




Navigating Your First-Gen Transfer College Experience

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A first generation college student is the first person in their family to attend college and complete their bachelor's degree.



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- St. Louis, Missouri
- Rhodes College
 - B.A. English Literature & Creative Writing
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 - B.A. French and Economics
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Student Feature

Yesenia Uribe `21

- Hometown: Round Lake, IL
- Transferred from: Skidmore College
- Major: Neuroscience
- Minor: Chemistry
- Extracurricular Activities:
 - President of Future Health Professionals
 - Nu Rho Psi
 - Campus Ambassador



“Don’t be afraid of reaching out for guidance and advice! There are many people and resources available to help you thrive.”

Student Feature

Kamden Kuklinski `22

- Hometown: Gurnee, IL
- Transferred from: College of Lake County
- Major: Neuroscience
- Extracurricular Activities:
 - Campus Ambassador
 - Synapse



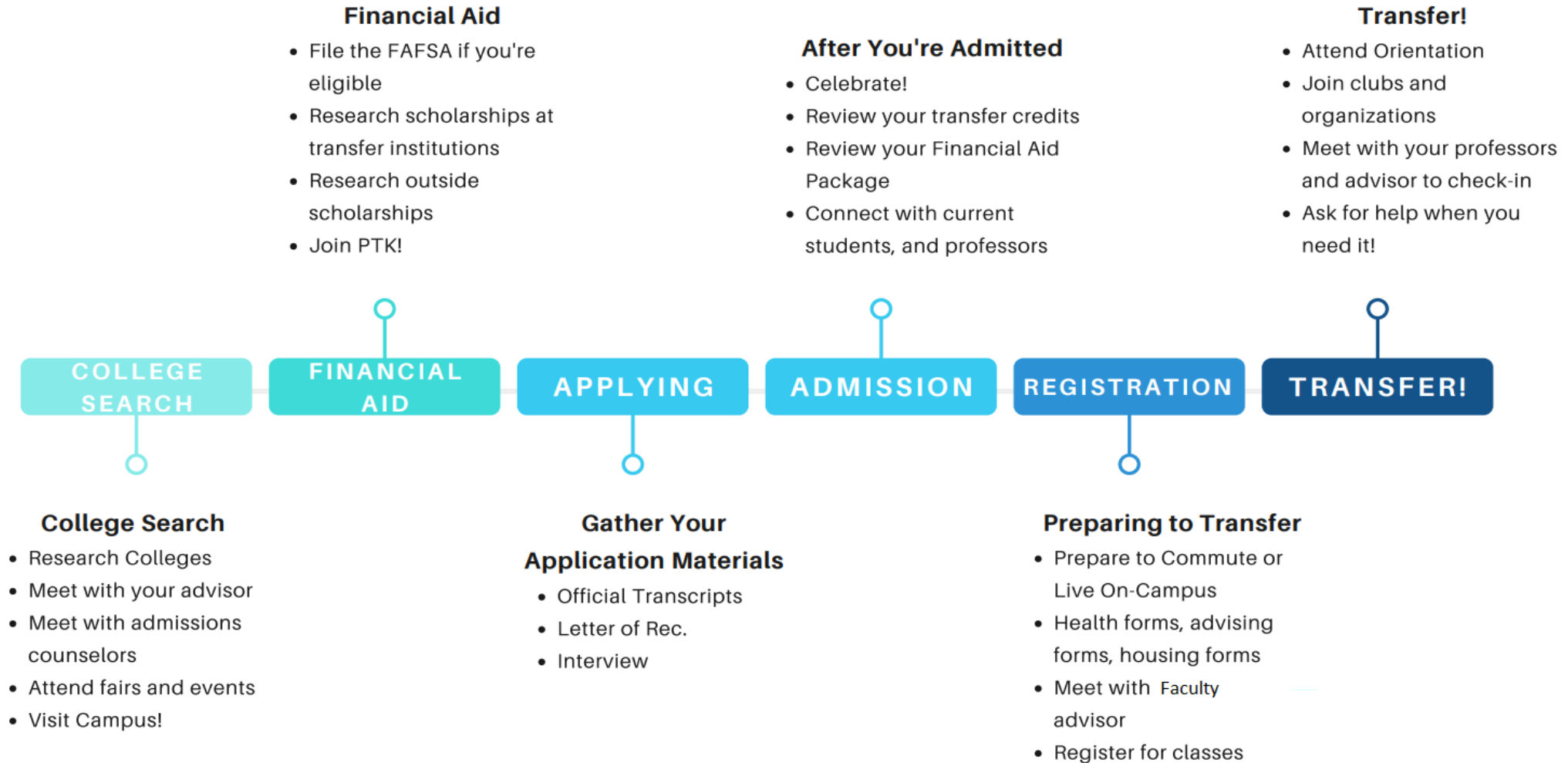
“Try not to worry too much about what everybody else is doing because you’re not everybody else. Try to focus your energy on what you are doing and how you can improve.”

