

# 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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