

Family Information Session age Applications & Maia Lear

College Applications & Maia Learning Summer 2024



Today's Agenda

Planning for College

- Finding the Right Fit
- Admissions
- Application Process



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- What is MaiaLearning
- Career and College search
- Generating a College List

Finding the Right Fit

What to think about when selecting your school?

- Size
- Rigor/Selectivity
- Distance
- Setting/Town
- Private vs Public
- Major
- Social Life/Friends
- School Environment/Religion
- Special Services
- Cost (Do not let it prevent you from applying)
- Visit colleges to identify your preference in a campus
- Meet with college representatives that visit your school



What do colleges want to see?

- Grades/GPA
 - Can submit weighted or unweighted GPA
 - If you are unsure which to submit, talk to your School Counselor!
- Course Rigor
 - Did you challenge yourself?
- Test Scores
 - Order official scores from College Board / ACT
- Essay
- Letter of Rec
- Extra Curriculars (1-2 & leadership roles if applicable)
- Student Interests

Application Process

- Online Application Deadlines
- Transcripts
- ☐ Test Scores
- ☐ Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Personal Statement/Essay
- Fees
- Look for an application checklist

Note: Only send what is required or optional



24-25 Common App Essay Prompts



National Standardized

TEST	REGISTER BY	NATIONAL TEST DATE
SAT - College Board	August 9th	August 24th
SAT - College Board	September 20th	October 5th
ACT	June 7th	July 13th
ACT	August 9th	September 14th
ACT	September 20th	October 26th

SAT Website:



Registration Websites:

SAT

https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/dates-deadlines

ACT

https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html

ACT Website:



MaiaLearning and Your Student

College

Apprenticeship Programs

Preparing for life after high school

Workforce

Military

Vocational Programs



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What is MaiaLearning?

- College & Career planning platform
- Career exploration
- Post high school exploration
 - Common App
 - Transcripts
 - Scholarships
 - o and more!



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For Students

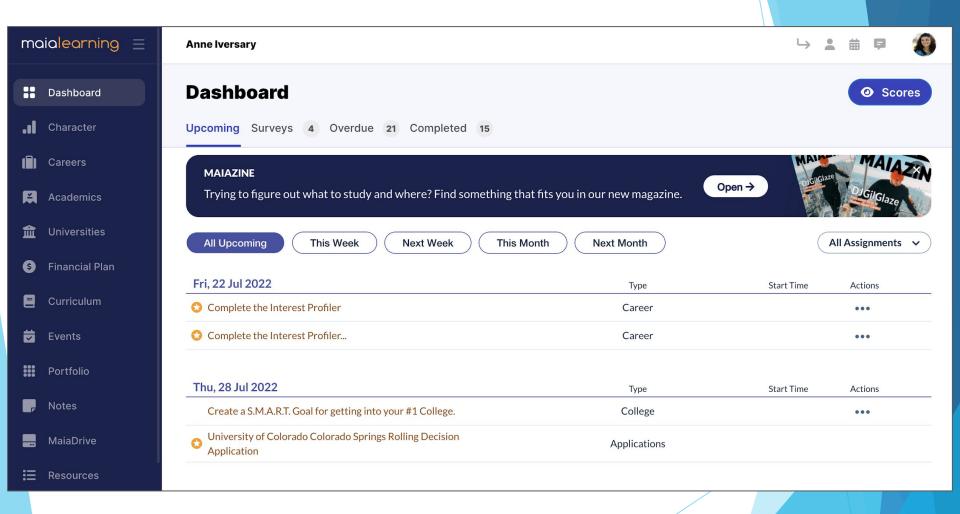
- Task Management
- Interests & Personality
 Assessments
- Research & Plan
 - Careers
 - Universities & Military
 - Scholarships
- Events
 - College rep visits; virtual fairs
- Portfolio Development
- Communication & Meetings

