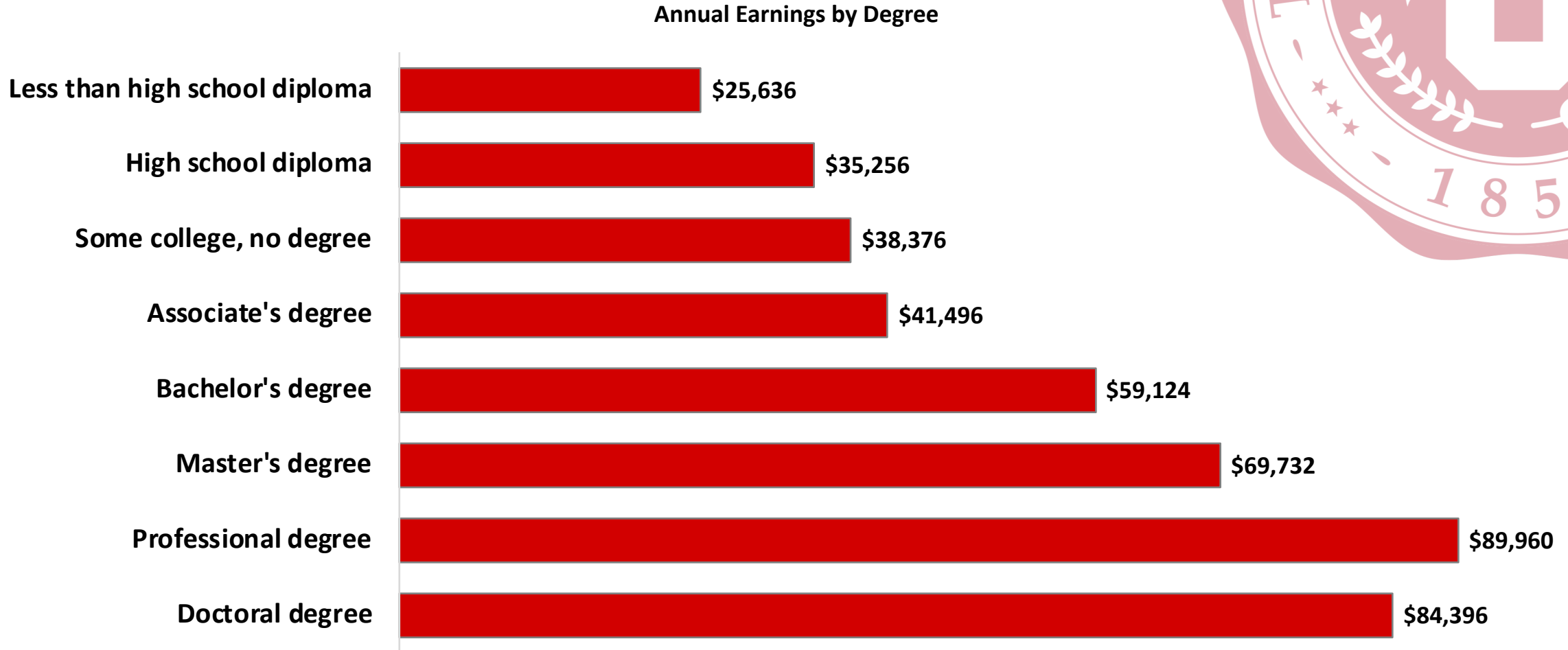
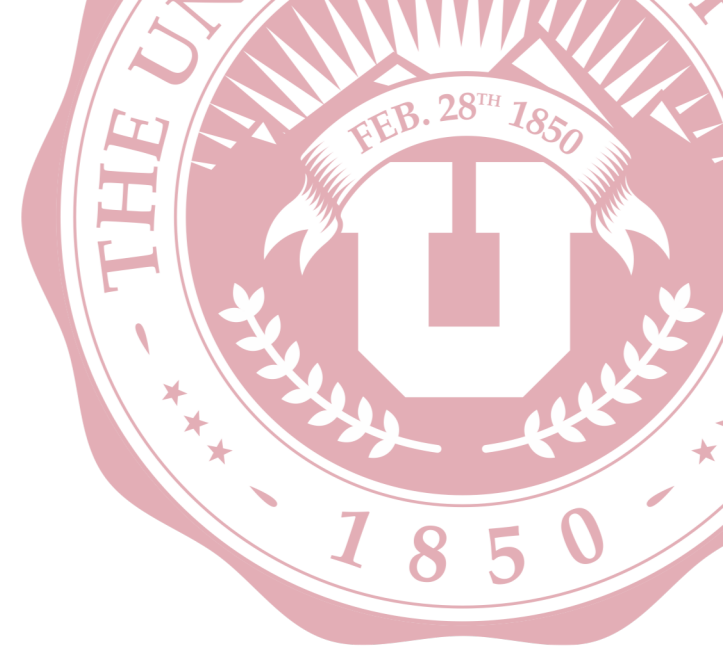


