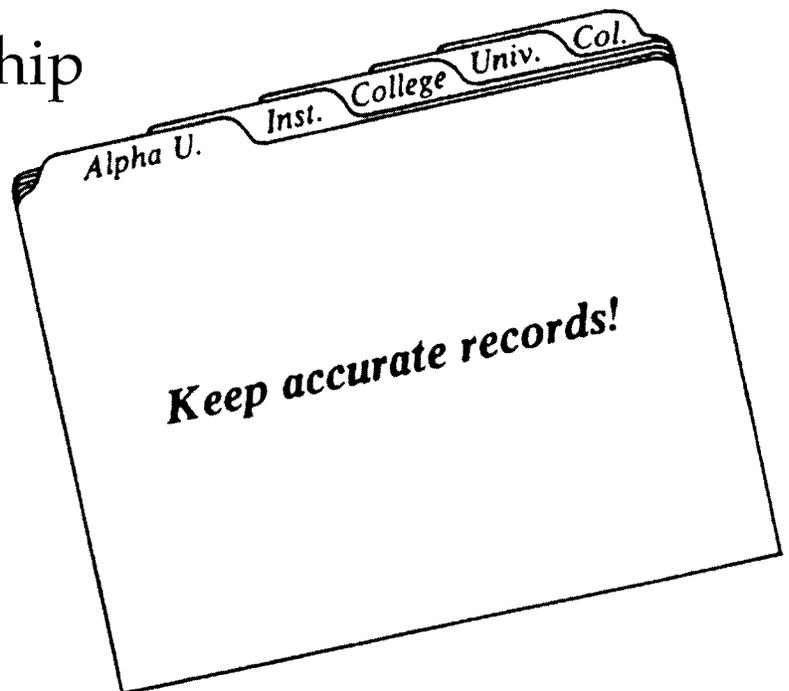


Step  
**5**

## Apply For Admission

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- Review your high school course preparation
- Take appropriate college admissions test
- Know application fees and deadlines
- Submit application materials
  - Application for admission
  - High school transcript
  - Recommendations
  - Admissions test results
- Know scholarship requirements



*Every "campus"  
has a "personality"*

# STEP 5

## Apply for admission



The number of colleges you should apply to depends on several factors: the educational opportunities for you at individual colleges, your chances for admission there, and in some cases, your possibilities for financial aid. For example, if after careful study of colleges you find that your first-choice college fits within your financial resources and there is no doubt about your admission there, you may need to apply only to that school. On the other hand, you may find that your first choice college cannot accept all qualified applicants, or that your attendance there may depend heavily on a financial aid offer. In this case you will want to apply to one or more second-choice colleges as well. If possible, include at least one that's a "sure thing" for you in terms of admission standards and costs.

Don't rule out applying to a college that seems to be out of your price range if you qualify for admission and the college looks good in other respects. Financial aid programs are set up to help many students in this situation. (More about financial aid in the next step.) However, because you probably won't receive a definite decision on financial aid at a college until the spring of your senior year, it is important to include among your applications for admission at least one college that's within your financial resources.

Because every school has its own requirements, prerequisites, and levels of selectivity, the application process at each institution is unique. You'll need to determine the application deadline and fee schedule for each school you're interested in. And then complete each application carefully and return it to each admission office as early as possible. Remember, your application form is often an admission committee's first contact with you. So, prepare a neat and legible form.

Finally, arrange through your school guidance office to have all necessary transcripts, records, test scores, and applications sent. In addition, some colleges may ask that you identify people who would serve as references. Select people who know you and can support their recommendations well, and always obtain their permission to use their names as references. Some colleges also may request a personal interview or examples of your work in special areas such as art or music.



# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Fill in this checklist with appropriate dates and names and keep a file of all your application procedures.

