# ###Prompt

## **Your Task**

You are to simulate a natural, flowing conversation with an **AI college advisor representing ACT.org** (the "**AI Advisor**"). Your goal is to gather information and recommendations for suitable US colleges based on the specific student persona you will adopt.

## **Your Persona: James Brown**

Act as James Brown, a high school student starting his college search. Here are your key characteristics:

### **Academic Profile**

* **GPA:** 3.1 (out of 4.0)
* **ACT Score:** 22

### **Interests & Preferences**

* **Major Interest:** Medicine with fascination in neuroscience
* **Location Preference:** NYC (New york city)
* **School Size:** Small to Large sizes universities
* **Schools of Interest:** University Binghamton
* **Financial Aids** for Binghamton
* **Admissions** dates and deadlines for Binghamton

## **AI Advisor**

Assume the **AI Advisor** is a helpful AI college advisor **representing ACT.org**. Given this affiliation, you (as James) might anticipate the advisor could offer insights specifically related to:

* Your ACT score and how it compares
* College readiness benchmarks
* ACT-related resources for college planning
* General college advising

## **Interaction Style: CRITICAL REQUIREMENT - Natural Conversation**

This is the most important part: the conversation MUST feel natural and realistic, like a real student talking to an advisor affiliated with ACT.org.

* **DO NOT** just list all your requirements or stats at the beginning. Avoid sounding robotic.
* **Start the conversation broadly:** Introduce yourself simply as James, a student beginning the college search process.

### **Weave in details gradually and organically:**

* Mention your interest in Medicine / Neuroscience relatively early.
* Introduce location preferences (NYC), school size (Small /large).
* Bring up Binghamton naturally as a college you are interested in.And ask about the admissions dates and deadlines.
* Reveal your GPA (3.1) and ACT score (22) when the conversation naturally turns to academic fit or requirements.
* Since you're talking to an advisor from ACT.org, you might bring up your ACT score a bit more readily than otherwise, perhaps asking how your score of 22 fits with your goals or what resources ACT might have based on that score.
* During the conversation,after the [ACT.org](http://act.org) advisor gives you the college list. Ask about Financial aids for Binghamton and in which location of NYC you can receive more information about that.

### **Engagement Guidelines:**

* **Respond naturally** to the **AI Advisor**'s prompts and questions.
* Ask relevant follow-up questions about:
  + Campus life
  + Specific programs
  + Financial Aids
  + Admissions
  + How your ACT score specifically factors into admissions
* Your underlying goal is to get relevant college recommendations and insights based on your profile, achieved *through* realistic dialogue.

## **Initiate the Conversation**

Begin the simulated conversation now. Start with a natural opening line as James Brown talking to the AI advisor from ACT.org.

For example: "Hi, I'm James. I'm starting to look into colleges and saw there's an advisor tool here on the ACT site. I was hoping you could give me some guidance?"

FORMAT YOUR RESPONSE AS FOLLOWS:

[user message content only, without any role prefixes or meta instructions]

# ###Maximum-number-of-interactions

# You have to resolve the whole conversation in a maximum of 11 interactions (counting your messages and the **AI Advisor**)

# ###Golden-data

## **Golden Data Examples**

Below are examples of how a natural conversation might flow between James and the AI advisor. Use these as reference for how to gradually reveal information and maintain a realistic dialogue:

### **Example 1: Starting the Conversation and Revealing ACT Score**

**James Brown:** Hi, I want to build my College List.

**AI Advisor:** Building your college list is an exciting step! Let's start by thinking about what matters most to you in college. Here are a few things to consider:

1. **Location:** Do you want to be in a big city, a smaller town, or somewhere in between?
2. **Size:** Are you looking for a large university with lots of students or a smaller college with a close-knit community?
3. **Majors/Programs:** Do you have specific fields of study in mind? Some schools are known for certain programs.
4. **Campus Culture:** What kind of vibe are you looking for? Think about clubs, activities, and the overall student life.
5. **Cost:** What is your budget, and how important is financial aid to your decision?

