

# Understanding Admissions Deadlines



## Early Decision

### Binding Agreement:

If you apply, you are saying you will attend if you are accepted.

You will have to withdraw your applications to other schools if accepted.

Can only apply Early Decision to 1 school.

### **E-Harmony Version:**

Arranged marriage; you have to get married to that college once they extend an offer.

## Early Action

### Non-Binding Agreement:

When you apply, you are NOT required to attend if accepted.

You can keep your applications to other schools if accepted.

Can apply Early Action to more than 1 school. Find out in December.

### **E-Harmony Version:**

You are in love and propose to that college in the hopes you can get married.

## Rolling

### Non-Binding Agreement:

You are not required to attend if accepted.

Colleges evaluate applications as they come in; typically hear back in 2-3 weeks of submitting application.

### **E-Harmony Version:**

Tinder dating – swiping left or right and hearing back fairly quickly about going out for a date.

## Regular

### Non-Binding Agreement:

You are not required to attend if accepted.

Colleges wait until deadline, read all applications, and send out all decisions at one time.

### **E-Harmony Version:**

Meet, go out on a date, decide you like the college, and choose to apply. It's a polygamous relationship.