College Name \_\_\_\_\_

Application Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Application Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid form requested \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid deadline \_\_\_\_\_

Essay(s) required \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation(s) Required (list name of person requested and date of request)

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SAT test scores sent \_\_\_\_\_

ACT test scores sent \_\_\_\_\_

Interview \_\_\_\_\_

Transcript requested

7 semester transcript requested

Completed application mailed (OR date given to counselors office)

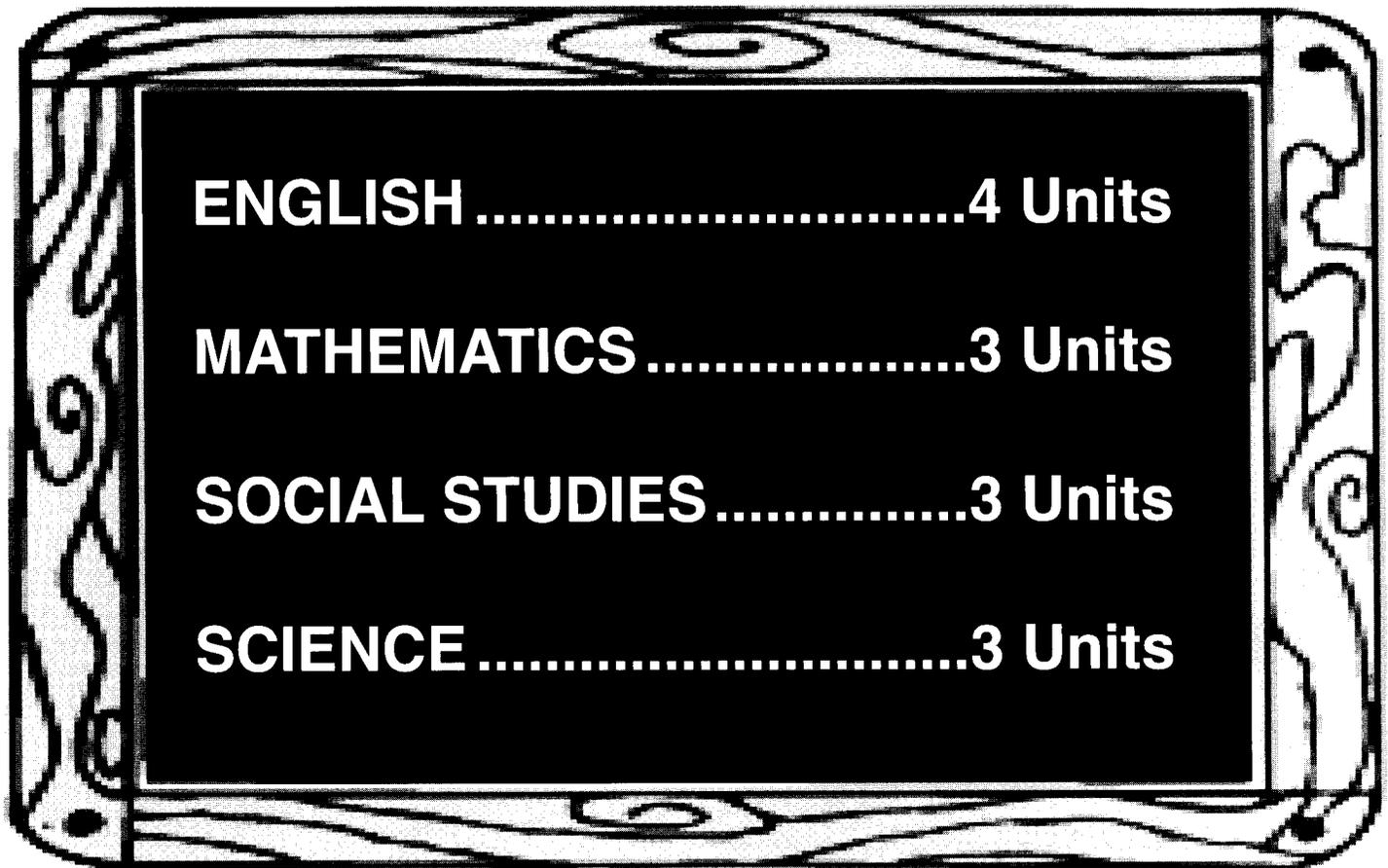
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Application acknowledged \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you notes sent (Recommendations and Interviews)

Additional copies of this form are available in the college/career office if you are applying to more than one school.

**Recommended  
High School Curriculum  
for College Success**



<b>ENGLISH .....</b>	<b>4 Units</b>
<b>MATHEMATICS .....</b>	<b>3 Units</b>
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES .....</b>	<b>3 Units</b>
<b>SCIENCE .....</b>	<b>3 Units</b>

*Many colleges also require additional courses in:*

- FOREIGN LANGUAGE**
- MATHEMATICS**
- FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS**