



LAMAR UNIVERSITY

MEMBER THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM™

ADMISSIONS JARGON

1. Evaluate the following application types and indicate with a number 1-4 which is most attractive to you.

_____ **Non-Restrictive/Regular Decision** is *not* an early round application, and you'll be compared to a larger pool of applicants. It is not binding, and you can apply Regular Decision to as many schools as you would like.

_____ **Early Action** indicates that you're very interested in a school, and it can help you receive college decisions earlier and begin narrowing down your choices. Most schools allow you to apply Early Action to multiple colleges and universities. You aren't required to notify the school of your decision to attend until May 1, the same "college deadline day" as Regular Decision.

_____ **Restrictive Early Action**, you may *not* apply to any other schools in the early rounds. Applicants are expected to sign a statement that they agree to file only one early application.

_____ **Early Decision** is a binding early round application. This means you apply early to a school and, if accepted, you *must* enroll.

_____ **Rolling Admission**--applications are evaluated as they are received versus waiting to evaluate all applications after a hard deadline. Schools will continue to evaluate applications until they've filled all the slots for their incoming class.

2. In Column 1 of the My Top Schools table below, list three schools that interest you. Visit the admissions website for each school and record the type(s) of decisions each makes.
3. To complete an application you must provide any supporting document the school requires. Required documents vary by school and can include transcripts, test scores, and essays. Add each school's requirements to Column 3 of the table.
4. Visit the website for the scholarships department for each schools on your chart. List the types of scholarships you might qualify for in Column 4 of the table.
5. In Column 5 of your table label each of the schools as public or private. If you are not sure. Visit the school's website and go to their "About Us" page.
6. Write in your own words why FERPA is important _____

7. Explore these resources:
- () Learn why you should prepare for college now by visiting StudentAid.gov/prepare.
 - () Check out My Future, My Way: First Steps Toward College, a workbook for middle and junior high school students, at StudentAid.gov/resources#my-future.
 - () Tell your parents about FAFSA4caster at fafsa.gov to find out how much federal student aid you might receive
 - () Complete your FAFSA any time after Oct. 1 your senior year!!
 - () Explore sources of subsidized student loans.

My Top Schools

Name of School	Type(s) of Admissions	Required Application Documents	Scholarships Offered	Institution Type (Public or Private)