# College Admissions Pyramid: Where Do You Stand?

A clear, three-level framework to assess your current position and plan the next jump in the increasingly competitive admissions process.

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# **Purpose**

College admission is not a simple task. It is an iterative cycle: assess your current position  $\rightarrow$  identify the next jump point  $\rightarrow$  design and document evidence. This guide simplifies a complex ten-level rubric into **three levels (Foundation, Competitive, and Rare)** so that you can understand the idea and estimate your own position.

Note: This three-level structure is a simplified summary for your understanding only. Each level contains multiple sublevels. For an accurate assessment and a highly tailored plan, schedule a consultation.

# At-a-glance: the three-level pyramid



- **Foundation:** You complete core academics and activities reliably. Your distinctiveness and evidence system are still limited.
- Competitive: You begin to balance advanced coursework, standardized testing, and activities. You plant early seeds of unusual scholarship (guided research with professors or meaningful internships) and social impact. You start building an evidence—witness—verification system.

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