

COMMON APP AND STRIVE: YOUR MENTORING CONNECTION

WHAT IS STRIVE FOR COLLEGE?

Strive for College, a Common App partner, is a non-profit organization that connects aspiring college students who need support with free, one-on-one, online mentoring through the entire college admissions and financial aid application process.

All volunteer mentors are either enrolled in college or have graduated from college with a degree. Strive has recruited them from hundreds of colleges and universities across the country. Mentors complete comprehensive training before being connected with a student.

HOW CAN APPLICANTS CONNECT WITH A STRIVE MENTOR?

U.S. applicants who indicate a need for a fee waiver in the Common App are invited to register with Strive for College. After answering some basic background and interest questions on the Strive website, students are offered a choice of mentors. Through secure video chat, document sharing, text and instant messaging, mentors can provide additional support to students as they navigate the college application process, fill out FAFSA documents, and find scholarships.

I loved how available my mentor, Lauren, was. If I was ever worried, she was right there...She listened to my vision and helped encourage me through anything, which was what I really needed.

— A Strive Student

IN 2017-18

66%

Fee waiver eligible applicants who indicated an interest in connecting with a Strive mentor.

68%

Strivers with household incomes of less than \$45,000.

77%

Strivers who felt more confident about the application process because of their mentoring experience.