

Talk to your counselor's office about hosting a visit

Visit the school

All of the above

If you are interested in a particular college and meeting with a representative which of the following should you do?

All of the above

Which is the easiest way to start searching for the right college?

The admissions office

Your school counseling office

Yelp

Tik Tok

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Which of the following is not an important factor to consider when searching for a college?

Major

Location

Size

How cool the mascot is

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When scheduling a visit with a particular school that you are heavily interested in, should you select only one school?

Yes

No

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No

If you have questions regarding a visit so you can meet with students, faculty, or see facilities, what should you do?

Contact your admissions office

Just show up and walk in

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Which of the following is not an important thing to keep in mind regarding college applications?

Admission requirements

Separate deadlines for your specific program

How many different kind of cheese are in the dining hall

Test score requirements

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Are you able to continue hobbies that you are passionate about into college?

Yes! It's a great way to meet people!

No, school is inherently not fun

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True or False, if you are planning on taking a STEM major in college, you should take no classes related to the field.

True

False

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False

You have applied to a school that has rolling admission, when can you start the admissions process?

Before the application deadline

Whenever you want

After the application deadline

You have applied to a school that has rolling admission, when can you start the admissions process?

Whenever you want

Questions?