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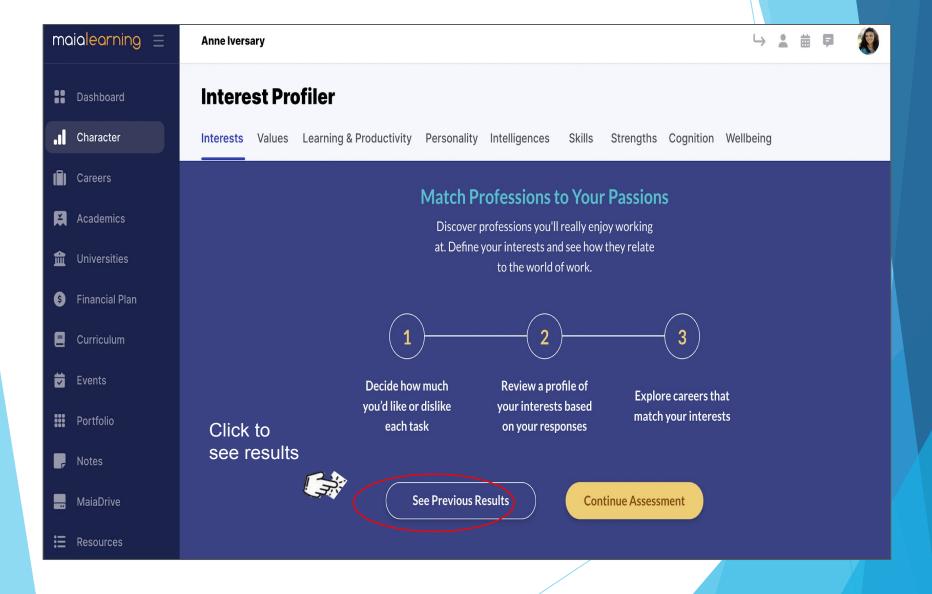




