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I heard that I need to report the scholarships and merit aid I received from colleges to College Counseling. Is that true?

Yes, you should add the scholarships to MaiaLearning. Please report the scholarships and merit aid you received from ALL colleges regardless of whether or not you plan to attend. On the Senior Survey, only include the scholarship money from the college you plan to attend.

I can't decide which college I want to attend. What should I do?

- Use our [decision matrix](#) to revisit and rank the criteria that matter most to you. Spend time reflecting on what you need in your university experience.

When do I need to decide? Decision Deadline: May 1

- The national decision deadline is May 1. You should submit a deposit to one college by this date.

My grades are dropping. Could this impact my admissions offers?

- Yes, a college may rescind your offer of admission if your grades drop significantly and/or you earn D's or F's. If you haven't done so already, reach out to your teachers and counselor for support.

Can I submit my deposit at more than one university?

- You may only accept an offer of admission and submit a deposit at **one** university. "Double depositing" is not acceptable. If you have not received your financial aid offer and May 1 is approaching, speak with your counselor.

What if I'm waitlisted?

- **You should move forward with accepting an offer of admission and submitting your deposit at a school to which you were accepted.** Do your best to get excited about that school rather than focusing on your waitlist option. We expect that most colleges will not begin offering spots to waitlisted students until after May 1 (or even later). You can read more about how waitlists work and what to do (and not do), [here](#).

I was denied from a college and want to appeal. How can I do this?

- It is important that you read carefully what schools publish about appealing your decision. Some will say that no appeals will be considered. Others, such as the UCs, clearly state that your appeal must include new and compelling reasons for the appeal. Keep in mind that most appeals are not granted, so it's important that you focus your energy on schools to which you have been admitted.

I decided where I want to go, now what?

- Congratulations! We wish you the best of luck at your future university. After you submit your deposit and accept your offer of admission, make sure you check your new student portal for important information and deadlines regarding housing, orientation, immunizations, and placement exams. You should also log into Maia and indicate that this college you will be attending.

My college is asking for my final transcript. How do I send it to them?

- All seniors must complete the Senior Survey on **May 2 during X Block** in their 6th period class. College Counselors will send a student's final transcript to the college they mark as attending on their Senior Survey. **Final transcripts will be sent in early June after grades are finalized and stored.**

Do I need to notify the colleges that I am turning down?

- If you will not be attending a college, you should decline your offer of admission. Usually students can do this by logging into their admitted student portal. If there is not an option within the portal, please send an email to the admissions office. This will enable the college to take students off their waitlist.

I will be attending DVC or another community college in the Fall. What steps do I need to take?

- If you will be attending DVC, make sure that you have done all of the application steps and have registered for Counseling 95. During the class, you will work with a DVC counselor to select your fall courses. If you need assistance with this, reach out to your College Counselor. We will be sending your final transcript to your community college, so make sure you complete the Graduation Survey.

I will be attending a CSU and they are asking for my mid-year transcript by the May 1 deposit deadline. What should I do?

- Email your College Counselor.

I'm thinking about transferring to a different college after a year or two. Is there anything I should know?

- Yes, transfer admissions is very different from freshman admissions. Before you make your college decision, you should speak with an admissions counselor at the school to which you hope to transfer so you are fully aware of their transfer requirements. Some colleges, like those within the UC system and CSU system, will only allow students to transfer after completing 60 transferable semester units whereas other colleges accept transfers with far fewer transferable units. If you plan to transfer to a UC or CSU, we recommend attending community college next year. UCs and CSUs give admissions priority to transfer students from community colleges over students applying from other universities.

I need help evaluating my financial aid and scholarship offers.

- Use this [Financial Aid Comparison Tool](#) to evaluate your financial aid and scholarship offers from the colleges you are debating between.