COLLEGE 101

Preparing for college



Why College?

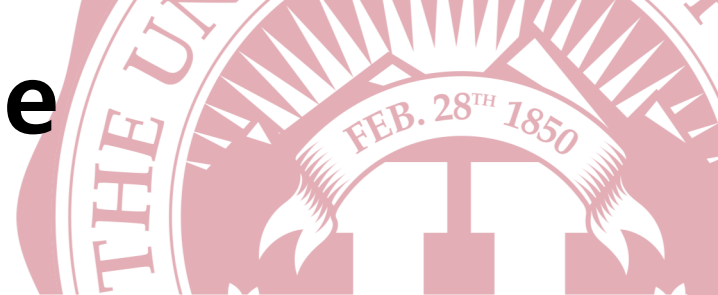


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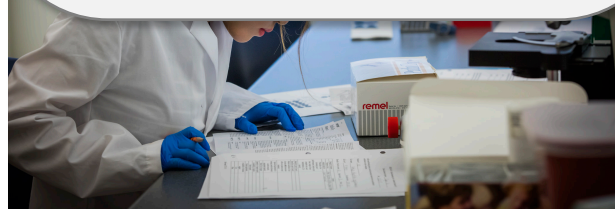
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Your College and Degree Options



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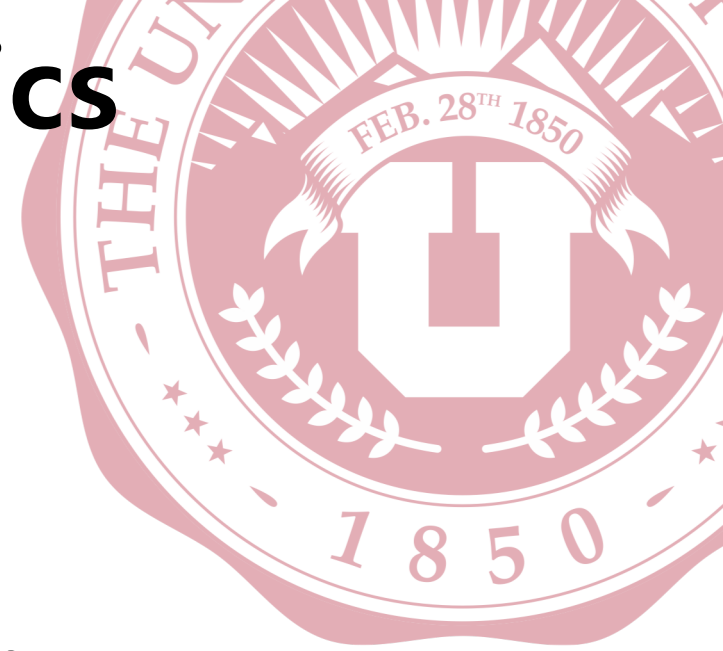
The University of Utah is a four-year university and offers over 100 bachelor's degrees and more than 92 combined graduate, joint and professional degree programs in the arts, sciences, engineering, business, humanities, health sciences, social and behavioral sciences, law, medicine, dentistry, etc.



