



UPROOTED
ACADEMY

WEEK 1

COLLEGE

APPLICATIONS 101



WELCOME TO WEEK 1:

College Applications 101



Agenda

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ Components of a College Application
- ✓ Understanding Admissions Criteria
- ✓ The College Application Timeline
- ✓ Researching Colleges
- ✓ Application Platforms

- ✓ Building a Strong Application
- ✓ Parent-Child Engagement
- ✓ Key Takeaways and Next Steps
- ✓ Breakout Sessions
- ✓ Q&A



UNDERSTANDING THE COLLEGE

Application Components

- ✓ High School Transcript
- ✓ Standardized Test Scores
- ✓ Extracurricular Activities
- ✓ Personal Essay and Supplemental Essays
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Supplementary Materials (if applicable)



UNDERSTANDING

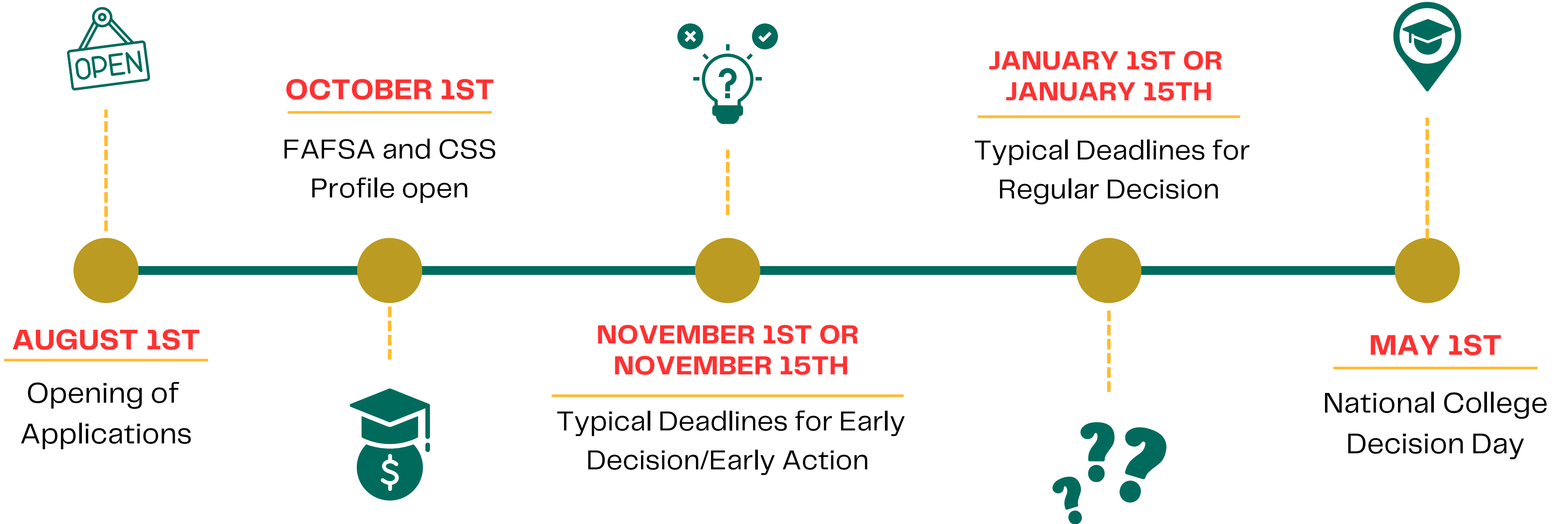
Admissions Criteria

- 1 Academic Record
- 2 Standardized Test Scores
- 3 Extracurricular Activities
- 4 Personal Essay
- 5 Supplemental Essays
- 6 Letters of Recommendation



