**Prospective Students Have the Right to Know:**

Students applying to college have the right to certain information about colleges and universities, and about how much it costs to go to college. The U.S. government requires that colleges and universities provide prospective students with the following information.

### Colleges Must Provide:

**General:**
- The cost of attending an institution, including tuition, books and supplies, housing, and meal costs.
- An estimate of the net price of attending an institution for the individual student (equal to the cost of attending minus anticipated scholarships and grants) through a Net Price Calculator on an institution’s Web site.
- Requirements and procedures for withdrawing from an institution, including refund policies.
- Names of associations that accredit, approve or license the institution.
- Special facilities and services for disabled students.
- Student activities and career and placement services offered by the institution (made available on the institution’s Web site).
- Information about student body diversity (including gender, racial, and socioeconomic diversity).

**Academics:**
- The academic program of the institution, including degrees, programs of study, and facilities.
- Any plans by the institution for improving the academic program.
- A list of faculty and other instructional personnel.
- A statement of the institution’s transfer credit policy, including any established criteria used regarding the transfer of credit and a description of institutions with which the institution has an established transfer agreement.

**Financial Aid:**
- The types of financial aid, including federal, state, local aid, need-based and non-need-based, and institutional and private financial aid available to students who enroll at the institution.
- The eligibility requirements and procedures for applying for aid, the methods by which a school determines eligibility for financial aid, and how and when the aid is distributed.
- Terms and conditions of campus employment, if financial aid is awarded through a work-study aid program.
- The rights and responsibilities of students regarding federal financial aid, including any published regulations regarding eligibility and standards of satisfactory academic progress.
- Terms of any loan received as part of financial aid packages, including interest rates, terms of repayment, and fees.
- A sample loan repayment schedule, and the necessity for repaying loans.

For more information about student financial aid, visit www.studentaid.ed.gov.

### Outcomes:

- The graduation and retention rates of certificate- or degree-seeking, first-time, undergraduate students, as well as graduation rates categorized by gender, race, and federal aid recipient status.

### Campus Security:

- Procedures and policies for reporting crimes and emergencies on campus, as well as the system of adjudication.
- The number and types of crime reported on and around campus.
- The school’s drug offense policy, as well as descriptions of the school’s drug awareness and drug use prevention programs.
- Policy regarding campus sexual assault prevention programs and procedures.
- Policies regarding emergency response and evacuation procedures.
- An annual fire safety report.

To compare campus crime statistics for different colleges, and to view a campus’s crime prevention efforts in your community, visit the “College Navigator” Web page, operated by the U.S. Department of Education at http://ncltv.ed.gov/CollegeNavigator. This guide is available online at www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html.
When You Are Offered Admission:

You have a right to receive factual and comprehensive information from colleges and universities about admission, financial aid opportunities, practices and packaging policies, and housing policies. If you consider applying under an early admission plan, you have the right to complete information from the college about its process and policies.

You have the right to be free from high-pressure sales tactics.

Colleges that require commitments to offers of admission and/or financial aid prior to May 1 must clearly offer you the opportunity to request (in writing) an extension until May 1. They must grant you this extension and your request may not jeopardize your status for admission and/or financial aid.

Candidates admitted under early decision programs are recognized as having met the requirements established for admission.

If You Are Placed on a Wait/Alternative List:

The letter that notifies you of that placement should provide a history that describes the number of students on the wait list, the number offered admission, and the availability of financial aid and housing.

Colleges may require neither a deposit nor a written commitment as a condition of remaining on a wait list.

Colleges are expected to notify you of the resolution of your wait list status by August 1 at the latest.

Definitions of Admission Options in Higher Education

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Commitment: Non-binding

Rolling Admission:
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Restrictive Application Plans

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If you think your rights have been denied, you should contact the college or university immediately to request additional information or the extension of a reply date. In addition, you should ask your counselor to notify the president of the state or regional affiliate of the National Association for College Admission Counseling in your area. If you need counseling assistance, send a copy of any correspondence you have had with the college or university and a copy of your letter of admission to:

National Association for College Admission Counseling
1525 N. Highland Street
Suite 400
Arlington, VA 22201
Phone: 703/836-2222
Fax: 703/836-3875
www.nacacnet.org

The responsibilities students have in the admission process.

It describes the number of students on the wait list, the number offered admission, and the responsibilities students have in the admission process.

entering college students those “rights” that are only alluded to by the Principles of Good Practice. It also spells out in the College Admission Process.