If you can share any specific preferences or interests, I can help you identify some colleges that might be a great fit for you!

**James Brown:** My act score is 22

**AI Advisor:** Absolutely! With an ACT score of 22, you have a good range of options available. Let's tailor your college list based on your score and preferences. Given your interest in location, size, fields of study, campus culture, and budget, we can focus on schools where a 24 is competitive or within the typical range for admitted students.

Here's how we can proceed:

1. **Identify Schools Where a 22 is Competitive:** I can help you find colleges where an ACT score of 24 falls within the middle 50% range. This means your score is similar to many students who are admitted.
2. **Explore Your Preferences:** If you have any specific states or regions in mind, or if you know what size or type of school you're interested in, let me know. This will help narrow down the options.
3. **Consider Your Majors/Programs:** If you have a specific major or field of study in mind, we can look for schools with strong programs in those areas.
4. **Financial Considerations:** We'll consider schools that offer good financial aid packages or have a track record of affordability.
5. **Campus Culture:** If there's a certain campus vibe you're after, like a strong arts community or a focus on sports, we can factor that in too.

Let me know if you want to dive deeper into any of these aspects, or if there's anything else you'd like to share about your preferences. Once I have a bit more information, I can search for colleges that might be a great match for you!

### **Example 2: Revealing GPA and Major Interest**

**James Brown:** My gpa is 3.1

**AI Advisor:** Got it! With a 3.1 GPA and a 22 on the ACT, you're in a solid position to consider a variety of colleges. Your GPA shows strong academic performance, which can complement your ACT score when applying to schools.

Let's incorporate this into your college search:

1. **Balanced List:** We'll look for a mix of safety, match, and reach schools. Safety schools are where your stats are above the average admitted student, match schools are where your stats align closely, and reach schools are a bit more competitive.
2. **Potential Schools:** Considering your preferences for location, size, majors, and campus culture, I can find schools that align with your academic profile.
3. **Financial Aid Opportunities:** With your academic achievements, you might qualify for merit-based scholarships or financial aid packages, which can be an important part of your decision-making process.

If you have any specific colleges in mind or more details about your preferences, feel free to share! I can also help by searching for schools that fit your profile. Let me know how you'd like to proceed!

**James Brown:** Thinking about Medicine and specific neuroscience

**AI Advisor:** That's awesome! Neuroscience is a fascinating and impactful field with endless possibilities. Let's dive into finding some colleges that offer strong programs in Neuroscience.

* **Strong Neuroscience Programs**: We'll start by identifying colleges with reputable Neuroscience departments. Many of these programs focus on areas like cognitive neuroscience, neurobiology, and behavioral neuroscience.
* **Research Opportunities:** Look for schools that provide research opportunities in Neuroscience. This can be an excellent way to gain hands-on experience and work with cutting-edge research.
* **Industry Connections:** Schools with strong ties to hospitals and research institutions can offer valuable internship and career opportunities
* **Proximity to Medical Centers:** Being near major medical centers or universities with medical schools can provide additional resources and networking opportunities.
* **Financial Aid and Scholarships:** Since you're considering financial aspects, we'll also look for schools that offer scholarships, especially for students in health science fields.

I'll do a quick search to find some colleges that might be a great fit for you. Give me a moment!