A Common Experience

- Fewer role models for the 4-year college experience
- Balancing obligations like school, family, and work
- Financial aid as determining factor
- Uncertainty regarding transfer process



“Mock” Admissions Timeline



What's the FAFSA?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Opens October 1st
- U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents
- Need-based aid (grants, loans, work-study)
 - College, state, and federal government funds
- Complete earlier rather than later!

Federal Student Aid
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Support for Undocumented Students

- LFC Undocumented Student Financial Aid Application
- Receive up to **\$40,000 annually** at Lake Forest
- Private Grants/Scholarships
 - Golden Door Scholars
 - DREAMers Roadmap



Scholarships, Grants, & Loans

	Fall '20	Spring '21	Total
Presidential Scholarship	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$26,000
Forester Flagship Grant	\$5,367	\$5,368	\$10,735
Campus Visit Incentive Grant	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Federal Pell Grant (Est)	\$3,173	\$3,172	\$6,345
Federal Supp'l Grant [SEOG] (Est)	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$2,500
State of IL MAP Grant (Est)	\$2,670	\$2,670	\$5,340
Fed'l Direct Stafford Loan, subsidized	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$3,500
Fed'l Direct Stafford Loan, unsubsidized	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000





Merit Scholarships (under 26 college credits)

HS GPA 4.0	HS GPA 100		SAT		ACT		Scholarship Range
4.0 +	100 +		1390 +		31 +		\$30,000 \$32,000*
3.75–3.99	95–99		1330–1380		29–30		\$28,000 \$30,000*
3.50–3.74	90–94	OR	1160–1320	OR	24–28		\$26,000 \$28,000*
3.00–3.49	85–89		1030–1150		20–23		\$23,000 \$25,000*
Under 3.0	Under 85		Under 1030		Under 20		Students in this range should contact their admission counselor for questions about scholarship review


This chart uses weighted GPA and applies to all first-year students and transfer students with less than 26 credits. *Visit campus or attend a virtual event to be eligible for the full amount. The Visit Grant accounts for the additional \$2,000 of funds listed above.

 \$30,000

 \$26,000

 \$23,000

 \$28,000

 Students in this range should contact their admission counselor for questions about scholarship review.



Transfer Scholarships (over 26 credits)

- Merit Scholarships - up to \$30K per year
 - PTK Scholarship - guaranteed \$25K per year (\$30K for 3.75 GPA+)
- Fine Arts Scholarship - up to \$5K per year
- Honors Scholarship: \$2,000 per year



Additional Resources

Lake Forest College – Suggested Outside Scholarships

<https://www.lakeforest.edu/admissions/financial/scholarships/outside.php>

CollegeBoard BigFuture College Database

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

U.S. Department of Labor's Scholarship Database

<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>



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Forester Flagship Program

Qualified in-state first year and transfer students will receive 100% of the College's tuition covered in grants and scholarships.