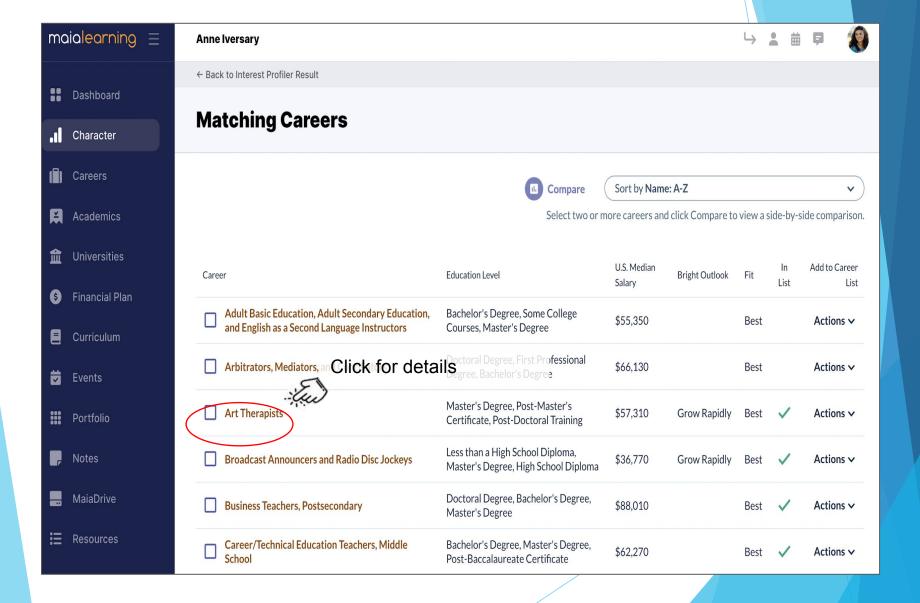
Student Dashboard



Assessments

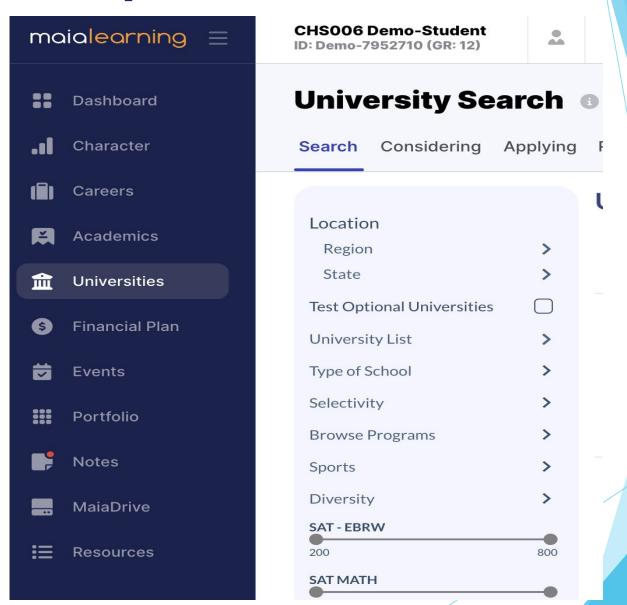


Career recommendations



Let's Explore Universities

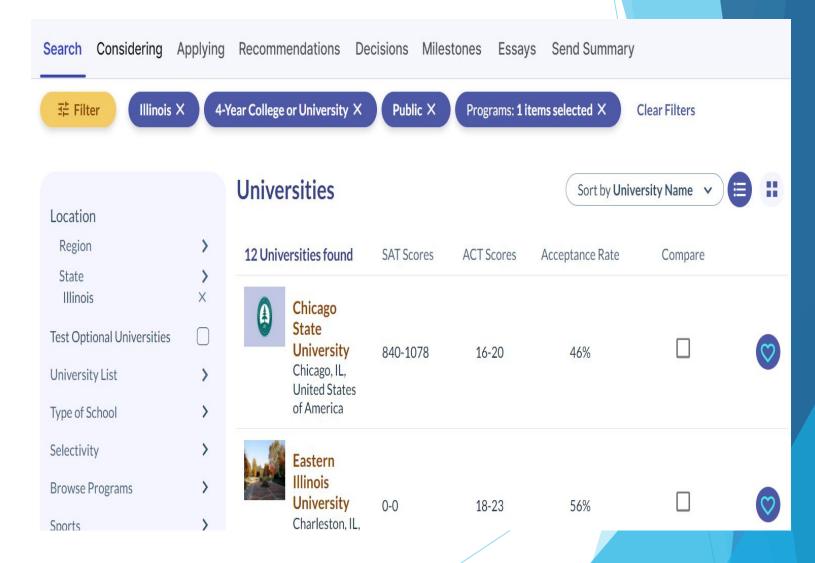




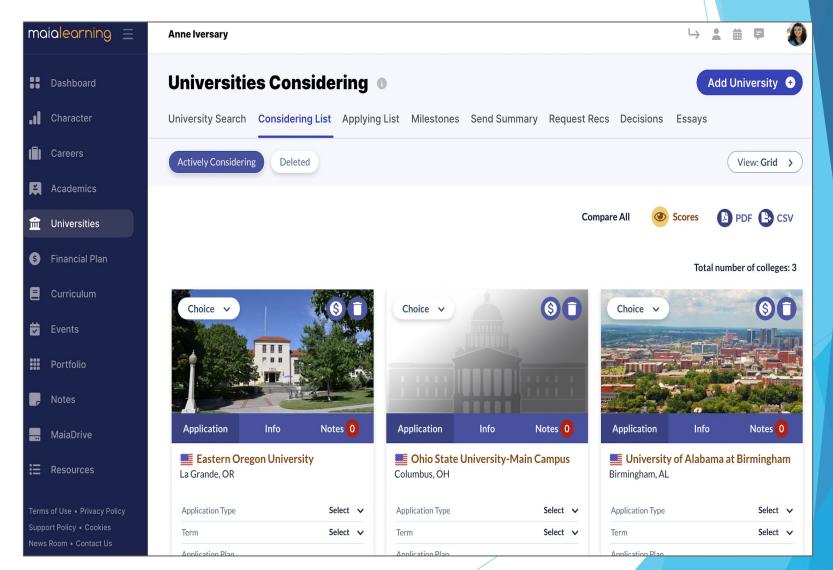
Postsecondary Exploration Select 5-7 College/Universities that interest you!

Click this heart button for schools you would consider





Select "Considering" to see all the schools selected!



