

### **Counselor Training**



- Understand the Coalition
- How counselors and parents can use the Coalition
- How students can use it
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Gather feedback from you



# The Coalition

A diverse group of public and private
 American colleges and universities

- Developed tools to improve access and better support students in the admissions process
- Coalition schools share the following characteristics:
  - > Affordability
  - Student Success



### The Member Schools



# Coalition Member Institutions (1/2)

- American University
- Amherst College
- Bates College
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawr College
- California Institute of Technology
- Carleton College
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clemson University
- Colby College
- Colgate University
- College of the Holy Cross •
- College of William and Mary
- Colorado College
- Columbia University

- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Florida State University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Grinnell College
  - Hamilton College
- Harvard University
- Haverford College
- Illinois State University

- Indiana University -Bloomington
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Miami University Ohio
- Michigan State University
- Middlebury College
- Mount Holyoke College
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College
- Ohio State University
- Penn State
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Purdue University



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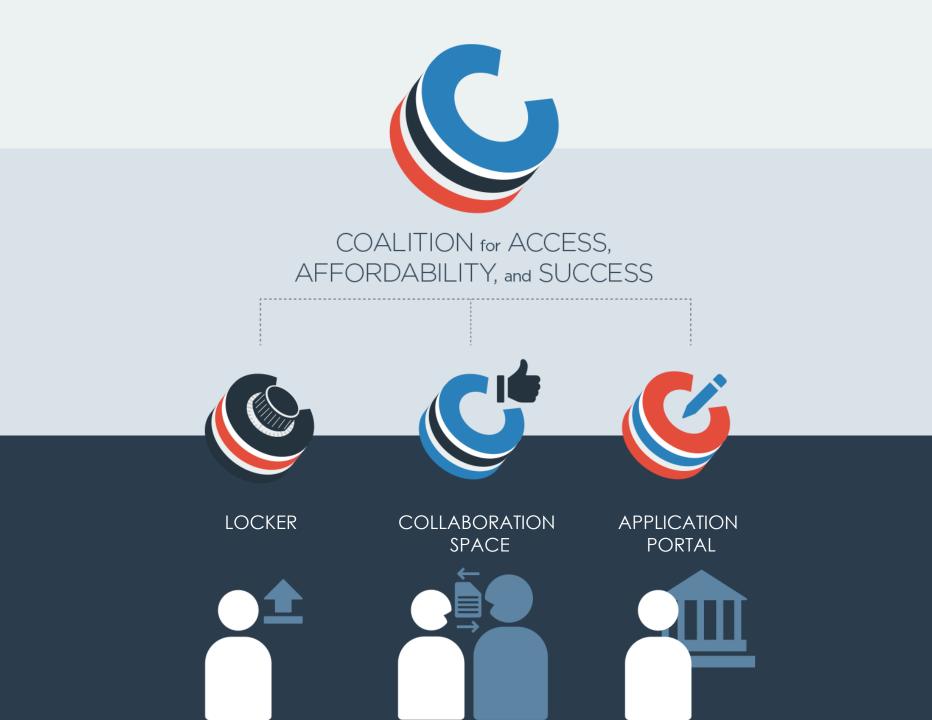
- Ramapo College of New
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- Reed College
- Rice University
- Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- St. Olaf College
- Stanford University
- State University of New York – Binghamton
- State University of New York – Buffalo
- State University of New York – Geneseo
- Swarthmore College
- Texas A&M University
- The College of New Jersey
- Tufts University

- Union College
- University of Chicago
- University of Connecticut
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- University of North
  - Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame

- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rochester
- University of South Carolina
  - University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University
- Williams College
  - Yale University

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### Introducing the Coalition Platform





## The Coalition Platform

- o Set of free, online tools
- Help students navigate the college search
- Get information about the process of applying to college
- Opportunity for students to present themselves to admissions through different mediums



