

Volunteer during Delaware College Application Month



Sign up at DelawareGoesToCollege.org/college-application-month

What Is College Application Month?

College Application Month (CAM) is a national effort of the American Council on Education (ACE) with the goal of providing every graduating high school senior the opportunity to apply to College. The Delaware Department of Education and the Institute for Public Administration (IPA) at the University of Delaware are leading Delaware College Application Month (CAM) and providing technical assistance to participating schools.

CAM 2016

In 2016, 39 public and charter schools from across the state participated in College Application Month. This year, all district and charter high schools in Delaware will participate again. CAM 2017 activities are scheduled from October 16–November 17, and within the month, each school selects a week (usually 2–5 days) to hold its College Application Week (CAW) events.

How Can Volunteers Help?

You don't need to be an expert on the college application process to make a significant contribution during Delaware College Application Month; you just need to have a desire to assist and encourage students as they take this first and important step toward continuing their education beyond high school. Common tasks for volunteers include greeting and signing-in students, as well as assisting students with the completion of online college applications.

How Do You Sign Up?

Click on the SignUp link at DelawareGoesToCollege.org to sign up for your preferred school(s), date(s), and time(s). As shifts are short (about two hours), we encourage volunteers to consider signing up for consecutive or multiple shifts, if possible. Reach out to your co-workers and friends to see if they want to sign up for a volunteer shift with you. Help support our students with their next steps after high school.

Is Training Available?

Yes and it's required before volunteering in a school! Prior to your school's College Application Week, you will receive a Volunteer Handbook and a school-specific Volunteer Reference Guide. You must review a 20-minute Volunteer Training Webinar that will help prepare you for your volunteer shift during Delaware College Application Month. You can access these documents at DelawareGoesToCollege.org.

How Have Students Prepared for their School's College Application Week?

Schools have been working with students to complete, in advance, a Student Checklist to help them research colleges and determine which best fit their needs. The Student Checklist also helps students familiarize themselves with some of the most common information asked on applications prior to their school's event.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteers are critical to the success of Delaware College Application Month. According to the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), "Exit surveys of similar events have shown, overwhelmingly, that students considered the event a major factor in their decision to apply to college. Volunteers are crucial to providing one-on-one support that will have a positive impact on students." Volunteering during a school's College Application Week is a great way to support students in advancing their future. We hope that you will join us in this meaningful volunteer experience. Thank you for helping to make college dreams come true!

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