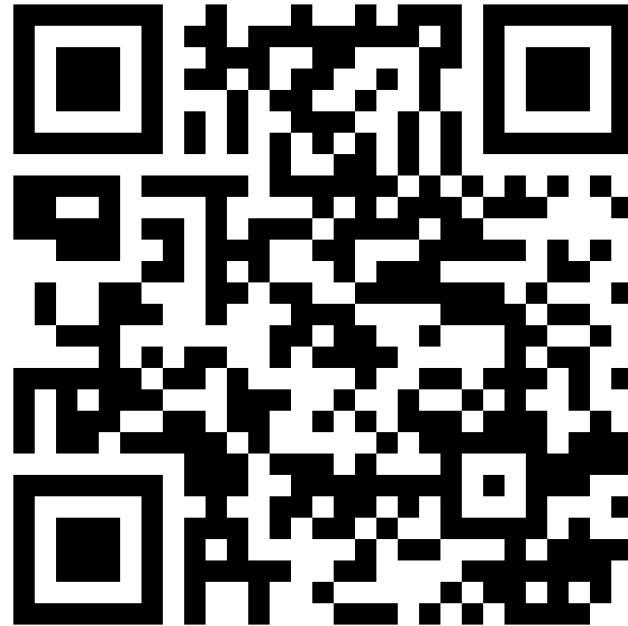


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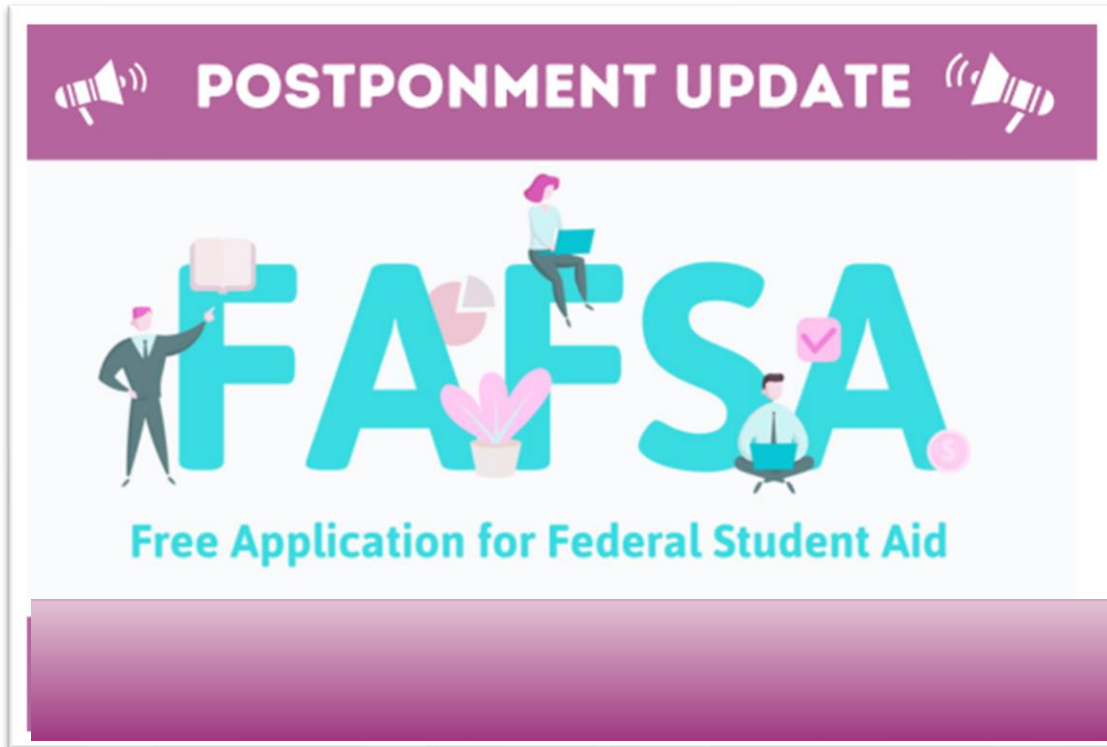
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ADMISSIONS



