

Climbing Ivy Tutoring

Admissions Counseling Services (Fall 2018 – Spring 2019)

Pre-Application Planning

Analyze, assess, and discuss:

- Student interests, goals, strengths, and weaknesses
- Family needs, objectives, and concerns
- The role of the independent college counselor
- College application list
 - Match, reach, and safety schools, plus what makes a college a good “fit”
- Curriculum Planning and Review
 - Transcript review – courses, GPA, class standing
 - Prerequisite courses for future major
 - Standardized testing preparation
- Extracurricular Activities Planning and Review
 - Current extracurricular activities and level of involvement
 - Activities for senior year
- Preliminary college applications timeline

College Application Management

- College counselor acts as liaison between the student/family, high school, and colleges, as desired
- Continue guideline created during Pre-Application Planning
- Create timeline, calendar, and checklist of all tasks, requirements, and deadlines
- Assist with requesting and securing letters of recommendation
- Discuss methods of showing demonstrated interest
- Aid in filling out the Common App, Coalition App, and/or other school specific application items
- Create individual college profiles with school snapshots, application information, and requirements
- Manage the submission and tracking of all documents
- Develop resume for use in applications, counselor/teacher recommendations, and interviews
- Advise on admissions strategies (Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision, etc.)
- Provide training and preparation for admissions interviews; includes mock interview sessions

Personal Statement/Essay Writing

- Provide guidance in writing the personal statement and supplemental college application essays
- Assist in the editing and revisions process
- Thoroughly assess and review the final essay draft

Financial Aid

- Discuss costs associated with net price of attendance and options for paying for college, such as scholarships, work-study, grants, and loans
- Assist with submitting and tracking required financial aid documents, such as the FAFSA and CSS/Financial Aid Profile
- Aid in interpreting and understanding financial aid awards