

Urban Debate Leagues

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DEBATER GOES TO COLLEGE CHECKLIST ALWAYS CONSULT YOUR GUIDANCE OFFICE

Types of Schools

- 3500 in the United States
- Two-year community colleges
- Four-year colleges
- Private and public institutions
- Research institutions
- Specialized institutions

Resources You Can Use

- Guidance Office
- Coach & teachers
- Internet: <http://debate.uvm.edu/udl/udlcollegelist.html>
- College Fairs
- College Guidebooks
- Campus Openhouses near you
- YOU will be largely responsible for doing the research and, hopefully, the final decision.

What Should You Consider?

- Academic interests: Don't feel pressured to choose a major or career if you are still exploring
 - Possible career choice
- Environment: large or small, urban setting, college town, rural area
 - Distance from home
- Costs: Tuition, Travel, don't eliminate a possible school choice simply because of cost
- Career preparation: Internship opportunities, cooperative education, research, study abroad
 - Debate program - look at the list of debate schools

Your Application - Do it Right, Do it Well, Do it On Time!

- Check with each institution
 - High school record
- Grade Point Average, strength of curriculum (AP & Honors classes), rank in class
 - SAT or ACT: SAT II
- Extracurricular activities like DEBATE!
 - Recommendations
 - Personal essays
 - Portfolio
 - Audition
 - Interview

DEBATER GOES TO COLLEGE TIMELINE

Junior year - Fall semester

- Take a good look at your transcript
 - Begin your research
- Contact schools for information
 - Visit college fairs
- Take advantage of college admissions visits to your high school
 - Send in your UDL Student Interest Form

Junior year - Spring semester

- Take SAT or ACT; SAT II
- Begin planning visits to schools in the summer

Summer before Senior year

- Visit at least 1 or 2 campuses
- Get an idea of what you want from a college
- Begin to ask questions

Senior Year - Fall semester

- Take SAT, ACT, SAT II again if you wish
- Decide where you will apply
- Apply to a variety of schools
- Check deadlines (early decision? Highly selective schools?)

Senior Year - January

- Submit Applications
- Submit FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Senior Year - March thru April

- Receive notices from schools

Senior Year - April

- Visit schools - you'll be asking different questions now, and you'll have a slightly different perspective

Senior Year - May

- Make decision

Summer after graduation

- Orientation activities

Fall after Graduation

- New Life Begins

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