Before we begin....2 Important Notes



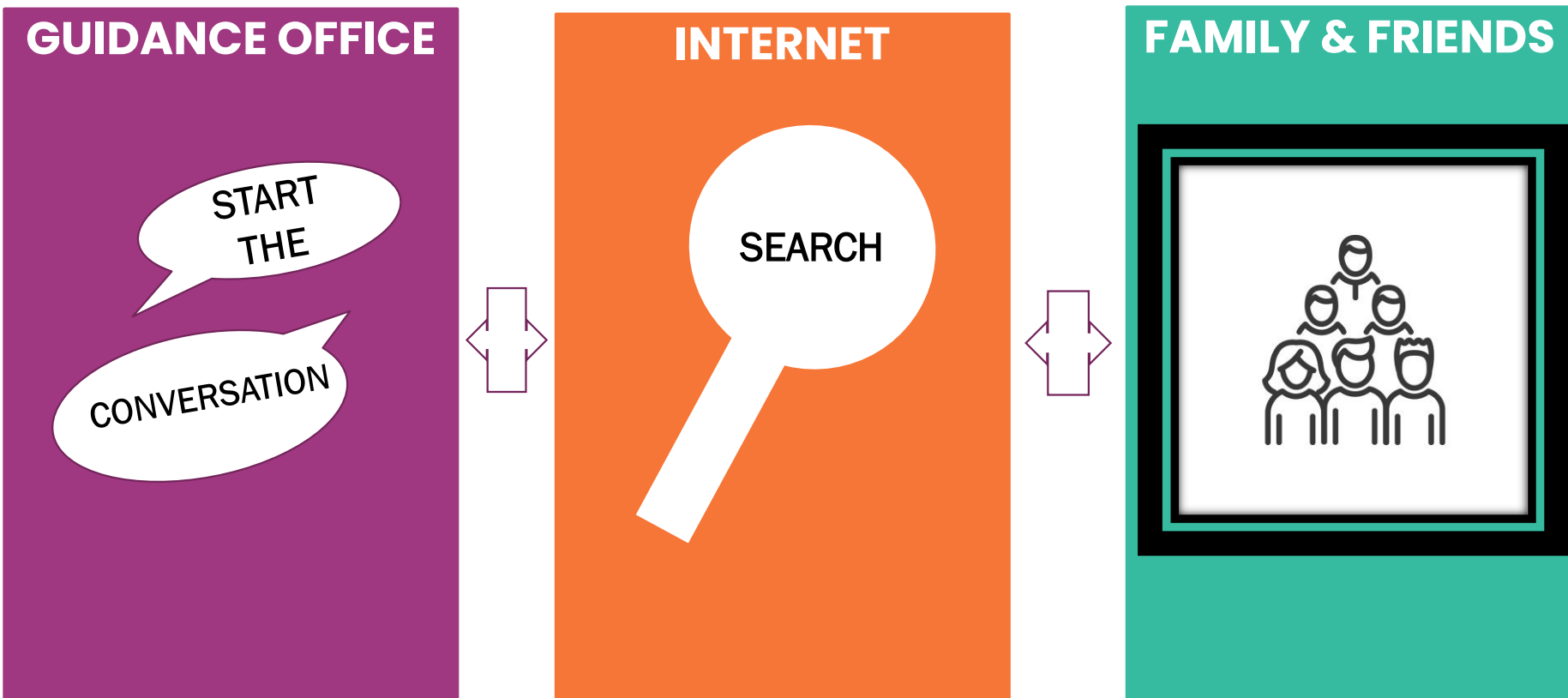
AGENDA

- ➔ College admission requirements
- ➔ Where to begin
- ➔ Application expectations
- ➔ A brief history of Financial Aid
- ➔ Financial Aid overview
- ➔ Eligibility, awards and loans

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS



HOW TO SEARCH FOR COLLEGES



WHERE SHOULD I APPLY?

- ❖ City or small college town?
- ❖ What size college appeals to you?
- ❖ Public or private?
- ❖ What kind of weather do you prefer?
- ❖ Does your major require special facilities?
- ❖ Do you need academic structure?
- ❖ Affordability?
- ❖ Athletics?



SCHOOL VISITS

- ➔ Visit when the college is in session
- ➔ If possible, spend the night in the dorm
- ➔ Attend classes
- ➔ Visit the student union
- ➔ Visit career services
- ➔ Talk to as many people as possible
- ➔ Read a copy of the latest student newspaper
- ➔ Check out school's social media



Admission Requirements

1

**High School
Transcript**

2

**Standardized
Tests**

SAT or ACT, SAT II
(If Necessary)

3

**College
Essay**

One page single spaced,
two pages double spaced

4

**Letters of
Recommendation**

Optional: Resume, Interview

How Many Schools Should You Apply To?