Schools Where Offered	Program or Degree	Completion Time
Career Schools (technical or vocational)	Diploma or certificate	1-2 years
Community and Junior Colleges	Associate Degree	2 years
Four-year Colleges and Universities	Bachelor's Degree	4 years
	Graduate Degree	Bachelor's degree + Master's: 1-2 years Doctorate: 4 or more years
	Professional Degree	Bachelor's degree + 3 or more years

College Characteristics

- Public v. Private
- Accreditation
- Admissions criteria
- Size of campus/student body
- Location (urban v. rural)
- Distance from home
- Diversity
- Research v. teaching emphasis
- Academic majors/programs
- Course offerings
- Support services
- Rankings
- Athletics
- Cost
- Housing
- Internships
- Faculty/student ratio
- Campus environment
- Financial aid and scholarships
- Social activities and clubs
- Job placement rates
- Weather



Things to consider!

- About 500 4-year colleges across the country accept more than 75% of their applicants
- Fewer than 100 colleges in the U.S. have acceptance rates less than 25%
- A majority of schools look beyond just test scores (i.e., holistic admissions)
- Don't stress about rankings, make sure the school you choose fits your needs

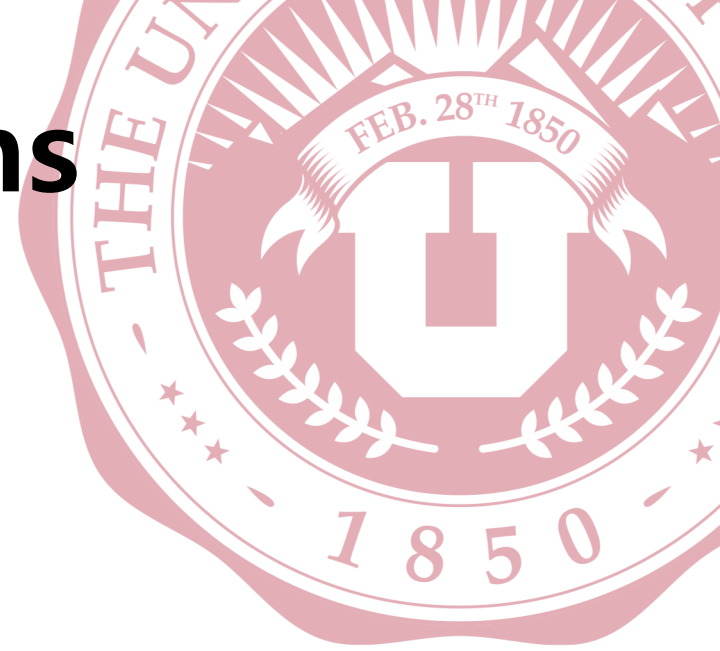
Source: CollegeBoard.org, 2013



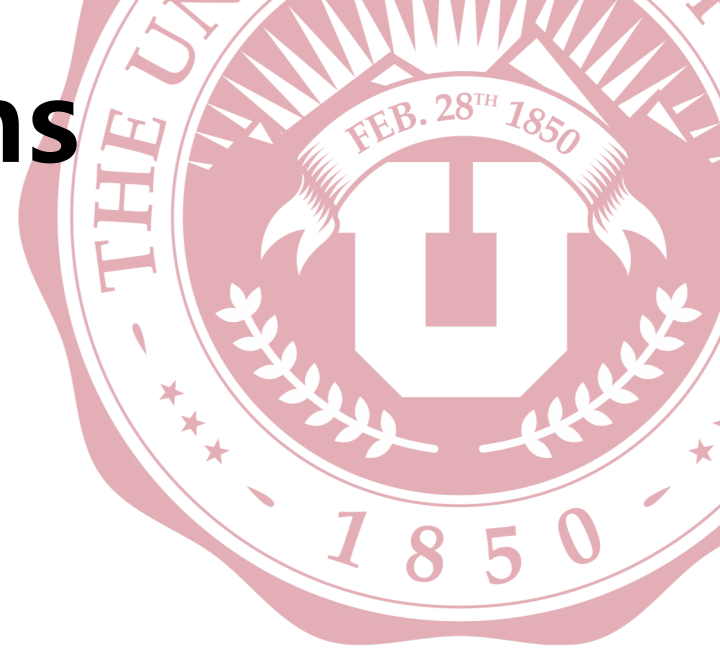
Preparing for College Admissions



- **Narrow your college list**
 - Safety
 - Match
 - Reach
- **Research admissions requirements**
 - Open Admissions
 - Examples: Utah Valley University, Weber State University, Dixie State University, Salt Lake Community College, Snow College