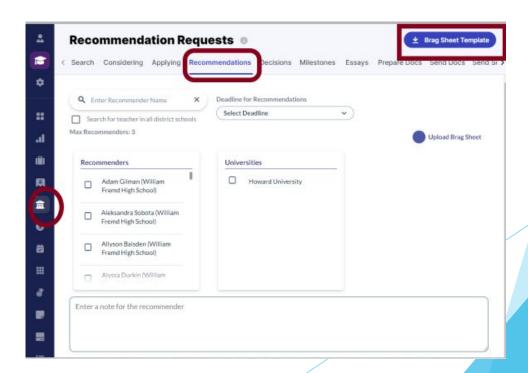
Letter of Recommendations

- Do not request any letters of recommendation until the first day of school!
- You are allowed to request a letter of recommendation from a maximum of 3 recommenders
- Meet with your recommender AT LEAST 4 weeks before the first application due date
- Your Brag Sheet should be completed and uploaded into MaiaLearning under "Universities - Recommendations" to provide an accurate reflection of "your story"
- It is helpful if you provide your letter writers a copy of your personal statement so that they can have a holistic view of your application

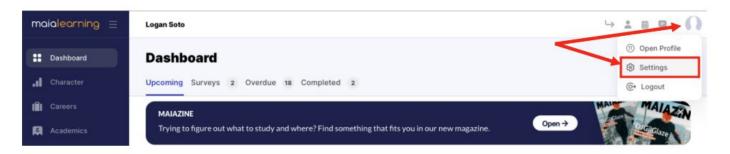
Letter of Recommendation Process

"Brag Sheet" template

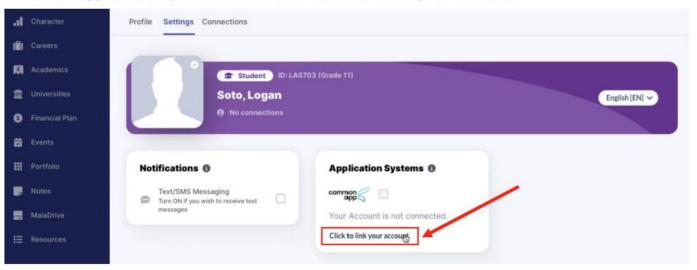
- 1. Download
- 2. Complete & Save to your device
- 3. Upload Completed "Brag Sheet" in Maia Learning
 - ☐ All recommenders have access in Maia Learning



Letter of Recommendations MaiaLearning - School Staff Only



. In the Application Systems section, select Click to link your account

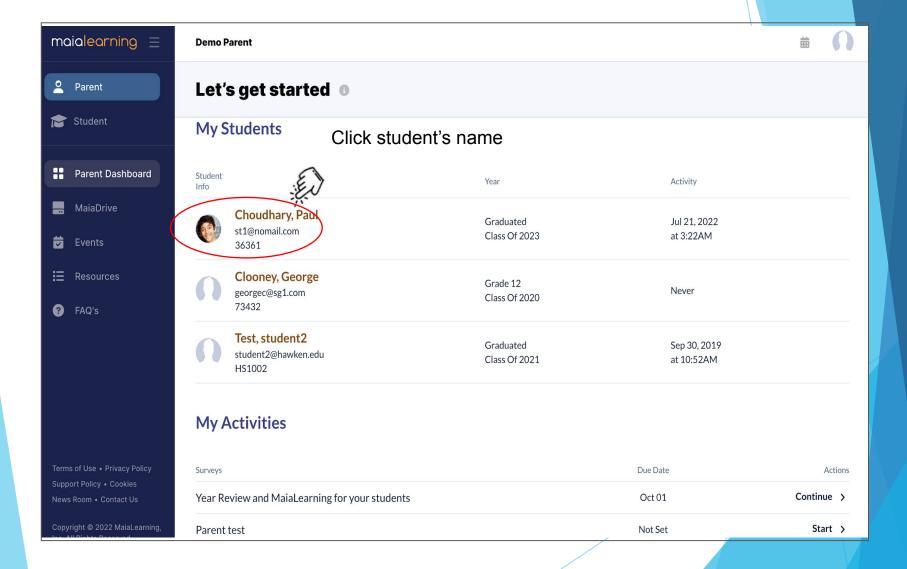


For Families

- Parent/Guardian Accounts
 - If login expired, select "Forgot Password"
 - Infinite Campus email
- Support your student through exploration and application
- Communication
- Post High School Planning



