



We are excited about the opportunity to support your child with their college admissions journey! To help you maximize your NVIDIA benefit plan, we've compiled some frequently asked questions and key details about the support.

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THE COLLEGEWISE NVIDIA PROGRAM: OVERVIEW

The NVIDIA Collegewise program provides personalized guidance throughout the undergraduate college admissions process. This includes:

a) College Counseling

One-on-one strategic guidance for you and your student can include:

- Course selection
- Extracurricular and leadership planning
- Major exploration
- College list development (with consideration to scholarships & affordability)
- Support with the Common Application and UC applications
- College application essay brainstorming (*and editing, detailed below*)
- Assistance with waitlist and deferral strategies

Students in grades 10–12 will be paired with a dedicated counselor to work with throughout the year. Students in grades 8–9 will receive personalized support through one-on-one Office Hours sessions. Support is based on your student's grade as of January 1, 2026.

b) Essay Editing

NVIDIA families also have access to expert essay editing from our professional team. See the [essay editing section](#) for guidelines, timelines, & more details.

c) Flamingo Platform Access

NVIDIA employees will have access to Collegewise's online admissions management portal, Flamingo, through which families can:

- View their student's progress and find clear direction on next steps
- Access proprietary data during the college research process to facilitate list building
- Communicate with their counselor
- View current counseling hours tracker
- Review session notes and tasks
- Schedule new sessions

d) Live Events

NVIDIA employees will have access to exclusive, live events throughout the year:



- Quarterly live webinars hosted by Collegewise admissions experts
- Office Hours, in which families can sign up for private 30-minute sessions with a Collegewise counselor to ask questions and strategize
- One AMA (Ask Me Anything) Livestream presented by a Collegewise admissions expert where employees can have their questions answered on the spot
- Annual seminar presented by a member of Collegewise’s leadership team

e) Access to the Collegewise Resource Bank

Visit the Collegewise resource library at any time to access:

- Newsletters with analysis and deep dives into admissions topics
- On-demand, recorded webinars
- Guides on a variety of admissions topics, such as the Common App and STEM programs
- Frequent blog posts on timely admissions topics

How many hours will I receive as part of my benefit?

The number of hours you will receive as part of this program is based on your student’s graduation year:

Graduation Year (Student’s Grade as of Jan 1, 2026)	Eligible Hours per Calendar Year*
2028 (10th grade)	4
2027 (11th grade)	8
2026 (12th grade & transfer)	2

These hours include both meeting time and out-of-meeting support, such as:

- Additional research as required outside of meetings
- Email/message responses to student or parent questions

Students in grades 8-9 (graduating in 2029 and 2030) will receive personalized support through one-on-one Office Hours sessions.

**Please note: Hours will refresh at the beginning of each January, and any unused hours will not be carried forward.*



Essay Editing Guidelines

Each essay edited by our professional editing team will have 45 minutes deducted from your student’s time bank. Personal statements require two rounds of professional edits, and will be supplemented by a complimentary third final proofread. Editing time guidelines are outlined as follows:

Essay Type	Editing Structure	Time Deducted
Personal Statement	2 rounds of editing + 1 complimentary final proofread	90 minutes
University of California PIQs (4 total and cannot be separated)	1 round of editing + 1 complimentary final proofread	180 minutes
Supplemental Essay	1 round of editing + 1 complimentary final proofread	45 minutes

To provide thoughtful, personalized support, we follow enrollment cutoffs based on college deadlines:

College Deadline: 2026	Last Date to Notify Counselor About Support for the College
October 15	August 31
November 1	September 12
November 15	September 30
November 30/UCs	October 15
January 1 & later	November 25



Is there a limit to the number of college applications/essays I can work on with my counselor?

You may work on as many applications or essays as your available hours permit; however, there is no guaranteed or fixed number of completed applications.

What is the turnaround time for application essay editing?

We're committed to supporting your student through the busy application season, and to ensure high-quality guidance for every family, we kindly ask that you plan ahead when working with your counselor. Your counselor will help to develop an essay writing schedule. Please keep in mind that:

- Counselors often book out 1-2 weeks in advance. We recommend scheduling early.
- Standard turnaround time is **3-4 business days** for up to four essays.
- Submitting essays in batches of four or fewer will result in the fastest turnaround.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What can I expect after I fill out the registration form?

Your request will flow through the system to Collegewise, and depending on your student's grade level, your family will either be matched with a CW counselor or enrolled for Office Hours. If that sounds simple, that's because it is designed to be that way. We want to be additive in your college journey, not an additional source of stress!

Is there a minimum or maximum age & grade requirement for using the NVIDIA Collegewise Plan?

The program eligibility is determined by a student's grade rather than age. It is best suited for students in grade 8 and above, as they are closer to the college admissions timeline. The counseling content and approach is designed to align with that level of learning and development.

