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INTRODUCTION

For most students, choosing a college is the biggest decision they will be asked to make thus far in life. It is an exciting time, but it can also be frightening and stressful as the students start to examine their future. At Brimmer and May, we believe that the support and encouragement fostered by the team approach - students, parents, and school - can make this a happy time of increased confidence and personal growth. The information contained in these pages will serve as your guide in the coming months. You will need to refer back to them frequently as the process begins to take shape for you. The complete contents of this Guide can also be accessed on the Resource Board under the College Counseling tab.

We encourage students and parents to meet with the college counseling team as frequently as questions and concerns arise. The better we get to know students, the better we can serve as an advocate during the college process. We are here to support and assist students and families at every point in the process, and we look forward to working with you in the coming months.

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TEST PREPARATION

Test preparation at Brimmer and May begins in grade ten when all students sit for the PSAT in October. In December each student receives a Score Report. The student is then required to meet with one of the college counselors to review the report and discuss ways in which the student can use this information to prepare for further SAT and ACT testing. This process is repeated in grade eleven.

Some students will choose to take a commercial prep course or have private SAT or ACT tutoring. Brimmer and May partners with The Summit Educational Group to provide SAT/ACT test preparation classes on our campus as well as periodic free informational seminars on relevant topics. SAT classes are offered in the fall beginning in early September to prepare for the fall test dates, and a second course begins in early January to prepare students for the spring test dates. Classes are held at Brimmer and May on Sunday mornings. Financial aid for Summit courses is offered to students who receive financial aid from Brimmer. Classes may be cancelled for insufficient enrollment.

All students are encouraged to use the resources in the College Counseling Office and are urged to take advantage of the free online test prep offered by The College Board through Khan Academy. Students are given information about this when they receive their PSAT Score Report. The SAT subject tests are curriculum driven and require serious review by the student.

The following websites offer test preparation:
www.collegeboard.com/
www.review.com
www.act.org
www.toefl.com
www.khanacademy.org

TESTING INFORMATION

Test scores are only one part of the evaluation process in college admissions. Although institutions in the top tiers of the U.S. News and World Report rankings tend to weigh the scores quite heavily due to the competitive nature of their applicant pools, colleges will attach more importance to the strength of the academic program and the grades.

Testing is now optional at over 1000 colleges and universities (go to http://fairtest.org/university/optional for a complete listing), and over 300 of these colleges are in the top tier of rankings. All colleges will accept either the SAT or the ACT. The writing section of both the SAT and ACT is required at some colleges and not
required at others. We recommend that students sign up to take the writing section for either test they plan to take.

If a student takes the test several times, most colleges will use the highest individual score from each test; this is called “super scoring.” Since testing requirements vary widely, it is up to the student to research the specific testing requirements of each school to which he/she applies.

**SAT, ACT and Subject Tests**

We urge all students to take a practice test for both the SAT and the ACT to determine which test may be a better fit for the strengths of the individual student. Since all Brimmer students take the PSAT twice (10th and 11th grade), those scores serve as a good indicator of how a student will perform on the SAT. To get a baseline score for the ACT, we recommend that students take advantage of the free diagnostic tests that both Summit Educational and Kaplan offer at their offices in Newton nearly every weekend at no cost. Registration information for these practice tests are listed on their websites: [www.mytutor.com](http://www.mytutor.com) and [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com). We can then advise students on whether to focus on the ACT or SAT. We recommend that students take either the SAT or ACT once in the fall and then another in the summer or early fall.

Few institutions still require SAT subject tests:
- Cal Tech
- Harvey Mudd
- MIT

- Institutions that recommend subject tests for all applicants include: Brown, Dartmouth, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Princeton, Rice, U Penn, Webb Institute, and Yale. Exceptions are made for students for whom taking them would present a financial hardship.

- There are other institutions that require or recommended subject tests for some programs. For example, Cornell, Cooper Union, Carnegie Mellon, etc.

- Many colleges will accept the ACT in lieu of the SAT subject tests.

- Students who are thinking of applying to international universities should seriously consider taking subject tests. Kings College of London, McGill University and the University of Toronto, among others, require subject tests.

