

COLLEGE APPLICATION TYPES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

	EARLY DECISION	EARLY ACTION	EARLY DECISION II	ROLLING ADMISSION	REGULAR ADMISSION
WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?	EARLY TO MID-NOVEMBER	EARLY TO MID-NOVEMBER	MID-DECEMBER - MID-JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VARIABLES BY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AS EARLY AS JULY AND AS LATE AS APRIL 	MID-DECEMBER - MID-JANUARY
WHEN DO YOU LEARN ADMISSION STATUS?	MID-DECEMBER	JANUARY OR FEBRUARY	MID-FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VARIABLES BY SCHOOL TYPICALLY TWO TO SIX WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF APPLICATION 	MARCH OR APRIL
IS ADMISSION BINDING?	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
CAN YOU APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL USING THIS METHOD?	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VARIABLES BY SCHOOL IF EARLY ACTION IS "RESTRICTIVE", YOU CAN ONLY APPLY TO ONE SCHOOL 	NO	YES	YES
ARE ACCEPTANCE RATES HIGHER WITH THIS METHOD?	YES	YES	YES	THE EARLIER THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED, THE HIGHER THE ACCEPTANCE RATE	NO
WHEN DO YOU NEED TO ACCEPT ADMITTANCE?	IMMEDIATELY	TYPICALLY BY MAY 1	IMMEDIATELY	TYPICALLY BY MAY 1	TYPICALLY BY MAY 1
CAN YOU COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES?	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES
BENEFITS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POTENTIAL TO FINISH APPLICATION SEASON EARLY LEARN ADMITTANCE DECISION EARLY INCREASED ADMITTANCE ODDS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEARN ADMITTANCE DECISION EARLY INCREASED ADMITTANCE ODDS ABILITY TO COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEARN ADMITTANCE DECISION EARLY INCREASED ADMITTANCE ODDS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POTENTIAL TO LEARN ADMITTANCE DECISION EARLY POTENTIAL TO INCREASE ADMITTANCE ODDS ABILITY TO COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MORE TIME TO COMPLETE APPLICATIONS ABILITY TO COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES
DRAWBACKS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEED TO RESEARCH, APPLY AND DECIDE ON SCHOOL EARLY MUST COMMIT TO SCHOOL EARLY NO FLEXIBILITY WITH FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEED TO RESEARCH, APPLY AND DECIDE ON TOP CHOICE SCHOOL EARLY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MUST COMMIT TO SCHOOL EARLY NO FLEXIBILITY WITH FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TO GAIN GREATEST ADVANTAGE, NEED TO RESEARCH AND APPLY EARLY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LONG WAIT FOR ADMISSION DECISION