Have a younger child and want to get ahead of the curve? Check out our upcoming webinars [HERE](#). These sessions cover a range of topics, from skill-building to college preparation, and could be a great way to gain insights into fostering your child's talents and preparing for the college admissions process ahead.



May I request a specific counselor or a specific area of expertise?

Families cannot request specific counselors or backgrounds as part of this benefit. You will be matched to a counselor based on availability and timezones. Collegewise counselors are among the most trusted in the field, bringing years of experience and success in guiding students through the college application process.

Can I meet with my counselor immediately after being matched?

Counselors do find that their post-school hours fill up quickly. They will work with you to accommodate a meeting soon but it may take ~2 weeks.

My child is in Grade 8 or Grade 9. How do I sign up for Office Hours?

After completing the enrollment form, your family will be automatically enrolled to receive Office Hours notifications. This means that you'll have exclusive, early access to sign up for a 1:1 time slot that works best for your schedule. Office Hours happen at key moments throughout the year to provide support when you need it most.

Does Collegewise have a cancellation/no-show policy?

We understand that schedules can change, however, we ask that you give your counselor advanced notice if you need to cancel or reschedule a meeting. Scheduled meetings can be canceled and subsequently rescheduled by either party if at least 24-hours' notice is provided, unless this is impossible or impractical due to unforeseen or emergency events outside of the Student's control.

For services measured in hours:

- (a) If the Student cancels the session within 24 hours, the Student will incur a deduction of half of the scheduled session time.
- (b) If the Team Member cancels the session within 24 hours, the Student will receive a credit for half of the scheduled session time.

How can I plan my hours to ensure I use them effectively throughout the year?

Your counselor will work with you to plan your hours effectively and ensure that you're on track. We recommend reserving a portion of your hours during junior year for tasks like essay editing and outside-of-meeting support, as these can require significant time closer to application deadlines.



Can I use all my hours in a short timeframe?

During the busy application season, the most frequent meeting cadence our counselors can offer is once every two weeks, as schedules permit. We cannot guarantee any urgent meetings more frequently than this, but you are welcome to email or message your counselor on Flamingo for offline support.

Similarly, in order to make sure your student has the time they need to write thoughtful essays, and so our editors can provide appropriate time for quality essay feedback, we have [guidelines](#) in place for the maximum number of essays in editing at one time. Your counselor's essay plan will take this into account.

My student needs a lot of support. Can I request more hours?

In addition to your hours, there are plenty of resources available to help your student succeed at NVIDIA's Collegewise homepage. These include access to office hours (just drop in and ask any questions!), exclusive webinars and events throughout the year, and our robust Collegewise Resource Center (packed with guides for acing the application process). You can also find NVIDIA-exclusive webinar recordings there. There are additional resources in the student login of the Flamingo app.

If you anticipate needing more 1:1 time, you can explore additional support with Collegewise, including purchasing more counseling hours, essay support, and discounts on other offerings such as counseling packages, tutoring, internship placement and more.

If you're interested in exploring other options and pricing, simply let your Collegewise counselor know or email nvidia@collegewise.com. The Collegewise team will connect you with a program advisor to discuss your needs.

Does my benefit cover tutoring, success skills, leadership mentoring, research, grad school applications, or any other services?

While these services are not covered under your current benefit, NVIDIA employees do receive a discount on ancillary service packages as outlined below:

- (a) 10% discount on holistic counseling packages
- (b) 10% discount on any tutoring or test prep package of 10 hours or more

If you're interested in tutoring, extracurricular coaching, or other services, we'd be happy to help. To set up tutoring, email Michaelc@collegewise.com with the details of what subject or test you are



looking for help with and the grade of your student. For additional information on other support, feel free to contact us at nvidia@collegewise.com with what you are looking for and we can set you up to have a conversation about the best options.

What if my family doesn't feel like we need the support of a 1:1 counselor? Is there still value in this benefit?

Absolutely! Even without a 1:1 counselor, there are plenty of resources available to help your student succeed on the [NVIDIA homepage](#). These include access to office hours, exclusive webinars and events, our robust Collegewise Resource Center (packed with guides for acing the application process), and the opportunity to drop in for one-off questions.

How quickly can I expect responses to my emails or questions?

Our team strives to be reliable, responsive, and timely. You can expect responses to any inquiries within 2-3 business days from your outreach.

Why am I receiving marketing emails from Collegewise?

Collegewise offers a variety of webinars and resources on their website for the public. If you signed up for any of these webinars or content, you may have been added to their regular marketing email list.

If you'd like to stop receiving these emails, you can easily unsubscribe by clicking the "unsubscribe" button at the bottom of any marketing email.

Where should I direct additional questions?

Please don't hesitate to reach out with additional questions to nvidia@collegewise.com.

We look forward to supporting your family during this exciting time!