



Section 3: Preparation

Pathway Planning with Students

College Counseling

- Review Granite Edvance's [Admissions Insider](#) and help students identify which school(s) to apply to base on their individual goals/needs.
- Students & families can book an Exploring Options after High School appointment with Granite Edvance for individual counseling on building their college list (graniteedvance.org/help).
- **Many colleges require an essay**- students should come prepared with their essay **completed** if required for schools on their list. In order to submit an application through the Common Application, many students will need to have their essay ready to cut and paste into the form.
 - Please make students aware that they will need to be prepared to bring their essay on a flash drive or retrieve it from Google Docs or another cloud storage area. Advise students to double check allotted word counts for each college application prior to your event and make any necessary changes for each college. Preparing early to submit appropriate essays to each college based on their individual parameters ensures students **maximize their time** during their appointment.

Career Prep Programs

- For students who will be applying to trade and technical schools, apprenticeship opportunities, or other career programs, their preparation steps are largely the same as students pursuing college.
- They'll need to spend time **doing their research** about various programs and **building their list** of where they want to apply. A great place to start is the [NH DOE Directory](#) – see **Appendix 8!**
- Students & families can book an Exploring Options after High School appointment with Granite Edvance for individual counseling on building their list (graniteedvance.org/help).

Undecided/Unsure Students

- There are always students who are unsure of what path they should take after high school- or even where to begin. For these students, we strongly recommend taking a **career assessment**. Once students have a better idea of the end goal, it becomes clearer what education path they will need to achieve it.
- We have partnered with [YouScience](#) to provide this service, along with education and career **pathway mapping**, to all NH students for free! Please direct your students to book a Career Exploration appointment with us. We also provide group sessions and access to your students' profiles. Contact us for more information!

Preparing for ApplyNH Day

- Distribute the Student Guides ([Appendix 8](#)) to all participating students ahead of time. Provide assistance to students in completing their Guide as needed.
 - The Student Guide for [2-Year Colleges](#) includes:
 - Chart outlining the programs offered at each of the NH community colleges – please print the document [HERE](#).
 - The Student Guide for [4-Year Colleges](#) includes:
 - Information about the Common Application & college essay
 - The Student Guide for [Trade, Technical, & Career Prep Programs](#) includes:
 - Worksheet with all the information needed to apply to these programs
 - Additional Student Resources
 - Student Resume Template and Example
 - Word document format to allow for direct editing
 - Student-centered language and examples of age-appropriate experiences and skills
- While students will have a significant amount of time to work on their application(s) with volunteers during **ApplyNH**, they do need to come prepared with as much of their Student Guide completed as possible and have a list of the college(s)/program(s) they wish to apply to that day.
- Send out confirmation emails to students to remind them a day or so before your event. Include instructions for where to go and what to expect. Examples of confirmation emails to students can be found in [Appendix 11](#).
- Students should prioritize which applications they will complete during your event, considering which applications are free to submit that day (all NH colleges and universities), and which are the best academic and financial fit for the student. Extra time can then be focused on any additional applications.
- Stay tuned for our upcoming live and recorded webinars for students about the Common App and college essay!

Other Considerations

Admission Fees

All colleges and universities in NH are offering a fee waiver for students submitting an application to any of their schools during your **ApplyNH** event. Please only use the codes or fee waiver methods with students submitting their applications through this initiative and not with the general high school population. **We will provide a handout outlining each NH college's website, how to apply for admission** (Common App or school's own form) **and the fee waiver process for each college. Please share with your staff ahead of time so that they may properly advise students which forms they will need to complete in order to use the fee waiver.** Have extra copies available for volunteers on the day of as well ([Appendix 18- coming soon](#)).

For many students, there is a fee to apply to any college outside of New Hampshire. Some students will be eligible for a fee waiver based on family income. Please speak with your students prior to your event to determine if they are eligible and if so, assist them in submitting proper documentation. If students are not eligible for fee waivers, they will need a credit card to submit their applications.

Parents and Guardians

It is important to communicate information about the event to parents/guardians and share how they can assist their student prior to the event. Utilize the Parent/Guardian Letter template ([Appendix 7](#)) as a starting point. Parents/guardians may be helpful to students when reviewing potential colleges and determining what schools and pathways are a good fit based on individual circumstances and preferences. Encourage parents/guardians to review our Admissions Insider with their student and book an appointment together with Granite Edvance.