GUIDE TO YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH

Finding the college that’s right for you is one of the most important decisions you’ll make. We’ve created this guide to help you with the process. Tap into the resources at the colleges you’re considering. Take campus tours and meet with college representatives to get your questions answered.

Use this guide to organize your college search and simplify your upcoming year. We look forward to working with you to find the college that fits you best.

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall

☐ Register and take the PSAT in October.
☐ Write down your educational and personal goals.
☐ Attend local college fairs and meet with college representatives visiting your high school.
☐ List colleges that interest you most, along with the specific features, programs and educational aspects that match your goals.
☐ Research colleges online, paying special attention to admission requirements. Concordia College requires a high school transcript, two references and ACT or SAT scores. Find out more online.

Spring

☐ Sign up and take the ACT or SAT, or both. The SAT is offered in March, May and June. The ACT is offered in February, April and June. Concordia’s codes are 2104 (ACT) and 6113 (SAT).
☐ Take Advanced Placement tests, if applicable.
☐ Ask your school counselor about spring and summer college fairs.

Summer

☐ Explore your interests and build your résumé by working, volunteering or enrolling in educational programs.
☐ Set up preliminary campus visits. Prepare by making a list of questions to help you gather comparisons between colleges. Schedule a Concordia College campus visit online.
☐ Check out Concordia’s new Virtual Tour Experience at ConcordiaCollege.edu/experience.
☐ Apply to your narrowed list of colleges. Applying to Concordia College is free online or contact the Admissions Office for a paper version.
SENIOR YEAR

Fall

☐ Continue applying to colleges and confirming your application materials have been received.
☐ If necessary, schedule the SAT in October, November or December, or the ACT in September, October or December.
☐ Research your scholarship options and deadlines. Visit online scholarship search engines such as www.fastweb.com.
☐ Apply for college-specific and general scholarships. Concordia College offers academic, need-based and performance scholarships. See what you might be eligible for at www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/scholarships.
☐ Schedule fall college visits where you can stay overnight, eat on campus, attend classes, meet with coaches and admissions representatives, visit with students and faculty, etc. You’ll get a feeling for what it would be like to attend the college. Schedule your Concordia visit online.

Winter

☐ Talk with family, friends and alumni about your top colleges to get their insights.
☐ Apply for Concordia College performance scholarships. The music, speech and debate, visual art and theatre scholarship deadlines and applications are online at www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/scholarships.
☐ File the FAFSA after Jan. 1 at www.fafsa.ed.gov to determine other financial aid options. Concordia’s code is 002346.
☐ Attend scholarship competition events, if applicable.
☐ Schedule visits to your final college choices.
☐ Begin to finalize your college plans.

Spring

☐ Discuss your financial aid with college admissions representatives and financial aid officers.
☐ Send in your enrollment deposit and complete your housing contract, if you haven’t already.
☐ Take any remaining Advanced Placement tests, if applicable.

Summer

☐ Take online language placement tests in June.
☐ Attend Summer Orientation to sign up for fall courses.
☐ Contact your new roommate in July. Discuss what you will be sharing in your residence hall.
☐ Keep in touch with your athletic coaches. Student-athletes in fall sports often move on campus early.
☐ Start packing. For a list to get you started, email admissions@cord.edu.
☐ All those months of hard work have finally paid off. Move in and enjoy your first year of college.