Since requirements change all the time, students must check the specific SAT subject testing requirements for each college to which they are applying. Subject tests should be taken at the time a terminal course is concluded.

Brimmer and May is not a test center. Students should check the list of schools on the SAT or ACT websites to determine which test center is most convenient for them.
The complete listing of test dates and registration deadlines can be found in the Summit Testing Guide and by going to the SAT or ACT websites.

SAT PROGRAM: www.collegeboard.org  866-630-9305
To register: sat.org/register

SAT PROGRAM FEES:
✓ SAT I Test Fee: $64.50  ($47.50 without essay)
✓ SAT Subject Tests:
  Basic registration fee: $26.00
  Language with Listening Tests $26.00 all others $22.00 per exam
✓ Late Registration Fee: $29.00
✓ Test center, date, or test change: $29.00
✓ Waitlist fee: $51.00
✓ 4 score reports included
✓ Additional score reports: $12.00 each

ACT PROGRAM  www.actstudent.org
ACT PROGRAM FEES:
✓ Basic registration for ACT: $50.50 plus $16.50 for writing test
✓ Late registration: $30.00
✓ Standby testing: $53.00
✓ Change test center or test date: $30.00
✓ We recommend that students take the ACT with writing

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
877-863-3546 or www.toefl.org
This website answers most questions about the TOEFL.

SENDING SCORES TO COLLEGES

This is the responsibility of the student! SAT and ACT scores will NOT be on student transcripts nor do we have access to their accounts.

There are two ways to send scores to colleges:

✓ When you register to take the test, you should fill in the 4-digit code for the colleges you wish to receive the scores. These college codes are found in the registration booklet and online. Each registration fee covers the cost of sending scores to 4 colleges. Use these 4 reports, as they are free. Free score reports can be sent up to nine days after the test date.
✓ To send scores to more than 4 colleges, or to send them at a later date, login to your SAT or ACT account, be prepared to list the 4-digit college codes and have a credit card ready. The cost per college is $12.00 for the SAT and $13.00 for the ACT. Some colleges will allow students to self-report their scores on their Common Application or by sending a copy of their score report.

FEE WAIVERS

Fee waivers are available for both the SAT and ACT registration fees to families that qualify under the eligibility guidelines established by the government (i.e. Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program.) Fee waivers are also available for college application fees to students who have qualified for and used the fee waiver program for testing. The College Board grants up to two fee waivers for SAT registrations and up to two waivers for SAT Subject Test registrations (three subject tests allowed per registration). In addition to test fees, the waivers can be used to send additional score reports. The policy for the ACT Program is similar. Waivers cover the fee for two ACT exams and additional reports to colleges. See the college counselors for further information.

IMPORTANT: THE BRIMMER AND MAY SCHOOL CEEB CODE IS 220-600. THIS CODE MUST BE USED WITH EACH SAT OR ACT REGISTRATION.

NONSTANDARD TESTING

Students who normally receive special accommodations for testing at Brimmer and May, such as extended time on exams and classroom tests, may be eligible for special accommodations when taking the SAT and ACT. The student must have current educational testing information (within the last three years for the ACT and within the last 5 years for the SAT) by a certified professional on file at Brimmer and May. The student will then complete the application procedures outlined by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities and/or by the ACT. Extended Time testing is done at all test centers. Students who are allowed additional accommodations may be required to take the exam at Brimmer. Note that the parent/guardians of all students who have submitted educational testing to Brimmer are sent letters regarding this in grade 9 or when the student first enrolls at Brimmer and May.

- https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities/eligibility
Complete information on testing accommodations can be found on the Brimmer Resource Board. Please direct all questions about testing accommodations to:

Danielle Bartone
Director of Academic Services
dbartone@brimmer.org

**NAVIANCE STUDENT & COLLEGE RESEARCH**

Naviance Student is a valuable resource for juniors, seniors, and their parents/guardians. This subscription-based system is provided by the school to enable the students to search and link with appropriate colleges and universities. Naviance is also used by the School to transmit official transcripts, forms, recommendations and other material in support of each college application. The College Counseling class utilizes the Naviance system in assisting students to complete tasks and assignments directly related to their college search and decision-making. Naviance is used to help students and parents develop and build lists of colleges that match a student’s individual profile. The portal provides a means to plan and research colleges by conducting searches based on many factors and criteria (location, size of school, special programs, etc.) and the database stores acceptance statistics on prior Brimmer and May students (since 2008). A tool called “Scattergrams” provides a view of their likelihood of admission to a range of schools based on two of those factors, test scores and GPA.

