

Senior College Night

PRESENTER NAME

Education and Career Counselor, Granite Edvance



GRANITE EDVANCE

- **Granite Edvance** is dedicated to providing students and families with **FREE**, important information about **education and career planning**
- Team of expert Education and Career Counselors
- Aim to **empower students** to plan and achieve their future goals with confidence and excitement
- Facilitate **connections** among individuals and organizations that support students
- Serve **all NH students** of any age, background, interest, and pathway



GRANITE EDVANCE APPOINTMENTS

Virtual appointments available every day.

In-person appointments available on

Tuesdays and Thursdays in our

Concord office.

Schedule online:

calendly.com/GraniteEdvance

Or call:

603.227.5444

Career & Aptitude Exploration

- Complete assessment and meet with a Granite Edvance counselor to discuss careers and college majors that match your results

Exploring Education Pathways

- College, career prep, program options, application process, understanding role of financial aid

Financial Aid Support & FAFSA Prep

- Ask your questions about the financial aid process, create FSA ID

FAFSA Submission

- FAFSA filing assistance

Reviewing Financial Aid Offers

- Understanding & comparing offers, next steps

BUILD YOUR LIST

BE INTENTIONAL – DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's all about you!

- What is most important to me?
- What do I want from my college experience?
- What are my non-negotiables in a college?
- Under what circumstances do I learn best?
- Can I picture myself on this campus?
- How do I recharge? Will this environment allow me to do so?

Understand your needs and preferences

- Class size, campus culture, athletic and club options, activities in surrounding area



[Bigfuture.org](https://bigfuture.org) or [Petersons.org](https://petersons.org)

Use your school platform



THINGS TO CONSIDER

Your Career Goals

- Are there majors/internships that support your long-term goals?
- Confirm there are opportunities for internships in your field close to campus

Undecided Majors

- In most cases, applying undecided will not hurt your chances of admission (exceptions: nursing, engineering, health sciences, etc.)
- Allows for the opportunity to explore your options and work with an academic advisor to find the major that is right for you

Accessibility Services and Academic Support

- The **Admissions Insider** has tips for students with I.E.P's and 504 accommodations
 - And check out the Accessibility Insider on nhheaf.org!
- Students do not need to disclose a disability in the admission process, but will want to meet with staff in the Accessibility Services office to discuss possible accommodations

GET TO KNOW THE SCHOOLS

Attend College Fairs & High School Visits

- Take the time to ask questions
- Fill out information cards to demonstrate interest and get on school's mailing list
- Ask your school counselor for a schedule of colleges visiting your high school

Campus Visits

- Attend athletic events, plays, or concerts
- Information sessions & tours
- Open houses

Learn about the campus culture by noticing the flyers on the walls of the student center and visiting the dining hall(s)!

Follow on Social Media

- Follow the college, clubs, areas of study, sports, dining hall, residence halls

CREATING YOUR LIST

Balanced Approach

- Probable, Target, Reach
- What is a “safety” school **REALLY?**
- If you cannot name 2-3 specific reasons for applying to a certain school, it shouldn't be on your list

Consider the Major

- Some majors may be more competitive and have different admission requirements (nursing, engineering, PT, PA)

Consider the Type of Financial Aid Offered

- Do they **ONLY** offer need-based aid?
- Do they offer **BOTH** need-based **AND** merit-based aid?



Ask the financial aid office, admissions office, and check the college's website for information about available scholarships