### The Locker





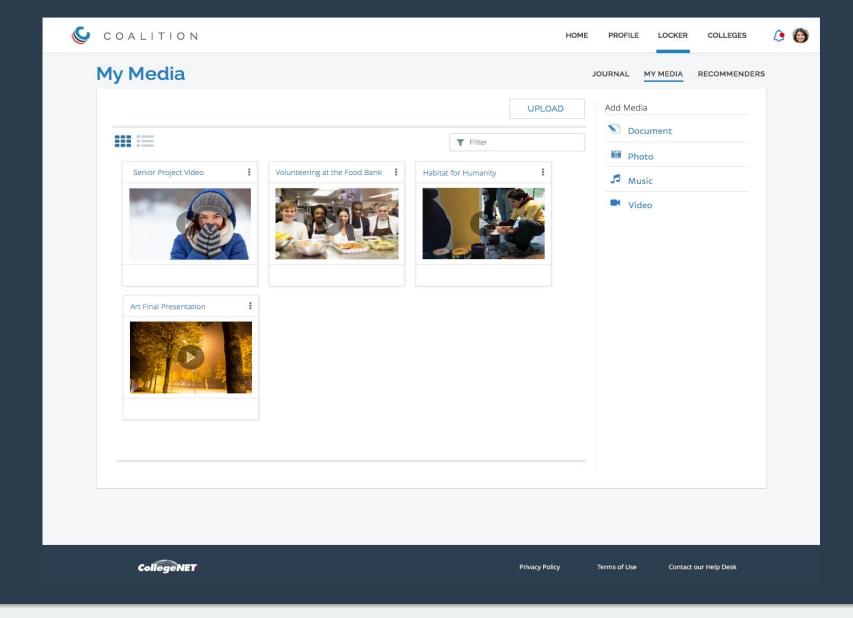


# Coalition Locker

 Private, online storage system for students to collect and organize materials

- No one has access to the locker aside from the student
- Students can engage their support network
- Share documents in the Collaboration
   Space and attach materials to their
   Coalition Application







### **Collaboration Space**





# Coalition Collaboration Space

 A virtual meeting place where counselors, teachers, and mentors can support the student's college search and application
 Platform to provide feedback



# Coalition Application

<u>o Technology platform</u> o Seamless experience through a computer, tablet, or mobile device Member schools will waive the application fee for low income students Counselors are able to submit documents for students without purchasing specific college counseling systems



### Accepting Coalition Application 2016-2017

American University \* Amherst College \* Bowdoin College \* Bryn Mawr College Caltech \* Carleton College \* Claremont McKenna College \* Clemson University \* Colby College \* Colgate University College of the Holy Cross \* Columbia University \* Connecticut College Davidson College \* Denison University \* Duke University Emory University Hamilton College \* Harvard University \* Indiana University - Bloomington \*

Johns Hopkins University \* North Carolina State University at Raleigh \* Northeastern University \* Northwestern University Pennsylvania State University Pomona College \* Purdue University Reed College \* Rice University \* Rutgers University - New Brunswick \*University of Rochester \* St Olaf College \* Stanford University \* State University of New York -Binghamton University State University of New York -University at Buffalo State University of New York -College at Geneseo \*

Swarthmore College \* Texas A&M University \* Tufts University \* Union College \* University of Chicago \* University of Connecticut \* University of Florida \* University of Iowa \* University of Notre Dame \* University of Pittsburgh \* University of South Carolina\* Vanderbilt University \* Wake Forest University \* Washington University in St. Louis \* Williams College \* Yale University \*

\*Application is currently open for students at mycoalition.org as of September 25, 2016



### Resources

### To learn more

www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

Access to videos and FAQs, etc

### To create a profile

www.mycoalition.org

Access to the Coalition Platform

### FAQs and Guidance Resources

https://coalitionlocker.zendesk.com



# Using the Coalition Platform

### Students



## Who are the Coalition Students

Students who could benefit from

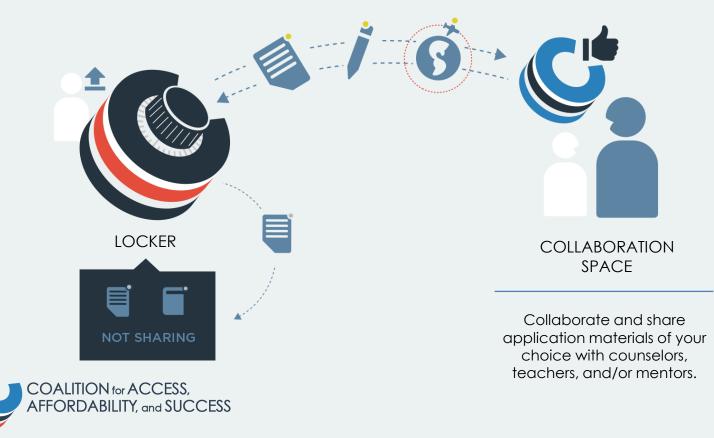
- a multi-year organization of college application information
- a longer period of time to think about college and craft their applications
- additional support from counselors, teachers, CBOs, and other mentors



