



SAGELY

COLLEGE ADVISING

About Sagely

Sagely is a 501c3 nonprofit founded by a group of like-minded professional college admissions counselors troubled by the inequity such services exacerbate. We aim to promote access for historically-marginalized students to competitive colleges by providing free, high-level, individualized college admissions support to students accepted into our program.

About our Team

Our team of mentors, advisors, and teachers love working one-on-one with students and families to provide individualized guidance on college planning. As specialists, we understand the industry and the many factors shaping college entry. Most importantly, we're all passionate about equity in higher education and contributing to efforts that recognize and undermine systemic discrimination and racism in college admissions.

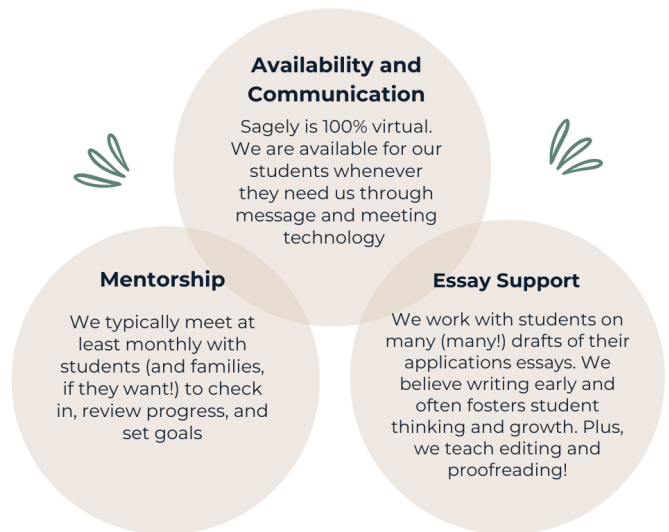
Our Philosophy

We believe students and families are empowered by information. By helping demystify the admissions process, financial aid, and how college connects (or doesn't) to socioeconomic mobility, we aim to support students and families making informed, smart, impactful decisions.

About our Work

Sagely has two key programs – our Sagely Scholars initiative for students and our Outreach Initiatives for schools, CBOs, and nonprofit organizations working with low-income, first-generation, and/or historically-marginalized students.

OUR STRENGTHS



Sagely Scholars	Outreach
College planning, mentorship, and application support for 9th-11th grade students with need. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application-based • Individualized • 100% Virtual 	Virtual workshops and webinars on college planning and application topics that empower students and families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to anyone • Group-based • 100% Virtual

About our Students

We have a holistic application process review. However, here are some common features of students in our Sagely Scholars program:

- Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors in high school
- Have a household income of *generally* less than \$65k/year or demonstrates other signs of financial need
- Identify with a historically-marginalized community
- Have shown exceptional academic success and potential, typically earning at least a 3.7 GPA
- Have an interest in or is engaged with activities in their schools and wider communities
- Plan to apply nationwide to highly competitive US colleges and universities
- Are a good fit for college partnership programs like **Questbridge, Golden Door, and Posse**
- Are motivated, hard-working, and driven

Support Services

The Sagely Scholars program is highly individualized to meet students where they are and where they aspire to go. We work with students and families on these things (and more!):

- Exploring their academic and career interests
- Identifying and articulating their passions and goals
- Capitalizing on resources at their school and in their communities and building a relationship with their school counselors
- Finding and applying to free or scholarship-based programs that offer opportunities to explore or grow their interests such as pre-college summer or academic year programs
- Finding, joining, and flourishing in school or community activities related to their passions
- Finding and applying to free college visit programs such as diversity and fly-in programs
- Researching colleges and using data to understand school communities and vibes, support services, financial aid, programming, and outcomes, especially for historically-marginalized students
- Using college research to build a balanced list of schools they'd like to apply to
- Navigating every aspect of the application process
- Building critical thinking and communication skills through an extensive, on-going process of writing and revision for their application essays
- College financial literacy – understanding net costs, types of aid, and other factors shaping college costs
- Evaluating acceptances and aid offers
- Believing in themselves, their voices, and their value

Applying to Sagely Scholars

We accept applications from freshman and sophomore students year-round on a rolling basis. Our deadline for Juniors is typically in February; however, we are open to later applications from junior students recommended by their counselors. The application is available online at

www.sagelyadvising.org. It requires:

- Academic information
- High school transcripts
- Basic information about the student's family, income, and assets
- Information about extracurricular activities

Outreach Programming

Sagely can develop no-cost customized webinar programming, workshops, or presentations for your school or organization to support all students and families. Some topics we present on include:

College Planning for Underclassmen

What freshmen and sophomores should be doing to prepare for the college application process. For an idea of the types of topics this might include, [check out this post-webinar handout](#) from our Whitney M. Young Magnet High School event.

Application Planning and Time Management

A broad overview of the application process geared toward juniors and their caregivers. [This document offers an overview](#) of the types of topics we discuss.

College Essays 101

An overview of the types of essays students will have to write for their applications. [This document offers an overview](#) of what we discuss.

College Research 101

An overview of types of colleges and how to find the best fit. [Here's an example of the types of material](#) we cover.

Essay Workshops

A workshop where students bring drafts of their essays for feedback, writing strategy ideas, and revision tips.

