

Next Step College Counseling/Service Options – *Thank you for your interest!*

I. Consultation Service Options - Please indicate your choice of service(s) below:

A. Hourly Consultation Service

Choose from essay brainstorming and/or assistance with construction/critiquing of college essays; help with need-based financial aid application process and comparing/appealing awards; interviewing tips; general information and advice, etc.

B. Getting on Track for College (for 9th or 10th graders)

Includes the following:

- Administration of self-assessment tools (re: learning style, personality, preferences, etc.)
- Review of academic interests, strengths, record, etc.
- Advice on course selection
- Review of/recommendations for extra-curricular and summer activities
- Review of testing requirements, options and timelines
- Advice on maximizing high school experience as preparation for building/enhancing application profile

C. College Planning Package (beginning in 10th or 11th grade)

Includes the following:

- Administration of self-assessment survey (re: learning style, personality, preferences, etc.)
- Discussion with student and parent about college search restrictions, concerns, issues, goals, etc.
- Intro to “affordability” and financial aid process, including how to calculate Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Review of academic program/performance and advice on development of authentic “standout” factor(s)
- Advice on developing key relationships (e.g., school personnel/recommenders, admission officers, et. al.)
- Preparation of a select, carefully curated list of potential college matches specifically suited to the student
- 24/7 access to GuidedPath online management tool through the duration of the consultation

D. Comprehensive Package (beginning in 10th or 11th grade) *+

Includes all services in College Planning Package C (above) PLUS the following:

- Organizational timeline for completion of tasks
- Common or Coalition Application (or institutional) essay brain-storming session
- Review/critique of one Common or Coalition Application (or institutional) essay (through completion)
- Review/critique of up to five additional supplementary essays (through completion)
- Interviewing practice session
- Ongoing development/review of activities list and “stand-out” factor(s)
- Final review of up to 12 Common or Coalition Applications (or institution-generated applications) and college-specific questions
- Assistance with making final college choice (including review of financial aid packages)

E. Transfer Package (for post-graduate students with at least 30/one year of college credits) *+

Includes applicable services in D. (above), with a focus on the student’s specific needs.

Notes: Plan C, D and E include up to five hours, 15 hours and 10 hours, respectively, of one-on-one meetings with the student and/or parent(s); sessions scheduled beyond these maximums are billed at the Next Step CC, LLC hourly rate. *Reviews of additional (i.e., six or more) supplemental essays are billed at the hourly rate; reviews of 13 or more college applications are billed at the hourly rate. Assistance with private scholarship essay/application review is not included and billed separately at the hourly rate. +Assistance with filing the FAFSA and CSS Profile is not included and billed separately at the hourly rate.