

# APPLYING TO ROWAN UNIVERSITY: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

## What Rowan has to Offer

First Year Experience – Rowan has a comprehensive program of events and services that assist students in becoming familiar with the University. Freshmen are required to take a Rowan seminar class designed to help them succeed academically and socially. Several seminars are part of a comprehensive learning community program to support students throughout the first-year. Strong connections to the University are made as are life long friendships.

Summer Updates – During the summer months, accepted students will receive information relating to the coming year: financial aid awards, housing information, learning inventory, orientation schedules and what to bring. This is just some of the information sent to students.

Tutoring – College level academics are more challenging and rigorous than what students experienced in high school. Realizing this, Rowan offers free tutoring services to assist students and help them achieve.

Social Life on Campus – Rowan’s Student University Programmers are very active on campus. SUP is a chartered Student Organization and plans many diverse, education and entertaining experiences for students.

Parents and Family Connections – Parents play a crucial role in the success of their college student. Rowan University provides a monthly e-newsletter to help keep families informed. Anyone can sign up to receive the newsletter. Rowan also maintains a Parent and Family website ([www.rowan.edu/family](http://www.rowan.edu/family)) to help family members stay connected.

## Tips to Help Your Student Prepare for College Life

Separate Email Account – As your student begins to explore college options, he or she will receive a lot of emails. Suggest to your child that he or she open a new email account just for the admissions process. Also, have them share their user name and password so you’ll be able to review the materials, too.

Open a Bank Account – You may want to talk to your student about opening a checking account with an ATM card. The sooner students begin to learn to budget and spend money wisely the better prepared they will be to live independently.

Duplicate Insurance Cards – Contact your insurance carriers (health, dental, auto) and request duplicate cards. Health insurance is mandatory for full time students and Rowan will provide information on insurance options.

Getting Involved – Talk to your student about getting involved once they arrive on campus. Research shows that students who develop connections with other students through organized activities are more satisfied with their college experience and are more likely to graduate.

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## **How to Help During the Upcoming Months**

### **Fall (September through December)**

Attend open house events (a campus visit is one of the top influences on a student's decision)

Double check to make sure your child is taking the required high school classes.

Talk to students about their high school's requirements for recommendations and school records. Many high schools have strict timelines for handling application materials.

Application process begins. Encourage your student to apply early.

Consider limiting the number of college applications to 4-6. More is not always better.

### **Spring (January through June)**

Check application deadline dates. Rowan's deadline for fall is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Complete FAFSA form for financial aid.

All Rowan's admissions decisions are made by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Rowan's response date for acceptance is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Remind students to continue to do well in high school as offers are conditional on final grades.