

# Which College Admission Process Best Suits You?

## NON-RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS

### REGULAR DECISION

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

**COMMITMENT  
NON-BINDING**

### ROLLING ADMISSION

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

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### EARLY ACTION (EA)

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

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NON-BINDING**

**STUDENTS ARE NOT RESTRICTED FROM APPLYING TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND HAVE UNTIL MAY 1 TO CONSIDER THEIR OPTIONS AND CONFIRM ENROLLMENT.**

## RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS

### EARLY DECISION (ED)

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

**COMMITMENT  
BINDING**

### RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION (REA)

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

**COMMITMENT  
NON-BINDING**

**STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING AND FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS.**