 - Admissions Index
 - Examples: Utah State University, Southern Utah University
 - Holistic Admissions
 - Examples: Westminster College, Brigham Young University, and the University of Utah



Preparing for College Admissions



Example:

Holistic admissions at the University of Utah

Core courses

- 4 years of English
- 2 years of Math
- 3 years of Science
- 1 year of History
- 2 years of a Foreign language

Academic Preparation and Performance

- ACT/SAT scores
- GPA
- Challenging courses
- Grade trends

Personal Achievements and Characteristics

- Extra-curricular activities (i.e., leadership, service, clubs, etc.)
- Student background/familial responsibilities
- Personal qualities



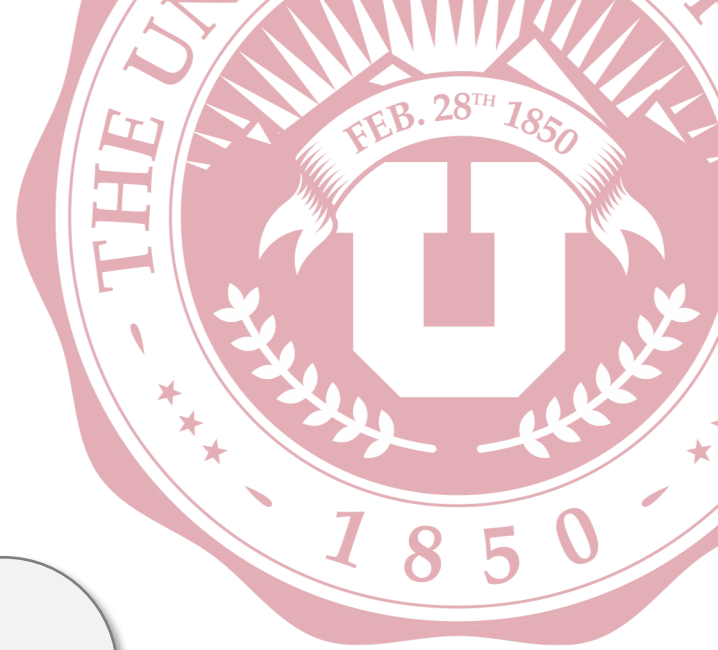
College Applications

- Applications (i.e., common, universal, or school specific)
- Application fees
- Official high school transcript
- Official ACT or SAT Scores
 - ACT: actstudent.org
 - SAT: collegeboard.org
- Other materials:
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Essays
 - Auditions
 - Portfolios
 - Interviews

Example:

The University of Utah provides its own application and requires the following:

- ✓ \$45 application fee
- ✓ Official high school transcript
- ✓ Official ACT or SAT scores
- ✓ Essay (Honors College only)
- ✓ Key admissions dates:
 - November 1: Honors College
 - December 1: Priority admissions



Paying for College

- **Types of scholarships:**

- Merit
- Diversity
- Involvement/Leadership
- Need-based
- Departmental
- Athletic
- Private