THE COLLEGE

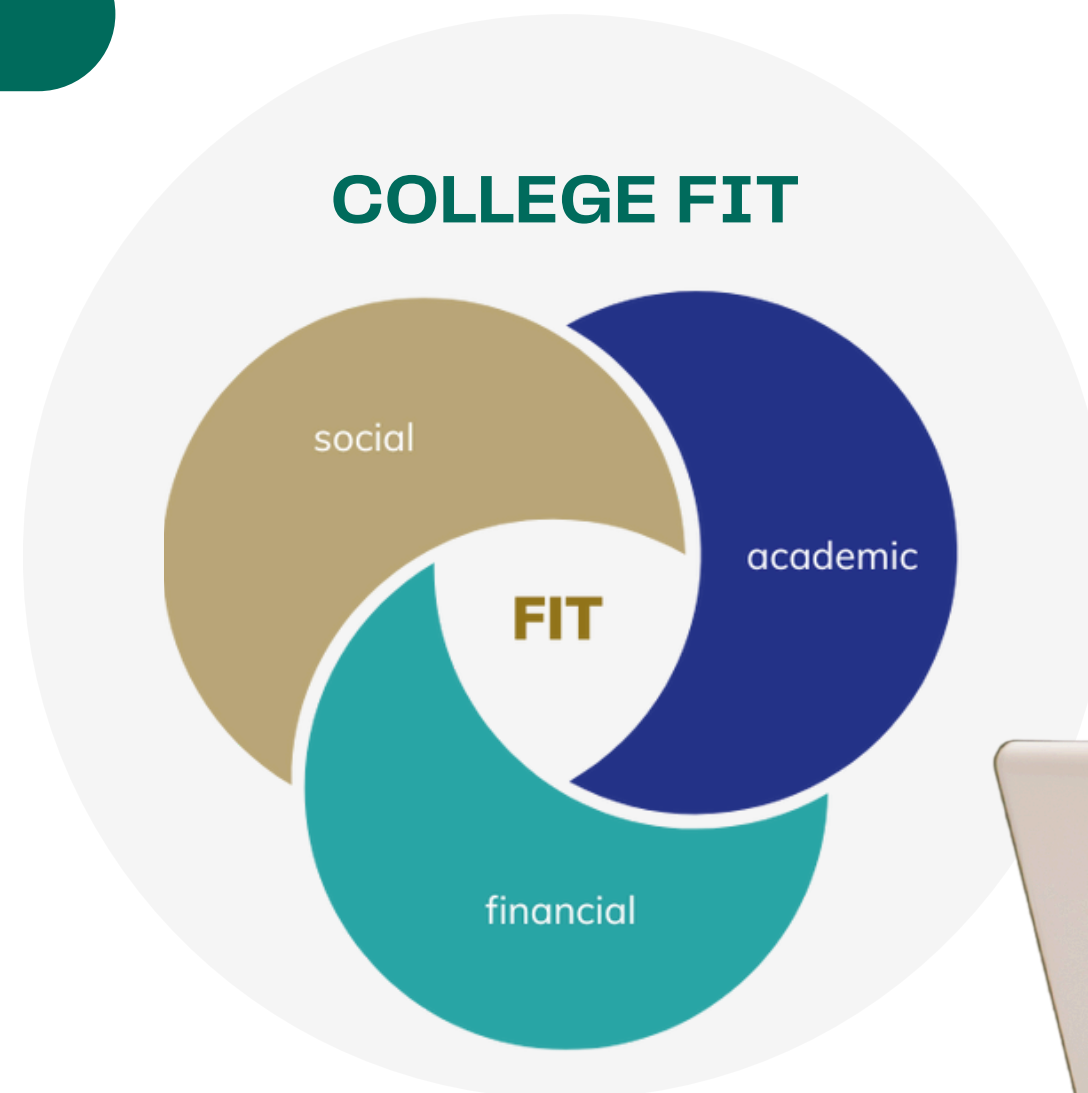
Application Timeline



HOW TO RESEARCH and Choose Colleges

Determining College Fit:

- ✓ Academic Fit
- ✓ Social/Cultural Fit
- ✓ Financial Fit



INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE

Application Platforms



Common App



Coalition on
Scoir App



The Common Black
College Application



State-Specific
Platforms

BUILDING A STANDOUT Application

- 1 Personal Essay**
Voice, Authenticity
- 2 Supplemental Essays**
Tailored to Each College
- 3 Activities List**
Impact, Depth, Longevity
- 4 Letters of Recommendation**
Core Subjects
- 5 Interviews**
Role-Play
- 6 Proofread Applications**
Complete, Accurate



ENGAGING YOUR CHILD IN THE COLLEGE PROCESS

- Initiating Conversations

Start with open-ended questions to explore college preferences.

- “ “ What type of campus environment do you feel you would thrive in?
- “ “ What subjects do you like studying and why?

Explore together what factors are most important for their college experience.

- **Class Size:** Small classes or large lectures?
- **Location:** Urban campus or rural setting?
- **Campus Resources:** Libraries, labs, sports facilities.
- **Cultural Aspects:** Diversity, arts, and community engagement.



ENGAGING YOUR CHILD IN THE COLLEGE PROCESS

- Collaborative Exploration

Explore colleges and universities together.

- ✓ Attend college fairs, information sessions, and campus tours for a hands-on feel.
- ✓ Encourage interactions with current students, alumni, and admissions officers for insider perspectives.

Evaluate options.

- ✓ Pros and Cons: Discuss what each college offers.
- ✓ Alignment with Goals: How does the school fit your child's academic and personal ambitions?



ENGAGING YOUR CHILD IN THE COLLEGE PROCESS

- Parental Role

Encourage your child to take the lead in the college search and application process, while you provide support and insight when needed.

Support Strategies.

- ✓ Be mindful of your child's workload and stress levels.
- ✓ Offer assistance with organization and planning.
- ✓ Be ready to listen and provide emotional support during challenging times.

Celebrate Milestones.

- ✓ Acknowledge every effort and progress, big or small.
- ✓ Emphasize the value of resilience and self-esteem, regardless of outcomes.



KEY TAKEAWAYS AND NEXT STEPS



UPROOTED
ACADEMY



Key Takeaways

- ✓ Explored college application components and timelines.
- ✓ Learned strategies for effective college research.
- ✓ Reviewed admissions criteria and application platforms.
- ✓ Discussed fostering productive conversations with your child.



Next Steps

Begin a conversation with your child about their college preferences and help them start compiling a college list.



Next Session Preview

Join us next time for a discussion on 'Career Readiness.'

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout Sessions

Group discussions for sharing experiences, strategies, and personal insights on navigating the college application journey with your child.



Q&A

Q&A

Address specific concerns about the college application process.



THANK YOU

Lets Change The World, Together

 admin@uprootedacademy.org

 www.uprootedacademy.org