- For Illinois residents
- Must live on campus
- Complete FAFSA before state deadline
- Need to be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant



Admissions Tips

- Have an open mind
- Create a “college search” email address
 - And check it!
- Meet with your college advisor or transfer coordinator
- Meet with your Lake Forest College admissions counselor
- Attend admissions events
- Connect with current students, faculty, and other members of the college community
- Ask for help when you need it
 - Especially with financial aid!



Personal Transfer Process

- Your Transfer Advisor will work with you every step of the way!
- Connect with Kamden and Yesenia
- Meet with our Office of Financial Aid
- Personal Academic Advising
 - Learn how your credits transfer before you even apply!
 - Transfer Advising and Registration
 - Meet with your academic advisor to plan and register for courses





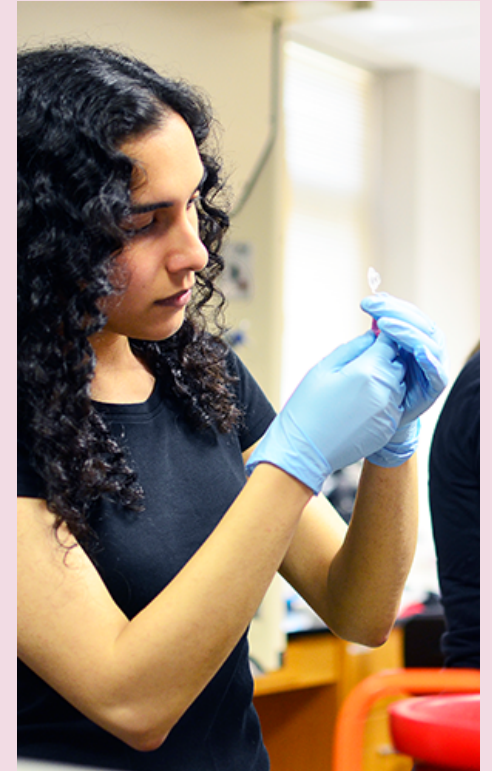
**What about the first gen
experience beyond the
admissions process?**



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Overcoming the Imposter Phenomenon

- You worked hard to be here
- You earned it
- You belong
- You are not alone
- The community is a better place with you in it



Relationship Building is Key



- Academic advisors
- Career advisors
- Faculty
- Other staff
 - Such as the Office of Intercultural Relations



First-Gen Support at Lake Forest

- First Connection Pre-Orientation Program
 - Students of color
 - International students
 - Students who identify as LGBTQ+
 - First generation college students
- Forester First College Success & Mentoring Program
- Forester First Parent Orientation



Finding Support Systems



- Student Organizations & Clubs
 - “A Non-Traditional Approach” Club
- Multicultural Student Affairs
- Communicate your needs!





Want to learn more?

Schedule a Personal Visit
(Virtual or In-person)

<https://www.lakeforest.edu/admissions/transfer-to-lake-forest/transfer-visits>

Take a Virtual Tour of Campus

lakeforest.edu/#virtualtour

Additional Virtual Sessions

lakeforest.edu/admissions/visit-campus/virtual-events



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Questions?



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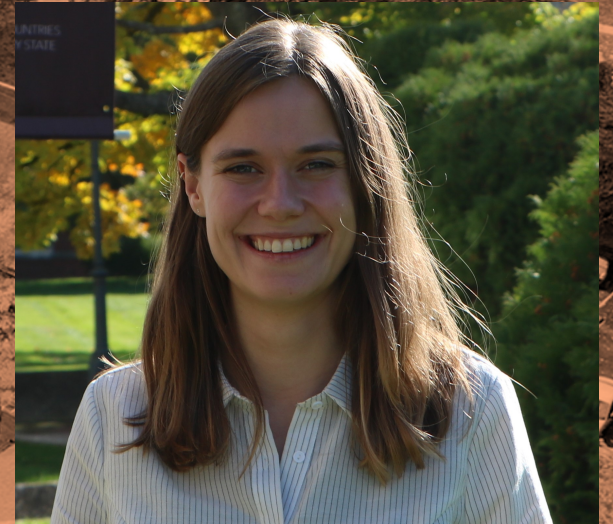


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