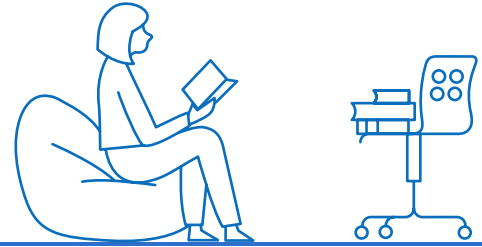# Connecting with Strive for College Mentors

Which colleges would be a good fit for me? What will make my admissions essays stand out? How do I go about completing the FAFSA form? Where can I find scholarships to help me pay for school? Applying to college can be stressful and it's natural for students to have all sorts of questions. Fortunately, Strive for College is here to help!

Strive for College is a non-profit organization that connects aspiring college students with free, one-on-one, online mentoring via the virtual platform, UStrive. Strive mentors can help you through the entire college admissions, financial aid and scholarship application processes. Because all the work takes place online via UStrive, you can connect whenever is most convenient for you and your mentor!

All Strive mentors are volunteers that are recruited from hundreds of colleges in the United States and work in some of the biggest companies in the world.

Connecting with Strive in the Common App

When completing the Common App, you can request to receive more information from Strive for College, if you are eligible to receive a fee waiver. To do so, go to the Profile section and open the Common App Fee Waiver.

1. Choose "Yes" when asked if you are eligible for a fee waiver.
2. Pick the indicator(s) that apply to you and provide your signature.
3. Select "Yes" to receive more information about connecting with Strive for College.
4. Create an account at https://www.ustrive.com/students/commonapp.

After creating your UStrive account, you'll be able to select the Strive mentor of your choosing. You can then choose whether you prefer to message, call or video chat to work through your questions. (You are able to do all of those directly through the UStrive platform.)

Your Strive mentor will help guide you through Strive's rich, proven college guidance curriculum and you can interact and get answers to all your college admissions, financial aid and scholarship questions from a real person who's been through the process before.