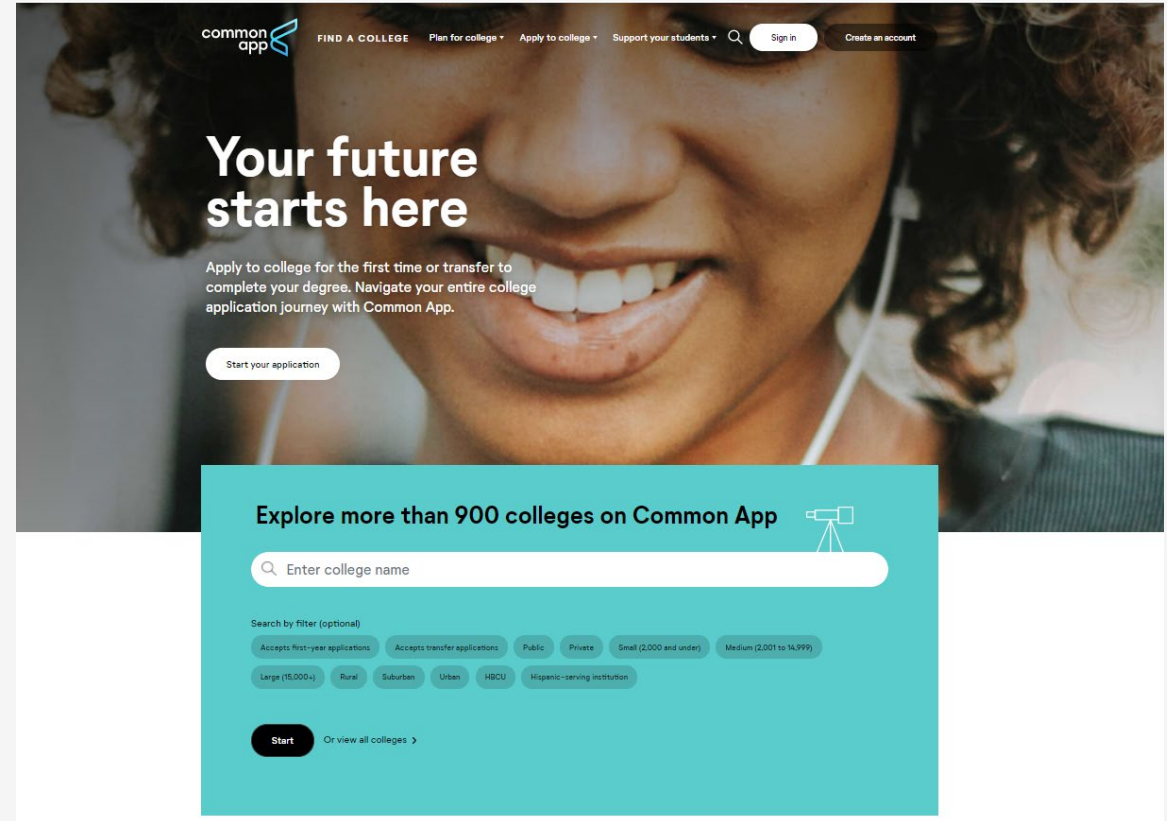
APPLY

WHEN TO APPLY

Admission Type	Details	Deadline	Commitment
Rolling Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First come, first served• Applications are reviewed as they are received, so applying later may mean you miss out (even if you are a qualified candidate)	Within specified time frame until a class is filled	Non-binding
Regular Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All applications are reviewed prior to a decision being made	November – March	Non-binding
Early Action (EA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive a decision well in advance of the institutions regular response date	October – December	Non-binding
Early Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannot apply to more than one school using ED• If admitted, student agrees to enroll and withdraw all other applications• Student, parent, and school counselor sign a contract	October – December Some schools will have EDI and EDII	Binding

ELEMENTS OF THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

- High school transcript
- College essay
- Extra-curricular activities
- Letters of recommendation
- SAT or ACT scores



Commonapp.org

ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER

- Auditions
- Portfolios
- NCAA Eligibility Center
- Supplemental Essays



These are great topics to ask about when talking with college admission reps!

STUDENTS TAKE THE LEAD

Opportunities to build your “soft skills”

- You should be the one to email or speak to college admissions representatives
- Sign up for college tours
- Use social media appropriately
- Create new professional email account for college
- Stay in communication with parents, school counseling office, college admissions, and financial aid offices
- Stay organized

HELPFUL HINTS

- Start early
- Get organized - check **all** deadlines
- Know what is required (test scores, letters of recommendations, essays)
- Be consistent (email address, mailing address)
- Attend your school's financial aid night, or join us online for a virtual event
- Create your FSA ID for the FAFSA



QUESTIONS?

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