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## ***Rolling Admissions***

With Early Action, Early Decision, and most Regular Decision application deadlines now past, and admissions decisions being released weekly, some seniors may find themselves wanting to apply to more colleges. Applying in March to colleges with Rolling Admissions has several benefits and may be a good idea for students who received more rejection letters than anticipated, have yet to apply to any colleges, or who just want to diversify their acceptances. Universities with rolling admissions are usually less competitive and have higher acceptance rates than those with multiphase, selective deadlines.



*University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point*

**What are Rolling Admissions?** If a college has rolling admissions, this means that they will begin reviewing applications as soon as they are received. There is no hard deadline that students have to meet or a long waiting period for their application to go under review. It provides students with a much larger application window and allows institutions to accept and respond to applications on a continuing basis. Other admissions methods, like Early Action and Early Decision, wait until a specific deadline has passed before looking at applications and typically have a much lengthier wait time.



**Benefits of Rolling Admissions** - Perhaps the most significant advantage of Rolling Admissions is the larger time period to apply, meaning it is great for last-minute college options. Most students will hear back with their admissions decision in only a few weeks, as opposed to a few months. This is an excellent option for students to either apply to a few more schools before needing to finalize their enrollment by May or get started on their applications if they have not done so already.

**Preparation Still Required** - Although rolling admissions have much more flexibility than other admission methods, students should be aware that too much laxity can have negative consequences. The later they apply, the later they will hear back from the school. It is also harder to get into a rolling admissions school the longer the application is delayed, as the enrollment availability will continue to decrease the longer you wait. I strongly recommend applying no later than the end of March to ensure they will receive all of their admissions decisions before May when most enrollment deposits for other universities are due. This will also help them solidify their plans for post-high school and sort out all living arrangements. Rolling admissions schools also still have important deadlines to meet, like financial aid and on-campus living contracts, so students still must be diligent and remain on top of things.



Colleges with rolling admission receive and respond to applications “as they roll in.”

**Which Colleges Have Rolling Admissions?** The good news is that even though many college deadlines have already passed, there are plenty of top-rated universities that offer rolling admissions that students can still apply to. Some schools include Penn State, Michigan State University, Arizona State University, Iowa State University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, St. Norbert’s College, Milwaukee School of Engineering, and more! In fact, most schools in the University of Wisconsin system offer rolling admissions, so if Wisconsin residents are interested in in-state options with lower tuition costs, they are still able to apply to schools like UW Stevens Point, Oshkosh, Whitewater, Platteville, La Crosse, Eau Claire, Milwaukee, and more!

If you have any questions or would like help with your rolling admissions applications, please visit the College and Career Counselor, Ms. Catherine Lewis, in room 116 or reach out via email at [clewis@sjnacademies.org](mailto:clewis@sjnacademies.org) or call 262-646-7283.