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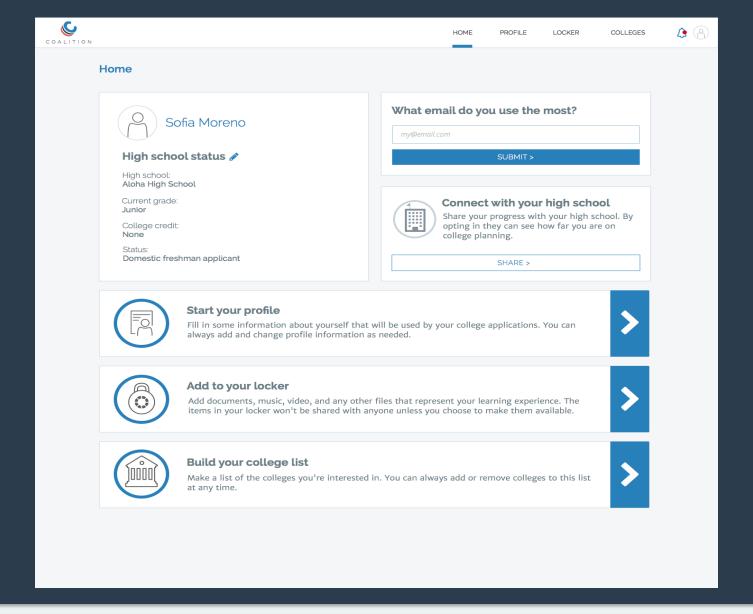
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- ✓ The Locker
- $\checkmark$  The Collaboration Space



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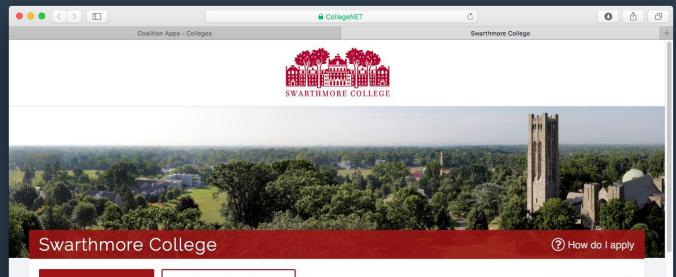


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START APPLICATION

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#### Curious and intellectually omnivorous

Swarthmore College, a highly selective college of liberal arts and engineering, has empowered students to pursue their intellectual interests with purpose for 150 years. What lies at the heart of our community? It's passion. Students resist easy answers and insist on better solutions, mastering many modes of thought and tools of influence. Everyone at Swarthmore embarks on an intellectual journey. Our first semester passfail program encourages all first-year Swatties to be academically curious without fear. Students are compelled to find their calling —undauntingly and unceasingly.

#### Premier research opportunities

Our world-class faculty is inspired to collaborate with undergraduate students on joint research projects, which helps students call on their diverse backgrounds to envision

#### Affordability & Financial Aid

Swarthmore's robust financial aid program ensures affordability — without loans. Swarthmore makes admissions decisions for U.S. citizens and permanent residents without considering a family's ability to pay. International students are admitted on a need-aware basis. All admitted students are offered up to 100% of a family's demonstrated need. More than half of students received aid in 2015-16, with an average aid award of \$47,564.

