

Waitlisted? Step-by-Step Checklist: What to Do Next

Step 1: Understand Your Status

- 1 ■ Remember: waitlisted is NOT a rejection
- 2 ■ You are still being considered

Step 2: Decide If You Want to Stay

- 1 ■ Would you attend if accepted?
- 2 ■ Are you okay waiting into summer?
- 3 ■ Is this a top-choice school?

Step 3: Accept Your Spot

- 1 ■ Log into your college portal
- 2 ■ Opt into the waitlist
- 3 ■ Follow all instructions carefully

Step 4: Send a Letter of Continued Interest (LOCI)

- 1 ■ Express gratitude
- 2 ■ State continued interest
- 3 ■ Include updates (grades, awards, activities)

Step 5: Send Meaningful Updates

- 1 ■ Share improved grades
- 2 ■ Include new achievements
- 3 ■ Avoid sending too many emails

Step 6: Commit to Another College

- 1 ■ Submit deposit by May 1

- 2 ■ Secure your backup plan

Step 7: Stay Patient

- 1 ■ Waitlist movement can take weeks or months
- 2 ■ Stay realistic but hopeful