Example:

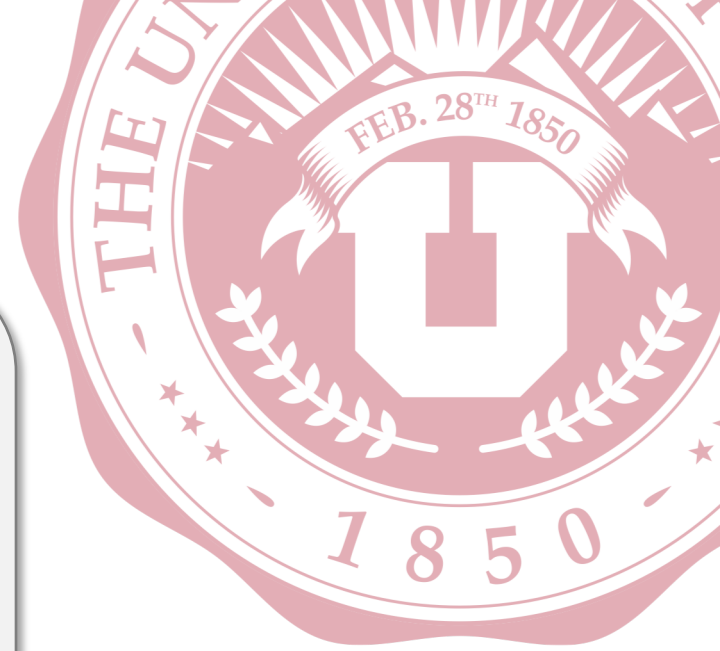
The University of Utah automatically considers you for merit and diversity scholarships if you apply for admissions by December 1. They also offer need-based, departmental and athletic scholarships.

<http://financialaid.utah.edu/>

- **Federal Student Aid**

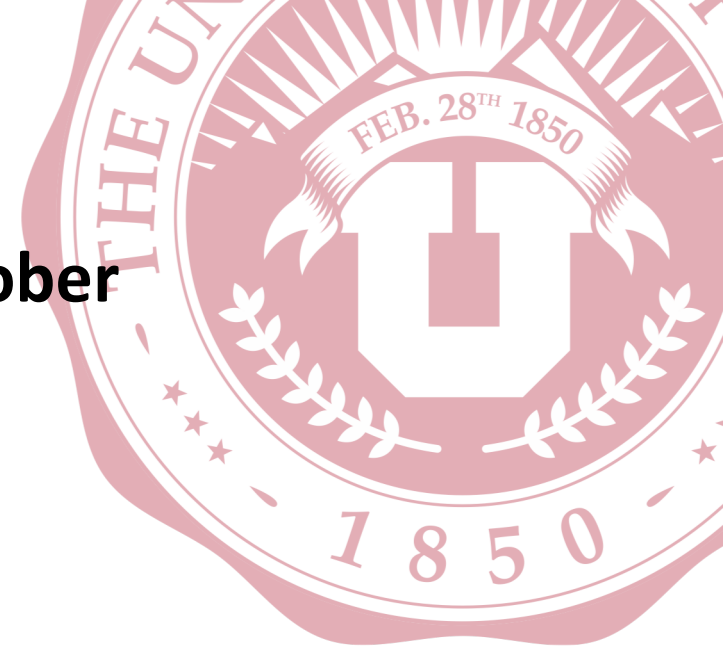
Apply for Prior Prior Year FAFSA your senior year starting on October 1, 2016

- Grants
- Loans
- Work-study



Get Started Now

- Take the ACT or SAT at least twice before the end of October
- Research and narrow down your college list
- Visit college campuses
- Research college admissions and scholarship requirements and deadlines
- Stay involved in your school and community
- Finish your junior year strong and plan a solid senior year course schedule
- <http://admissions.utah.edu/admitted/>



Where will you go?



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