You can access Naviance Student at [https://student.naviance.com/brimmer](https://student.naviance.com/brimmer). A link to Naviance can also be found on the Resource Board under the College Counseling tab.

Student and parents/guardians have been given Naviance registration codes to get started. Please register by clicking on “I need to register.” Enter your code, then provide your email address and create a password to access the site. **It is a good idea to bookmark Naviance to make it easier to access.**

Naviance Student is a resource for parents/guardians to stay informed about student college lists, the application submission status, and college visits to Brimmer and May. We encourage you to take advantage of this website.

Other helpful websites for college research include:
[https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
[https://www.cappex.com](https://www.cappex.com)
[https://www.petersons.com](https://www.petersons.com)
[https://www.niche.com](https://www.niche.com)
[https://www.unigo.com](https://www.unigo.com)
THE COMMON APPLICATION

Over 800 colleges and universities are members of the Common Application with more joining each year. Using the Common Application saves time for the student and the high schools and makes processing easier for the colleges. Students need to complete only one copy of the Common Application online.

Although the 2019-2020 Common Application will not be available online until July, we will begin to compile the information for the Common Application during the College Counseling classes in the second semester with the expectation that much of it will be completed before students leave school in June. Students will then be able to “rollover” the information to the new application on July 1st. Students will also be guided through the process of writing the college essay as well as practice in writing supplements. All students complete a rough draft of an essay before the end of school. During the summer, students are expected to continue working on their essay and Common Application, sending drafts to their college counselor for feedback and edits. Progress will be evaluated at a meeting for seniors prior to the first day of school. Date and time TBD.

EARLY APPLICATION PLANS

Early Decision
- Deadline is normally November 1 or 15.
- Must attend if accepted and financial aid (if needed) is sufficient.
- Decision usually received by mid-December with deposit due in January.
- This is a first choice, only choice plan.
- Must withdraw all other applications if accepted ED.

Early Action
- Deadline is usually November 1 or 15 and sometimes December 1.
- Decisions usually mailed in December or January.
- Students may apply to other colleges under other plans (ED, EA, Regular).*
- Decision is not binding. You have until May 1st to deposit.

*A few universities, such as Stanford, Harvard, Georgetown, Princeton, and Yale offer Restrictive EA/Single Choice EA which allows students to apply to only ONE school through any Early plan.
DEMONSTRATING INTEREST

“Demonstrated Interest” is an important factor in college admissions, particularly at more competitive small liberal arts colleges. When reading applications, admissions officers are first interested in the academic credentials of the student as well as other factors in a holistic review such as the essay, supplements and recommendations. In addition, they will try to assess your interest in their institution and determine the likelihood that you will enroll. Why do they do this? It is because yield - the number of accepted students who enroll – affects their score on ratings such as U.S. News and World Report. Every institution hopes for a high yield. How do colleges try to assess your interest?

This can be done in the following ways:

✓ Campus visit (personal interview if possible, or campus tour and information session
✓ Alumni interview
✓ Contact with the department head in your area of interest
✓ Contacts with coaches
✓ Thank you note to interviewer
✓ Attend meeting if the college representative visits Brimmer
✓ Attend any Boston area functions arranged by the college
✓ Overnight/attend classes on campus
✓ Contact with the college admission counselor for Brimmer

* Students should always sign their name when they attend any college event so that the admissions office has a record of your interest. It is especially important to arrange an interview at all liberal arts colleges you are interested in.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

SCHOOL REPORT

The college counselors write the school recommendations with input from teachers, coaches, advisors, and information submitted by the student and parents/guardians. The college counselors, through their many contacts with individual students, assess the strengths and achievements of the student and act as the advocate for the student to colleges. Each student is also described in the context of the academic and extracurricular environment at Brimmer and May.
TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Each student should request recommendations from two teachers who have taught him/her in either junior or senior year. One must be from a Humanities teacher; the second recommendation may be from any teacher of the student’s choosing. Creative arts applicants will usually need a third letter from a teacher in their arts discipline, and students applying to an engineering program or for a major in math or science should ask one teacher in that area. Requests to teachers must be made in person before the end of the junior year. Students must also officially request recommendations on Naviance. If the request is not on Naviance, it is not considered an official request. All teacher recommendations will be sent to colleges electronically through Naviance.

