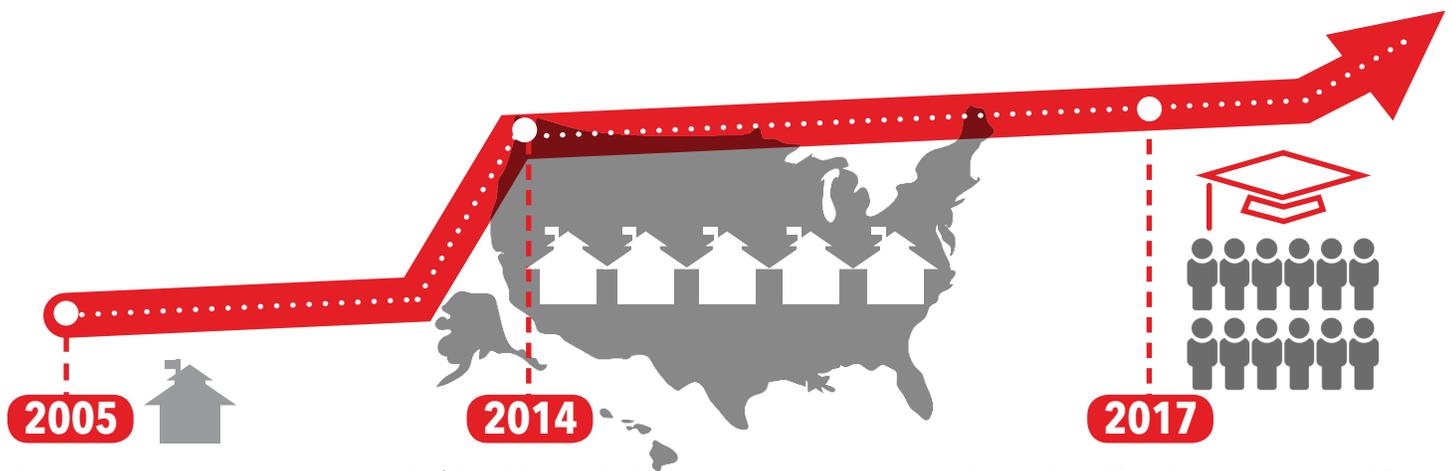


WHY JOIN THE AMERICAN COLLEGE APPLICATION CAMPAIGN?



REMOVE THE BARRIERS

The American College Application Campaign® (ACAC) is a national effort of ACT's Center for Equity in Learning to increase the number of first-generation students and students from low-income families who pursue a postsecondary education. By removing the barriers that often prevent these students from applying to a postsecondary institution, ACAC ensures that all high school seniors complete at least one college application. To achieve this success, state leaders, school staff, and community members provide students with individualized support and assistance as they prepare for and complete the college application process.



ACAC has seen a meteoric rise in participation and impact since it began in a single North Carolina high school in **2005**.

By fall **2014**, it reached a tipping point, expanding to all 50 states and the District of Columbia to include more than **4,100** high schools and almost **265,000** high school seniors, generating approximately **411,000** college applications.

During the **2017** implementation, almost **6,300** high schools hosted programs with more than **500,000** students submitting approximately **800,000** college applications.

The initiative continues to grow every year to include more schools and more students.

JUMP INTO THE CAMPAIGN

The ACAC strategy employed by the national program, the 51 state-level partners, and the thousands of high schools that host college application events annually is intended to enhance and expand current college-going culture efforts, not replace them. Even schools that have implemented some approach to supporting the college application process are jumping into the campaign and here's why:

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

This is more than a senior-year event at a participating school. This is a school-wide, a community-wide, a state-wide, and a national movement. Together, we can elevate all of our student-focused efforts and shine a light on the important work all of us do to achieve a common goal.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

By working across schools, across communities, and across state lines, we can more successfully impact who pursues education and training beyond high school.

A NETWORK OF PEERS

The national and state-level college application campaigns are comprised of engaged, creative, and committed educators. By joining this network, it allows all participating schools to share what works and to learn from others for continuous improvement in service delivery.

LEADERSHIP

If your school is already implementing an approach to support students through the college application process, ACAC and your state's college application program not only provide a platform to elevate your good work, but also provide a platform to serve as a leader in this work and share your efforts with others who can learn from your success.

We hope your school will join the national and state college application campaigns to further all of our important efforts! Visit www.equityinlearning.act.org/acac to learn more and to find your state campaign coordinator.

