

## College Admissions Classes Being Offered at the 4-H Center

Do you need help with the college selection and application processes? It can be very confusing. Help is on the way...

Rana Slosberg, a College Admissions Consultant, is willing to provide free classes to Somerset County Families (*both 4-H and non-4-H members*), during a series of sessions here at the 4-H Center. You may take one or all of the sessions.

If you are interested in a session, please register by January 15<sup>th</sup> by sending an e-mail to: [somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us) and tell us how many will attend each session. All sessions will start at 7:30 pm and will be held in the large conference room of the 4-H Center.

### Monday, January 24th College Admissions 101

*Length - 45 Minutes*

**Audience** - High school students and their parents

Topics include:

- What are colleges looking for?
  - ⇒ Academics
  - ⇒ Testing
  - ⇒ Activities
  - ⇒ Recommendation letters
  - ⇒ Essay
  - ⇒ Interview
- What are you looking for?

### Monday, February 21st Financial Aid 101

*Length - 60 Minutes*

**Audience** - Parents of high school students

Topics include:

- What are colleges looking for?
  - ⇒ Types and sources of financial aid
  - ⇒ Cost of attendance
  - ⇒ FAFSA
  - ⇒ CSS PROFILE
  - ⇒ Financial Need
  - ⇒ How much aid does the college provide
  - ⇒ Where to find merit aid

### Monday, February 28th Test Your College IQ

*Length - 45 Minutes*

**Audience** - High school students and their parents

Reviews the answers to 13 True-False Questions:

1. Colleges are either good or bad.
2. Future employers and graduate schools give an edge to those who have degrees from prestigious universities.
3. Colleges always choose the "best" students.
4. Schools that cost more are of higher quality.
5. The more rigorous the admissions standards, the higher the quality of education.
6. Cost is really important in determining where I can go to college, so I will likely have to attend a local school.
7. Test scores are the most important criterion in college admission.
8. There is only one perfect college for me.
9. I'm a failure if I don't get into College X.
10. Some secret strategy can get me admitted to college.
11. Relying on magazine lists of "Best Colleges" is the best way to determine whether a college is right for me.
12. If I don't know what career I'll pursue, I can't really choose a college.
13. A good college is hard to get into.

**Monday, March 14th**  
**Commonly Asked Questions from Parents**  
**Regarding College Selection**

*Length - 45 Minutes*

**Audience** - Parents of high school students

Reviews the answers to the following 7 questions:

1. My daughter can't plan for college. She doesn't know what she wants to study! Is it important for my daughter to know what she wants to do in life?
2. We want our son to attend a college we've heard of - after all, when he gets out in the "real world" the name of his alma mater will be the ticket to employment. Right?
3. We want our daughter to go to a "better" school than we did. Are we wrong?
4. Our son hasn't been too successful in high school, so we don't want to spend very much for his college education. Wouldn't we just be throwing money down the drain?
5. How do I deal with images and perceptions about colleges?
6. Admissions decisions seem so irrational and unpredictable. What's going on?
7. My daughter's counselor can't tell us what the precise requirements are for admission at a particular college. Shouldn't he know if the college requires say a 3.2 grade average and a combined critical reading and math SAT score of 1200?

**Monday, March 21st**  
**College Support for Students with**  
**Learning Differences (LD) or ADHD**

*Length - 60 Minutes*

**Audience** - High school students with LD or ADHD and their parents

Topics include:

- College as compared to high school
- Should a student disclose LD or ADHD at college?
- Classes of LD and ADHD support available at college with descriptions of that support
- How to learn about support at a particular college

A snow date is being reserved in case of inclement weather and is Monday, March 28th. Please register for each session at least one week prior so we know if you are interested. If there are not at least 5 families interested in a session it will be **cancelled**.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) educational programs are open and accessible to all. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the Somerset County 4-H Office at (908) 526-6644 or email [somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us).

Open to all families. You do not have to belong to 4-H to attend.