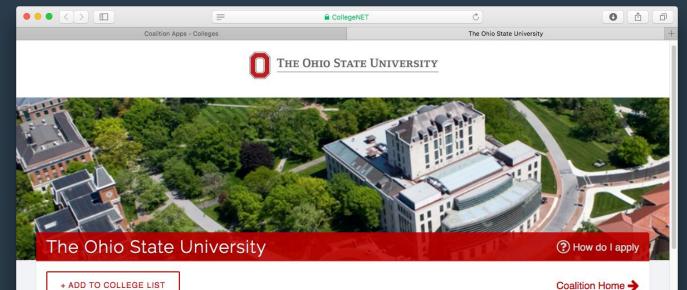
#### Application Deadlines

#### Fall Early Decision

- Application Due: November 15
- Admission Decision: December 15

Winter Early Decision





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#### **Built for Success: Yours**

How will you make your mark? More importantly: Where's the best environment to get started? Ohio State has the breadth and depth to take you wherever your goals lead, an environment rich in experiences and unexpected opportunities. It's a leading public institution for research with study abroad programs in over 50 countries. You'll be in contact with world-class faculty, studying in world-class facilities, living in a smart and thriving city. Ohio State students who've made their mark say it's because they went to Ohio State.

#### Academics

Ohio State provides a world-class academic environment that allows students to explore, connects them to the world, and prepares them for success. It's rigorous, but supportive. Advisors and counselors help you explore a university offering

#### **Deadline Information**

- November 1 Early action deadline
- February 1 Regular decision deadline
- Check website for Ohio State's financial aid priority deadline

Applicants enrolling as freshmen to the Columbus campus in autumn semester should apply by the early action deadline to compete for most merit scholarships and be considered for Honors and Scholars programs. Early action applicants will receive an admission decision by mid-January. If you apply after November 1, you'll receive an admission decision by end of March. Read more about application deadlines.

#### **Required Application Materials**

· Application (you may use the Coalition Application or the Common Application)



# Benefits to starting 9th-11th Grade

- Start the college conversation and get information about schools much earlier
- Help students capture information about things they've done
- Gather documents that will help them once they start applying to college
- Know what coursework they should be taking



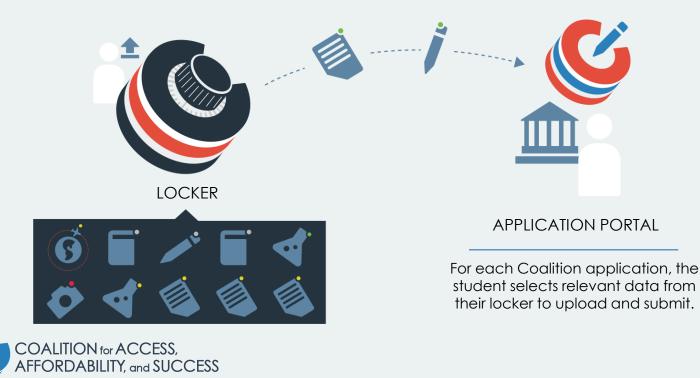
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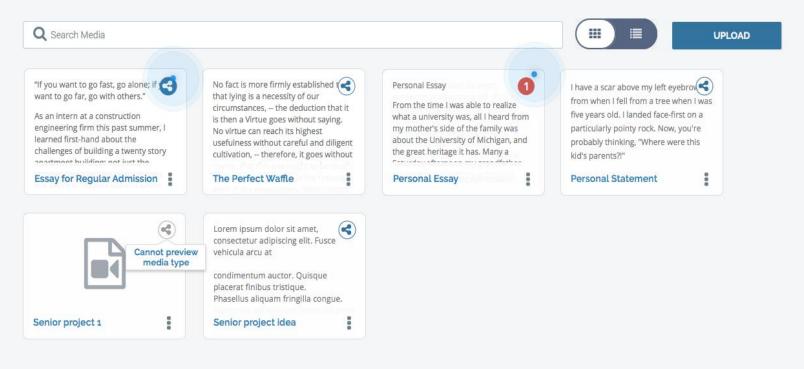
### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ✓ The Locker
- The Collaboration Space
- The Application Portal





#### Locker



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#### Locker

#### **Personal Essay**

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#### Personal Essay

From the time I was able to realize what a university was, all I heard from my mother's side of the family was about the University of Michigan and the great heritage it has. Many a Saturday afternoon my grandfather would devote to me, by sitting me down in front of the television and reminiscing about the University of Michigan while halftime occurred during a Michigan Wolverines football game. Later, as I grew older and universities took on greater meaning, my mother and uncle, both alumni of the University of Michigan, took me to see their old stamping grounds. From first sight, the university looked frightening because of its size, but with such a large school comes diversity of people and of academic and non-academic events.

