



# **ONE CLICK COLLEGE ADMIT (OCCA) WORKSHOP GUIDE**

**Junior Year  
(Class of 2027+)**

# ONE CLICK COLLEGE ADMIT WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

## Inside:

- An overview of the OCCA workshop purpose, setting options, and intended impact
- A step-by-step description of the process and timeline overview
- A pre- and post-workshop checklist
- A list of student and parent FAQs
- A quick script for workshop facilitation

## Workshop Purpose

One Click College Admit (OCCA) is Illinois' free direct admissions program that allows high school students to receive college admission offers from community colleges and participating public universities based on their GPA, without application fees, essays, or letters of recommendation.

This workshop is a preparation step for senior year, designed to help students opt-in to the OCCA direct admit program during their junior year so they can receive college during the fall of their senior year.

**Important Note:** Students must opt in during junior year to participate. If the deadline is missed, students can still apply normally during their senior year. This workshop focuses on college admission preparation and access, not post-secondary decision-making.

## OCCA is NOT:

- A commitment to attend a college
- A replacement for the Common App
- A guarantee of admission to every college

## Workshop Setting Options

- In-person with a large or small group of students in a computer lab or anywhere they have access to devices with an internet connection
- A virtual meeting where they can complete the process in another window and get their questions answered as they progress

## Evaluating the Success of an OCCA Workshop for Juniors

A student has successfully completed the workshop if:

- The Opt-In Form is completed (with parent/guardian consent if under 18)
- The student understands when and how offers will be received
- The student knows they must create a Common App account before senior year

# STEP-BY-STEP OCCA OPT-IN PROCESS FOR JUNIORS

## Step 1: Complete the Online Opt-in Form

- Student goes to [www.oneclickadmit.org](http://www.oneclickadmit.org) and clicks on “High School Juniors”
- Student is redirected to the ISAC Student Portal to create an account and complete the OCCA Opt-in Form
- Parent/guardian consent is required for students under 18
- By opting in, students allow their GPA to be shared securely for college matching purposes
- The opt-in must happen by the Friday before Memorial day in May of Junior year

### Required information:

- Student name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Email address
- Phone number
- High school

### Optional information:

- First-generation college status
- Race/ethnicity
- Gender

## Step 2: GPA Match (Summer After Junior Year)

ISAC will match student GPA with the admission criteria of participating Illinois public universities and community colleges.

## Step 3: Receive Offers (Fall of Senior Year)

Student receives college admission offers during the fall of their senior year. Offers are delivered through email and the student's Common App account.

## Step 4: Accept Offers (Senior Year)

Student adds colleges they are interested in to “My Colleges” in Common App. After the student has decided at which institution they wish to enroll, complete the information for enrollment to the college/university through Common App by the acceptance deadline.

## OCCA Timeline Overview Junior Class

**August of Junior Year** – Opt-in Form opens at [www.oneclickadmit.org](http://www.oneclickadmit.org)

**March of Junior Year** – Participating universities must provide ISAC with the minimum GPA required to perform student matching through ISAC GAP Access

**May of Junior Year** – Opt-in Form closes

**July Before Senior Year** – High schools must submit GPAs of students who have opted in to OCCA

**September of Senior Year** – Students are notified of direct admission offers and instructions on next step

# OCCA JUNIOR WORKSHOP CHECKLIST

## Before the Workshop

- Review the workshop overview and materials
- Confirm workshop date, time, location, and device access
- Communicate with students and families in advance

## During the Workshop (30 minutes)

- Explain the purpose of OCCA and the junior-to-senior timeline:
  - Explain how GPA matching works over the summer
  - Explain the role of the Common App in senior year
  - Emphasize that offers and decisions occur next fall
- Review the Opt-In Form and parent/guardian consent requirement for those under 18
- Support students as they begin or complete the form
- Explain the role of the Common App in the OCCA process:
  - Students will want to create their Common App account **before their senior year** so that they can review and accept your admission offers

## After the Workshop

- Confirm which students completed the Opt-In Form
- Follow up with students who still need parent consent
- Encourage students to create a Common App account before senior year
- Record attendance and share optional feedback with ISAC

# FAQS FOR JUNIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

## What is One Click College Admit?

One Click College Admit is a State of Illinois program that allows public universities and community colleges to offer students direct college admission based on their GPA without applications, essays, or application fees.

## When will students receive college offers?

Offers are sent during the fall of senior year.

## Can students accept more than one offer?

Yes. Students may accept multiple offers but can only enroll at one college.

## Is there a cost to participate?

No. One Click College Admit is free.

## Is this legitimate?

Yes. The program works through Common App, a nationally trusted college admissions platform, and is supported by the State of Illinois.

## Is opting in a commitment to attend a college?

No, opting in simply allows colleges to share admission offers. It does not require enrollment, it does not replace traditional application, and it does not limit college choices

## Why is parent/guardian consent required?

Consent is required for students under 18 because academic information (GPA) is being shared and colleges may communicate directly with students.

## How is this different from traditional admissions?

Instead of filling out applications, paying fees, and then waiting to hear about admission, students receive admission offers right away in their senior year, based solely on their GPA.

## Are scholarships or financial aid included?

Financial aid is handled separately. Students must still complete the FAFSA and compare the award letters they receive from individual institutions before making final decisions.

## Why is the school encouraging this?

OCCA Expands college access for students, reduces stress and uncertainty in the college application process, and helps students understand options earlier. Participation is optional, but it ensures families don't miss opportunities.

## Who can help if we have questions?

Your school counselor or an ISAC representative is the best first contact.

More information is available at [www.oneclickadmit.org](http://www.oneclickadmit.org)

# OCCA WORKSHOP FOR JUNIORS FACILITATOR SCRIPTS

## Normalize the Innovation:

"Today we're introducing One Click College Admit, a new Illinois program that simplifies college admissions by offering direct acceptance based on GPA - no essays, no application fees."

### Counselor Tip for Parent Emphasis:

"This is a new program, so questions are expected. We'll explain how it works, and what it does and does not require."

## Explain the Program:

"One Click College Admit works alongside tools you'll already use, like Common App and FAFSA. It doesn't replace them; it just removes extra steps."

"As juniors, your job is simple:

- Complete the Opt-In Form (parent/guardian consent and completion is required if you're under 18)
- Create a Common App account
- That's it for now! Offers will appear in your common app in Fall of your senior year."

### Counselor Tip for Parent Emphasis:

"Students are not giving up traditional application options or limiting where they can apply."

## Additional Areas of Student Emphasis:

"We're doing this together today, so nothing feels confusing or overwhelming."

"Opting in does not mean you're committing to a college. It just means colleges can let you know where you already qualify for admission."

### Counselor Tip for Parent Emphasis:

"There is no obligation to accept an offer or enroll at any institution."

## Focus on Empowerment:

"This is about keeping doors open early and reducing stress later. We'll walk through the setup together, and I'll be here for questions."