Parent Dashboard



Financial Aid

Two types of aid:



Merit Aid



- Scholarships awarded to students based off applications including grades, test scores, extracurriculars, essays, fit, etc.
- Usually automatically given to students

Financial Aid



- Based off family's financial situation in 2023 and is determined by family's result of the FAFSA
- Can be given, borrowed, or earned

What is the FAFSA?

FAFSA®
Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Graduation requirement for all seniors in the state of Illinois
- Needs to be completed by graduation in order for students to get their diploma
- Should be open by October 1st for families to fill out and we recommend filling it out ASAP!
- What is needed for the FAFSA?
 - Student and parent's FSA ID that you can create here:
 - Student and parent's social security numbers
 - 2023 taxes
 - Current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts
 - Net worth of investments, businesses, or farms
 - Records of child support received (if applicable)



What other options are available for my student or family?

- Alternative Application
 - For students who do not have a social security number
 - Allows them to still be eligible for state aid
 - Satisfies graduation requirement



ALTERNATIVE
APPLICATION
FOR ILLINOIS
FINANCIAL AID

Intended for qualifying undocumented students

- Nonparticipation Form
 - Form student fills out if over 18 or student and parent fill out if under 18 stating that they do not want to fill out the FAFSA at this time
 - Can always fill out the FAFSA if family changes their minds
 - Satisfies graduation requirement
 - Will be available in the fall on the ISAC Website
- Need help with the FAFSA? Your home school will have Financial Aid Nights, FAFSA Workshops, open FAFSA Advising Hours and more this fall!







Here are some helpful things you can do this summer to prepare for college applications in the fall!

TESTING Utilize time this summer to take another SAT or ACT exam if you hope to achieve a higher score! SAT: Summer Dates - June 1st and August 24th ACT: Summer Dates - June 8th, July 13th, and September 14th
COLLEGE LIST Work on your college list! • Add 6-12 schools to your Considering list on Maia Learning • Include a healthy mix of safety, match, and reach schools • Need help finding colleges? Use the University search on Maia Learning
VISIT COLLEGES Visit colleges you might be interested in this summer! To plan formal visits, visit the school's website or reach out to their office of admissions. This will help you identify important factors and narrow down your list.
ATTEND A STUDENT COLLEGE WORKSHOP • August 1st 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Conant High School • August 6th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Palatine High School • Register through this QR code or link https://forms.gle/9X22YaqSKnWjx7qx9
START WORKING ON COMMON APP AND ESSAY Common App opens August 1, 2024! www.commonapp.org Over 1,000 colleges and universities nationwide use Common App Start working on drafts of your Common App Essay Essay prompts can already be found on the Common App website
WORK ON YOUR BRAG SHEET • Letters of Rec. can be requested through Maia Learning in the FALL • You may begin working on your Brag Sheet this summer • Maia Learning - Universities - Recommendations - Download Brag Sheet

Student In-Person Workshop College Application Process



Thursday, August 1st Conant High School 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, August 6th Palatine High School 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



STUDENT REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Fall Evening Events

- College Application Process In Depth Thursday, August 29, 2024 Before Parent Open House
- Financial Aid Sessions
 Available at each school.
 Dates and times will be communicated in the fall
- □ First Generation College Night Wednesday, September 18th, 2024

Details will be posted in MaiaLearning

School Events

- College Rep Visits
- Senior Group Guidance
- Individual Student Meetings with Counselors
- FAFSA/Financial Aid Office Hours
- Career Treks

Details will be posted in Maia Learning

College & Career Counselors

Jordan Schroeder	Palatine High School	
John Baima	Fremd High School	
JC Brown	Conant High School	
Reiko Behlke	Schaumburg High Sch	ool
Patrick Evans	Hoffman Estates High School	

Please complete the form for attendance and provide feedback



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Thank you for joining us!