In Springfield High School, non-academic clubs such as the Future Physicians and the Pylon, both of which I have belonged to for two years, give me an opportunity to see both the business world and the medical world. These two clubs have given me a greater sense of what these careers may be like. In Future Physicians, I participated in field trips to children's hospitals and also participated in two blood banks.

Currently I hold a job at Maas Brothers. This lets me interact with people outside my own immediate environment. I meet different kinds of people, in diffrent moods, with different attitudes, and with different values. This job teaches me to be patient with people, to have responsibility, and to appreciate people for what they are.

In the community I am active in my church Youth Group. As a high school sophomore, I was our church's representative to the Diocesan Youth Fellowship. I helped organize youth group events, the largest being "The Bishop's Ball," a state-wide event for 300 young people. I also played high school junior varsity soccer for two years. As a senior I will be playing varsity soccer, but in the off-season. As a junior I coached a girls' soccer team for the town. This gave me a great deal of responsibility because the care of twenty-four girls was put into my custody. It felt very satisfying to pass on the knowledge of soccer to another generation. The girls played teams from other parts of Elorida



### Coalition Fee Waiver

- The Coalition fee waiver offers students a simple process for filing applications for free.
- Eligibility criteria:
  - Receiving free or reduced lunch in school
  - Participating in a TRIO program
  - Qualifying for a fee waiver from the ACT, College Board, and/or NACAC
- Students who qualify will bypass the payment screen when they submit their application.



### Fee Waivers

Coalition colleges and universities may offer their own institution-specific fee waivers (or not charge an application fee at all). Furthermore, you may also be eligible for a fee waiver at participating Coalition colleges and universities based on the criteria below. Please answer the following 5 questions to receive a list of Coalition colleges and universities where, based upon your qualification, application fees are waived.

Are you eligible for and/or enrolled in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program?

Yes
No
Clear
Have you received a College Board fee waiver?
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No No
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Have you received an ACT fee waiver?
◯ Yes
No No
Clear

#### Coalition Fee Waiver

The following application fees are waived based on your answers to the questions above:

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Denison University	ADD TO LIST
Hamilton College	ADD TO LIST
Indiana University-Bloomington	ADD TO LIST
Northeastern University	ADD TO LIST
Swarthmore College	ADD TO LIST
University of Chicago	ADD TO LIST
University of Rochester	ADD TO LIST
Vanderbilt University	ADD TO LIST



### Benefits for Students Using the Coalition

Easy access to information

- Ability to build a list of affordable schools
- o Gather documents
- Start tracking what students have done throughout high school
- Access to new mediums
- Easy access to fee waivers



# Using the Coalition Platform

### Counselors



### Counselors and the Coalition Platform

- Track your students' college process
- O Upload Transcripts and Letters of Recommendations
- Provide feedback to the documents students share with you from their locker



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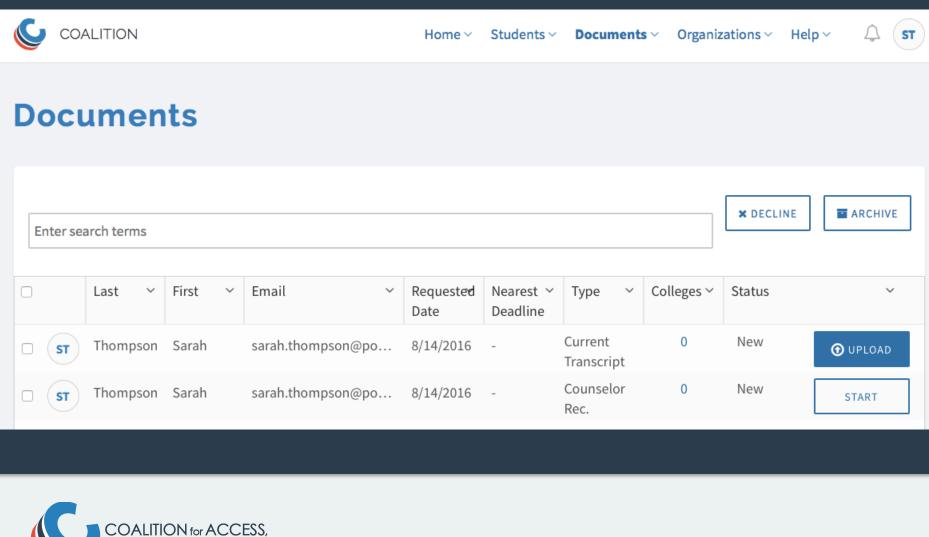
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### Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation



AFFORDABILITY, and SUCCESS

### Letters of Recommendation

### Student Assessment

What is this student's class rank? (optional)

Class Size: (optional)

What is this student's GPA?

Is this student pursuing a IB or similar diploma? If so, please indicate the type of diploma they intend to receive:

How would you characterize this student's academic program in the context of your school? (optional)

A Few Advanced Courses



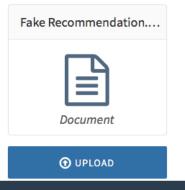
### Letters of Recommendation

Sarah's academic achievement, personal character and contribution to your school community. We find that a recommendation between 300 and 600 words is the most helpful in understanding your student. Feel free to share your general observations, including specific examples or anecdotes when possible.

We offer the following questions as possible guidelines to your comments:

- What motivates Sarah academically?
- How did Sarah stand out compared to classmates, either academically or personally?
- How was Sarah able to work effectively and respectfully with those with different perspectives or from different backgrounds?
- Is there anything else in your knowledge of Sarah that you would like to bring to our attention? In particular, if they have had to overcome particular adversity or challenges, or if there are any limitations on the curriculum or extracurricular involvement, please feel free to share that with us.

#### Recommendation Upload





## Benefits for Counselors

Provide earlier awareness about college to historically underrepresented students
Upload student's transcripts electronically
Help students broaden their list of affordable schools
Empower students to take ownership of the college search process



## Important Information for Counselors

 Tools and application should not replace current systems that work for you

 Coalition platform emphasizes credential and application security, ensuring a dependable submission process



# Information to Share with Families

 Single platform to plan, build, organize Confidence that if admitted to any Coalition school, they will be offered a responsible financial aid package Affordable in-state tuition at state institutions 100% of demonstrated need covered at private institutions Coalition schools can be trusted to meet their commitment to access and outcomes



# Ready for the Next Steps?

www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/resources-video.html





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WHY THE COALITION MEMBER SCHOOLS STUDENTS COUNSELORS, TEACHERS, MENTORS, & CBOS

### Technology Demonstrations for Counselors

### **GETTING STARTED**

Creating an Account

#### Adding an Organization

#### **Inviting Your Students**

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#### Creating an Account Avatar

#### Updating Your Account Info







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### WORKING WITH STUDENTS

Accepting Student Contacts

#### Collaborating with Students

#### Uploading Transcripts

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#### **Counselor Recommendations**





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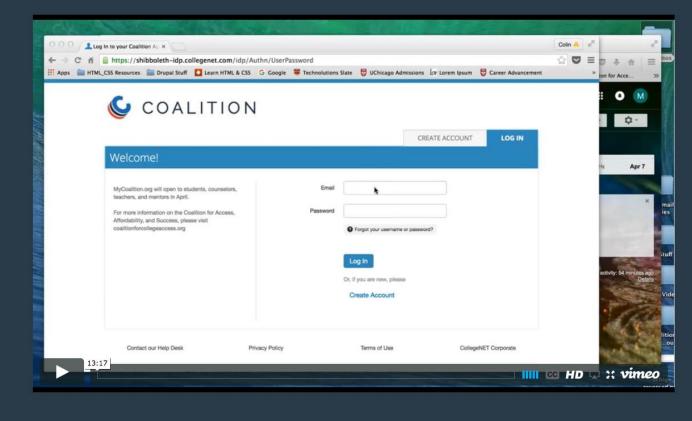


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### COALITION PLATFORM DEMONSTRATION





# Feedback?

- What functionalities do you anticipate being most useful to you?
- What potential new functionality would help you work with and support students?
- What potential new functionality would make the process better for you?



# Questions?