Students will be required to complete and submit electronic authorization to release all requested records covered under the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This electronic authorization grants the Common Application member institution(s) to which students are applying permission to review records for the purpose of evaluating applications for admission.

ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Students may wish to submit letters from a coach, employer, or internship supervisor. These letters should be typed on the appropriate letterhead of the person, with the student’s name typed clearly at the top. Letters should be submitted only if the recommender knows the student well and can provide the admissions committee with helpful information not provided elsewhere in the application. Because many colleges now limit the number of recommendations they will accept on Naviance, and some will read only one or two, it is best to have these extra letters emailed directly to the colleges by the recommender or through the outsider recommender section of the Common Application. We ask that students check-in with their college counselor about sending additional letters of recommendations.

SENDING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:
1. Completing and sending Common Application to colleges
2. Keeping the “Colleges I am Applying To” list current on the Naviance website. The list of “Colleges I Am Applying To” must be accurate so we know where to send school forms. Students must let us know if they are submitting a non-Common Application school, so we know when to submit their school materials.
3. Sending test scores to colleges that require them.
4. Sending any additional supplemental information such as slides, graded essays, etc.
YOUR COLLEGE COUNSELOR WILL SEND ELECTRONICALLY:
1. Transcript(s)
2. Teacher and counselor recommendations
3. School profile

FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid at colleges is based on financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A smaller number of private colleges also require an additional form called the CSS PROFILE, which is issued by the College Scholarship Service of the College Board. These are detailed questionnaires designed to assess the entire family financial picture and come up with a family contribution figure called the EFC (expected family contribution). This figure is the amount deducted from the total college cost and thus indicates the amount of money the student will need to attend the college. When in doubt about eligibility, it is best to file the FAFSA and take your chances. You will lose nothing but your time, and you may find that you qualify for some assistance. Also, many colleges will not consider a student for financial assistance in succeeding years if the student did not file for the freshman year. Both the FAFSA and the Profile must be completed online. A number of colleges will also ask you to fill out a short institutional form that they will provide for you.

Juniors and their families interested in assessing their eligibility for federal student aid can access the FAFSA4caster by visiting https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate. This free tool can instantly calculate an estimated EFC, inform students of potential Pell Grant eligibility, and reduce the time needed to complete the FAFSA. All colleges are required by law to post on their website a Net Price Calculator. By answering a set of questions, families will be able to gain a general idea of how much it would cost to attend that college based on the information submitted. It is hoped that this knowledge will help families make more informed decisions about which and to how many colleges to apply.

Although the FAFSA and PROFILE may look intimidating at first glance, they are actually quite straightforward, and the instructions are clear. In addition, each program lists a helpful website and an 800-telephone number for families who have questions.

The following records are needed before filling out the forms:

✓ Tax records for “Prior Prior Year” (2017)
✓ Records of 2017 untaxed income such as welfare, AFDC, or social security
✓ Current bank balances
✓ Records on investments
✓ Farm records

**FAFSA WEBSITES:**
www.FAFSA.gov
www.StudentAid.gov
(An overview of federal student aid, FAFSA, and next steps after submitting the FAFSA.)

**PROFILE WEBSITE:**
http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/
Customer Service: 844-202-0524
$25 first school, $16 each additional school
Fee waivers automatically granted to families that qualify and/or students who were granted fee waivers for the SAT.

**Financial Aid Formula**

**Expected Family Contribution (EFC):**
Amount family can pay for one year of college
Based on a federal or institutional formula

**Cost of Attendance (COA):**
Total cost for one year of college

**Financial Aid Eligibility:**
Maximum amount of need-based aid to be awarded

**Cost of Attendance**
- Expected Family Contribution
= Financial Aid Eligibility

* Please keep copies of ALL FORMS you fill out. They will be helpful when filling the same forms the next year.

