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Understanding Your Admission Decision and Financial Aid Package



Matignon High School admission decisions are going out soon! Most applicants assume they will receive one of two admissions decisions - accepted or denied. What some people don't know is that there are other possible outcomes, which can create some confusion. Interpreting your acceptance, along with your financial aid package, can elicit many questions. **Below is some general information to help you figure it all out.**

What does my acceptance mean?

Here's a breakdown of what admissions decisions mean:

- **Waitlisted:** The admissions committee has finished reviewing your file and made a decision to put you on a waitlist for admission. Sometimes schools will admit applicants off their waitlist, other times not. Some schools ask waitlisted applicants to take some type of action to be on the waitlist, so be sure to read your acceptance carefully. Typically, the only thing waitlisted applicants can do is be patient.
- **Deferred:** This usually occurs because the admissions committee needs more time to review the applicant file. The admissions committee will likely ask you for more information to help them make their ultimate decision regarding your admission.
- **Conditional acceptance:** Like deferred status, being conditionally accepted means your admissions file is incomplete and your acceptance is conditional upon submitting the missing information. Failure to submit that information means you forfeit the school's offer of acceptance.



Interpreting your financial aid package:

Understanding your financial aid package is important in deciding where to attend high school.

- **Merit-based scholarships** are based on a student's academic ability, accomplishments, and potential. Most scholarships are guaranteed for four years provided the student meets the eligibility requirements of the scholarship.
- **Financial aid** is strictly based upon the financial need of a household. Applicants can demonstrate their family's financial need by completing a separate financial aid application. Programs like FACTS or SmartTuition are used to evaluate what a family could reasonably contribute toward tuition. Most schools will require families to reapply for financial aid annually to show a continued financial need.



***Note** - not all financial aid packages are created equally. To compare apples to apples, look at the bottom line and keep in mind the cost of other expenses not included in tuition like uniforms, textbooks, and athletic fees. To learn more about what goes into the total cost of attendance, click [here](#).

Also be sure to familiarize yourself with the acceptance and enrollment timeline of the school. See Maignon's [**upcoming admissions events!**](#)

*Stay tuned for our next Prospective Student Newsletter!
We'll provide you tips on how to make your high school decision.*

Upcoming Dates and Events

February 12th

Magic of Maignon: Class of 2023
Admitted Student Night

March 15th

Enrollment Deadline

April 11th

Enrolled Student Night

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