

2016–17 NHS College Admission and Financial Aid Planning Webinar Series

The College Application Process: An Insider's View **September 28, 2016** **7:00-8:00 p.m. (ET)**

Getting accepted to the college of your choice goes beyond completing the application. Applying to college is a process and it includes building relationships and demonstrating interest. Through an application, you will want to convey why you are the ideal candidate. What does this mean and how can you do this? Hear from college admission officials who will share how you can become an exceptional applicant for your top-choice school.

Panelists

Steven Lambert, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Georgian Court University.

Moira Poe, Associate Director, Undergraduate Admissions, Yale University

Kelly Cox, Undergraduate Admissions Associate Director, University of Michigan

The FAFSA: What You Need to Know Now **October 26, 2016** **7:00-8:00 p.m. (ET)**

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a gateway to many college financial aid opportunities. In 2016, the FAFSA will be made available three months earlier than it has been—on October 1. This means families can begin seeking financial aid earlier. This session will provide accurate, timely, and tangible information to guide you through the financial aid process. Panelists will include financial aid experts from colleges, as well as the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid.

Panelists

David Gelinias, Senior Associate Dean and Director of Financial Aid, Davidson College

Cindy Forbes Cameron, Content Management and Outreach Specialist, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid

Kristan Venegas, Professor of Clinical Education and Research Associate, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California

Early Planning for College Affordability **February 15, 2017** **7:00-8:00 p.m. (ET)**

When it comes to affording college, experts will tell you: Plan early! Get authoritative advice and insight on terminology, tools, and opportunities to help you get ahead in preparing to pay for college. Options such as 529 accounts, subsidized and unsubsidized loans, Parent PLUS loans, grants, and more will be covered.

Panelists

Mary Scott, Senior Financial Analyst, University of Notre Dame

Susan Sharkey, Director – High School Program, National Endowment for Financial Education

Choosing the College that's Best for You **March 22, 2017** **7:00-8:00 p.m. (ET)**

"I got in!" The college acceptance letters arrive, and some students get to shout this good news multiple times. Then, they're faced with a big decision—choosing just one. How can you determine the college that's best *for you*? This session first helps with understanding the college financial aid award letter as it pertains to year one. Then, you will be guided in learning what it means to "fit" within a college community based on academic, social, and cultural considerations—all aimed at helping you make your big decision.

Panelists

Dr. Tobias Guzman, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Access, University of Northern Colorado

Calvin C. Wise, Director of Recruitment, Johns Hopkins University

First Steps in Your College Search **April 19, 2017** **7:00-8:00 p.m. (ET)**

Where do you begin in the college search process...and not get overwhelmed? Counselors and college admission officials are quick to offer checklists and timelines, but what are the first steps you should take? This session gets right to the essential questions, expert advice, and critical resources to get you moving ahead productively.

Panelists

Jessica Quintana-Hess, Director of Admissions, Lycoming College

Brandi Smith, Assistant Dean of Admission, Emory University