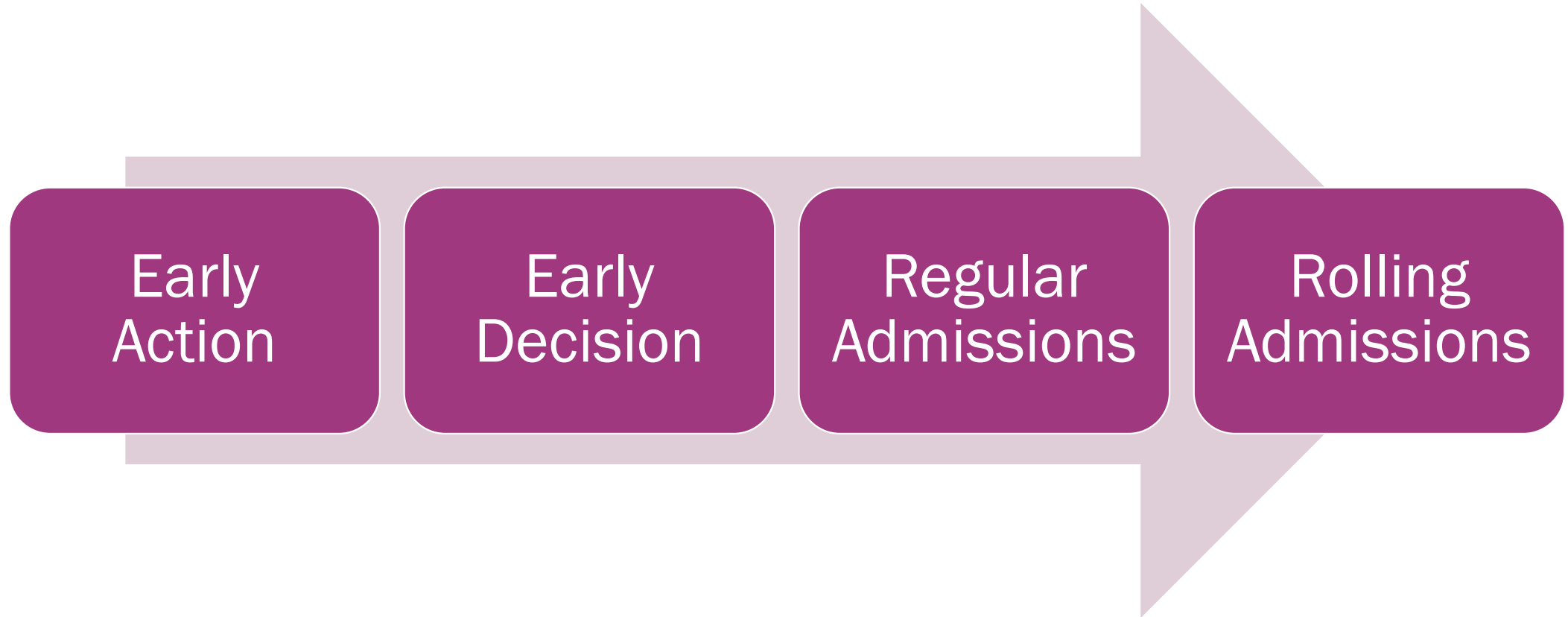
MY PREFERENCE:

- ➔ No more than Eight
- ➔ One that you are relatively certain that you will be accepted to and that you can afford

4 to 8



Know the Terms



Ready to Apply

3 Things to Remember

- **Deadlines!**
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Ways to Apply

The Common Application Online

www.commonapp.org

THE APPLICATION

- ➔ Do not rush – start early
- ➔ Answer all questions on the application
- ➔ Make sure guidance uploads the transcript
- ➔ Make sure recommendations are uploaded



THE ESSAY

- ➔ Follow instructions on the application: word count, font size, and formatting
- ➔ Tell them something that they do not already know
- ➔ Stick to the prompt
- ➔ When appropriate, be creative
- ➔ **PROOFREAD!!!!**



THE RESUME

- ➔ Activities
- ➔ Community service
- ➔ Work experience
- ➔ Honors and recognition



ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

- ➔ Strength of curriculum/Level of Challenge
- ➔ Choice of senior year courses
- ➔ Grades in all academic courses
- ➔ Standardized tests
- ➔ Essay
- ➔ Creativity, initiative, leadership and personal qualities that help you stand out

Help is available:

College planning guidance at the:

College Planning Center of RI

Currently accepting phone appointments only

Schedule on-line at

www.collegeplanningcenter.org

Call to schedule an appointment

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