Each fall BISCCA (Boston Independent Schools) offers an informative financial aid night. An experienced financial aid professional gives a general overview of the process and the forms; he is then available to answer your specific questions. This program is held at an area member school, Nobles in Dedham in November. Complete details and directions to the school will be emailed to families prior to the event.
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

✓ (877) 332-4348 (1-877-ED-AID-4U) ASA (American Student Assistance)
   www.asa.org, bostoncpc@asa.org
   Main Center is located at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square. Another
   location is in Brockton.
✓ (800) 449-6332 Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA)
   www.mefa.org, info@mefa.org
✓ (800) 433-3243 (1-800-4-FED-AID) Federal Student Aid Information Center
   www.studentaid.ed.gov

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

When requesting admissions information from colleges, student should also inquire
about merit scholarships. These awards are often based on special talents (writing, art,
leadership, etc.) and sometimes based on academic promise as evidenced by SAT results
or grades. Scholarship information is available on Naviance, and an up-to-date file on
merit and special interest scholarships is kept in the College Counseling Office.
Scholarship books are also available in the College Counseling Office.

Students should begin investigating scholarship sources as soon as possible in the junior
year. Community, civic, and religious organizations offer scholarships. The public high
school in your town is often a good source for community-based scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES

✓ www.fastweb.com (A comprehensive search engine)
✓ www.collegeboard.com (Lists 2,200 private scholarships, internships, and loans)
✓ www.goingmerry.com
✓ www.unigo.com
✓ www.niche.com
✓ www.cappex.com
✓ www.petersons.com
✓ www.scholarships.com
ATHLETIC RECRUITING

Head of School, Judy Guild, often refers to Brimmer and May, “as a small school with a big program” and that also applies to sport. Our school has a strong history of competitive athletics. Several athletes from various sports are recruited each year. The NCAA requires that a student-athlete seeking to play at the D I or D II level of collegiate athletics register for academic evaluation. Interested student-athletes must register on the NCAA website and clear “eligibility.” Eligible student-athletes are allowed to be recruited and may earn scholarships. The registration webpage is as follow: https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/

Note: Student athletes seeking to play at only the D III level of college sport need not register for eligibility. D III athletic programs do not provide scholarships for recruited athletes.

Please refer to the Brimmer Resource Board for more complete information on athletic recruitment and recommended procedures to follow.

Ms. Huston assists all student-athletes in finding the right school and the right programs for each individual. She is also available to answer questions about recruitment, ID and summer camps, or academic eligibility.

APPLYING TO COLLEGES OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

Some students attending high schools in the US also consider universities located abroad. In most cases students search for English-language programs and curriculums. But, others consider programs in countries where English is not the main language of instruction.

Brimmer students have applied to and attend universities in the UK, Canada, Ireland, France and in other countries. Canada and the UK, by far, attract the most interest. There are over one hundred colleges and universities in Canada, and many of those are located in Ontario. The application process and selection criteria are different from the U.S. but good students can qualify for many excellent universities located throughout Canada. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have several wonderful universities located just north of New England. The College Counseling Office has information on Canadian universities; you can also find information online: www.ouac.on.ca.

The UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) also offers many outstanding university programs. Most universities in the UK offer undergraduate programs that can
be completed in three years versus four or more in the US. The medical programs in the UK are especially difficult to enter but one can be trained as a physician in less than five years. American citizens apply to the UK as international applicants. Although the comprehensive fees are more for Americans applying abroad, they are still considerably less than tuition at private U.S. colleges. Canada and the UK do honor federal financial aid eligibility from US citizens applying to universities in these countries although there is little need-based financial aid.

The Republic of Ireland is another popular destination for US students. For a small country, Ireland boasts one of the best university systems in the world. The number of universities is limited but all are highly recognized and respected. Trinity University, Dublin, and the University College system in Dublin, Cork, Galway and Limerick welcome students from abroad, and the cost is much less than colleges located in New England. Please view this website that provides information about choice and application: www.educationinireland.com

The United Kingdom has universities that date back over five hundred years. Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh, and St. Andrews are some of the more traditional and better-known universities. However, every large city has several major universities, especially in London, Manchester and Glasgow.

