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# RISING SENIOR FAMILIES

4/13/24

# CONGRATS!





# THE COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS

# ICEBREAKER

- As a parent/Guardian, what is your biggest concern about the college admission process?
- As a parent/guardian, how can you support your student during the college admission process?
- What would you like to know about the admission process?

# OVERVIEW

- What do you need to know about the college selection and application process?
- What do you need to know about the financial aid process?
- How the Elon Academy will help
- How can you help as a parent/guardian?

# MAKING THE LIST

- Research schools
- Make a final list by the end of summer 2024
  - Challenge schools
  - Target schools
  - Choice schools
- Campus visits in the fall and spring
- Campus visit programs

# TYPES OF SCHOOLS

- Two-year Institutions
- Public Institutions
- Private Institutions
- Minority Serving Institutions
- In-state vs. out-of-state

# IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- General application (demographic information)
- Transcript (rigor and overall GPA)
- Counselor and Teacher Recommendation (choose teachers carefully)
- Residency application- RDS (scholars will need your information)
- Test scores
- Essays
- Scholarships/honors
- School and community activities
- Work experience



# APPLICATION FEES

- Can be very expensive (\$35-\$100)
- Application Fee waivers
  - College Board
  - NACAC Waiver
- Applying online
  - CFNC
  - Common App
  - Institutional application

# EARLY DECISION, EARLY ACTION, REGULAR DECISION

- \*\*\*\***Early decision (will be binding)**\*\*\*\*

- Early action

- Regular deadline

# COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

## Direct Costs

- Tuition
- Fees
- Room/board

## Indirect Costs

- Books
- Supplies
- Personal expenses
- Transportation



# SOURCES OF FUNDING

## Scholarships

- Merit-based
- Need-based

## Grants

- Need-based federal
- Need-based state
- Need-based institution

# SOURCES OF FUNDING

## Loans

- Subsidized
  - The government pays the interest while the student is in school
- Unsubsidized
  - Student is responsible for all interest and the principle
- Parent PLUS loan
- Work-Study
- Savings

# HOW DO I ACCESS THESE SOURCES?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- CSS profile
- Scholarship websites
- School counselors
- Scholarship books
- Prospective institutional websites
- National organizations
- Employers

# FAFSA-WHAT DOCUMENTS YOU'LL NEED

- SSN (parent and student)
- Your alien registration or permanent resident card (if not a U.S. citizen)
- Driver's License (parent and student)
- 2023 W-2 forms (parent and student)
- 2023 federal income tax returns (parent and student)
- 2023 untaxed income records (veterans noneducational benefit records, child support, worker's compensation)
- Current bank statements (parent and student)
- Any business and personal investments

# ELON ACADEMY RESOURCES

- Assistant Director of College Access
- Senior C.A.T. mentors
- Academic coaches
- Other staff members
- College scholars
- Other high school scholars
- Families
- Website: [www.elon.edu/elonacademy](http://www.elon.edu/elonacademy)



# THE ELON ACADEMY PLAN

- Summer (June 2024): College Essay class and College Planning class (college selection, deadlines, organization, financial aid sources, Resume building)
- Fall (August-December 2024): College applications, scholarship applications, FAFSA and CSS Profile,
- All applications should be submitted by winter break

# THE ELON ACADEMY PLAN

- Spring (January-May): financial aid award letters, making the final decision, transitioning to college
- Final Decision: May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Summer 2025: Transition to College Retreat

# THE EA APPROACH

- Start early-demonstrate interest
- Get to know your school counselor/college adviser
- Be consistent
- Communicate in a timely manner
- Take responsibility and ownership
- Get organized
- Use your resources

# THE MR. B APPROACH

- **All from previous slide and...**

- Build a trusting and respectful relationship
- Always there for support
- Encourage growth in autonomy
- Open clear lines of communication with Scholars and Families
  - Honesty and transparency
- Preparing for college and beyond
  - Career prep
  - Current event
- Molding your scholars to shine and stand out amongst their peers now and when they enter college

# ROLE OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Communicate/engage in conversations about college
- Help them get organized
- Assist with sensitive paperwork

# ROLE OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Be supportive, but challenging
  - Let them take the lead
- Ask questions if you are not clear on something
- Call me at 336-380-2888

# ELON ACADEMY SENIOR YEAR NON-NEGOTIABLES

## 1) By the December Saturday program...

- Proof of at least 3 submitted applications
- 1 choice school
- 1 public NC University
- FAFSA
- CSS Profile

2) Provide acceptances, scholarships and financial aid awards

3) Complete all four years of high school (no early graduation)

4) Attend the President's Reception

5) Attend the transition to college retreat in July

# FINISHING JUNIOR YEAR STRONG

- 1) Set goals
- 2) Stay organized
- 3) Don't put off responsibilities
- 4) Remember what you've worked for
- 5) Get motivated (stay motivated)
- 6) Take time off
- 7) Adjust your mindset
- 8) Practice self-care
- 9) Focus on the finish line
- 10) Have fun!



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