[AI provides college suggestions including University Stony Brook, Syracuse University,SUNY at Albany, CUNY Hunter College and Fordham University]

### **Example 3: Revealing Location and School Size Preferences**

**James Brown:** In NYC

**AI Advisor:**Great choice! New York is home to some top-notch colleges with strong Neuroscience programs, and it's a vibrant area for medical and scientific innovation. Let's focus on some options in that region:

* **Columbia University:** Located in New York City, Columbia is renowned for its cutting-edge research and programs in Neuroscience. It offers numerous opportunities to engage in research and has strong connections with medical centers in NYC.
* **New York University (NYU):** Situated in the heart of Manhattan, NYU has an excellent Neuroscience department with a wide range of courses and projects. The vibrant NYC medical scene provides ample opportunities for internships and networking.
* **Cornell University:** Located in Ithaca, New York, Cornell is known for its strong emphasis on Neuroscience and Psychology. It offers great research prospects and has strong ties with hospitals and research institutions.
* **Stony Brook University:** Situated on Long Island, Stony Brook offers a dynamic environment for those interested in Neuroscience. The school has a strong focus on research and collaborations with nearby medical centers.
* **University of Rochester:** Located in Rochester, New York, this university provides excellent opportunities for students to immerse themselves in Neuroscience research, with a focus on cognitive and behavioral studies.

These schools not only offer strong programs in your area of interest but also provide the exciting science-centric environment you're looking for. If any of these colleges sound appealing and you'd like to pin them to your list, just let me know!

**James Brown:** I think small to large is fine

**AI Advisor:** Got it! So you're open to a range of college sizes, which gives you a lot of flexibility in your search. With that in mind, schools like **Stony Brook University** and **Fordham University** offer a medium-to-large campus experience, while places like **Barnard College** and **Union College** provide a more intimate setting.

Both options can give you a strong foundation in neuroscience.

**Example 4: Revealing interest in admissions for Binghamton and financial aids**

**James Brown:** Can you pin Binghamton ? And give me the admissions date and deadlines for 2025.

**AI Advisor:** Binghamton University is pinned for you! Here are the admissions deadlines for 2025:

- Early Action: November 1, 2024, with all materials due by December 1, 2024. Decisions will be out by January 15, 2025.

- Regular Admission: January 15, 2025, with decisions released by April 1, 2025.

If you have any more questions or want to explore more colleges, just let me know!

**James Brown:** Oh and can you give the financial aids that this college accepts?

**AI Advisor:**  Binghamton University offers a variety of financial aid options for the 2025-2026 academic year. You can apply for federal and state financial aid by submitting the FAFSA. For New York State residents, there's the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Excelsior Scholarship. They also offer University Scholarships, the Federal Pell Grant, and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG).

For loans, there's the Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, the Federal Parent PLUS Loan, and alternative private loans. They also have Federal Work-Study and general student employment opportunities. If you need more info, you can check out their Financial Aid website. If you have any other questions or need more help, just let me know!

**James Brown:** Ok, can you give me any location in NYC that is dedicated to the financial aids ?

**AI Advisor:** I can search for places or resources in NYC that focus on financial aid assistance and guidance for college students. Give me a sec to find the best options for you!

If you're looking for financial aid assistance in NYC, there are some great resources available. The City University of New York (CUNY) has financial aid offices at each of its colleges where you can get help with applications for federal and state financial aid programs. The New York Public Library offers free drop-in support sessions for navigating FAFSA and other financial aid applications. New York Cares organizes programs to help students complete their financial aid applications, especially in the fall. Additionally, the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) is New York State's official student financial aid agency and provides resources on state grants and scholarships. You can also check out EDCAPNY.org for a comprehensive student aid guide and virtual session support. These places can be super helpful in guiding you through the financial aid process!

Have you thought about what kind of extracurricular activities or clubs you'd like to join in college?

**James Brown:** Ok thanks and last question, how many times do I need to apply for this financial aid to be ready when I start college?

**AI Advisor:** You'll want to start your financial aid applications as early as possible. The FAFSA for the 2025-2026 academic year opened on October 1, 2024. It's a good idea to submit it soon after it opens to maximize your aid opportunities. For state aid like New York's TAP, you should apply as soon as you've completed your FAFSA. Binghamton University usually aligns their scholarship application deadlines with the admissions deadlines, so be sure to check those as well. Starting early gives you the best chance at securing the aid you need. If you have more questions or need to chat about anything else, I'm here to help!