There are several advantages in applying to UK universities. First, there is a great range of schools to choose from, but the process is less complicated than in the US. A student can only apply to a total of five universities, and the application form is brief, simple and efficient. It consists of only four pages. One of those pages is dedicated to the student “Personal Statement.” Another of the four pages is reserved for the teacher recommendation (only one), or what they call the “referee statement.” In addition, there are only two major dates for submitting applications, one is Oct. 15 and the other is January 15 in your last year of high school. The application system is similar to our Common Application and is called UCAS.

The UCAS Application: UK universities base their admission on several factors. For US citizens and for other international students, grades, especially predicted grades on AP Exams, is the most important component of the application equation. However, transcripts are not forwarded via the UCAS application format. The UCAS allows for one application to five universities and the student self-declares their grades and other academic information on page 2 of that application. Certain UK universities, however, also accept the Common Application and may be listed within the Naviance system. If that is the case, then all school documents are sent via the same route as US applications. That would include recommendations and a school transcript. It is important to note that the more selective UK universities ultimately ask for predictions before offering a place at university based on those predictions and other criteria.

The UCAS website provides one of the most informative and useful search and apply
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

What does it mean to be an International Student?
International will mean different things at different colleges; be sure to read the international section on each college’s website. While some colleges will focus on citizenship as the basis for whether or not a student is international, others will look at your country of residency or education. Do your homework.

Proof of English Proficiency:
Most schools will require proof of English proficiency. All schools will accept and require the TOEFL. The IELTS is another test of English proficiency and is accepted at most colleges. Some colleges will consider a student proficient if he/she has attended an English-speaking school for the last 3-5 years, and/or SAT critical reading scores of 600 or higher. Students should prepare and plan to take the TOEFL or IELTS regardless of whether a testing requirement is given or not. Accepted score ranges are from 79-120 on the iBT TOEFL. The more competitive the school, the higher the score requirement.

Financial Certification:
All schools will require a “financial certification”: an original bank letter verifying one year’s worth of tuition and a form filled out by bank officials. Consult individual college websites about this requirement. Some schools will require this as part of your application; others will only require it if you matriculate. Most schools will accept the College Board’s form, which you can find at:

Visa and SEVIS I-20 Info:
Many schools will require a photocopy of your passport, SEVIS -I20 form and visa during the application process. Consult individual college websites about this requirement.
Also, please list the name from your passport on your Common Application.

Other IMPORTANT Notes:
1) VISA TRANSFERS: Ms. Du, our Co-Director of International Students and a member of the college counseling department, is the person you will need to coordinate with to transfer your visa to your college next spring. To avoid problems and delays (and a
possible cancellation of your I-20!), be sure that you follow her instructions and complete all forms before you leave school after graduation.

2) ADDRESSES: What address to use? It is best to list your home address as your “permanent address” and your guardian’s address here in the United States as your “current address.”

3) TRANSCRIPTS: You MUST have an OFFICIAL English translation of your final transcript (including the final grades from your last year at school in your home country) from any secondary school you attended before beginning your studies here at Brimmer and May.

4) THE USE OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS AND AGENTS: It is yours and your family’s choice to use a private college consultant and this is something we see more and more of in college counseling departments. If you and your family choose to work with someone who will assist you and your family through the process, we would like to know that you have someone assisting you, and we would like for that agency or consultant to be in contact with us. Your family will have to sign a release in order for us to share information about the college process with a third party.

5) FINANCIAL AID (Need-Based): Because international students are not eligible for the federal aid that United States citizens receive, very few US colleges and universities offer need-based aid for international students, and the competition for that aid is quite high! Your counselor can help you identify schools offering aid; however, if you cannot afford the price of a school and that school does not offer aid, it shouldn’t be on your list. Almost all US schools are “need aware” (they won’t admit you if you need financial aid) for international students. Schools that do offer need-based aid will have their own forms (please consult each college’s web site.) Please check with the college counseling office about any merit-based scholarships that might be available to international students. If you would like to discuss this, please consult with your college counselor.

If you have any additional questions about applying as an international student, please contact:
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