

JULIANNA  
WESTER

COLLEGE MAJOR  
AND SCHOOL  
SEARCH  
STRATEGY.





## ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Julianna is interested in pursuing a health-related field, with pharmacy currently being her primary area of interest. She is especially interested in exploring **0–6 pharmacy programs**, but she may also consider pharmacy-adjacent or healthcare-related majors depending on academic fit and long-term career options.

### **Potential areas of interest may include:**

- Pharmacy
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Biology or Pre-Health
- Dental or orthodontic-related pathways
- Other healthcare-adjacent majors

ACADEMIC  
PROFILE

Senior

GPA: 3.3 (Weighted)

ACT: 26

Personal Goal: 28



## LOCATION PREFERENCES

Julianna would like to attend college **at least 4 hours away from Huntsville, Alabama**, but preferably within a **12-hour drive**.

She is open to schools along the **East Coast** and is especially interested in schools located near or within reasonable distance of:

- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Virginia
- Delaware
- Rhode Island
- Pennsylvania
- Kentucky

She would prefer to be **near the coast or beach** if possible, but this is not an absolute requirement.

# SCHOOLS OF INTEREST

## **Schools of Interest**

- Julianna's current dream schools include:
- High Point University
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Delaware

## **Julianna does NOT want to consider:**

- Auburn University
- University of North Alabama
- In-state Alabama schools in general



## EQUESTRIAN PRIORITIES

A major factor in Julianna's college search is proximity to a barn. She would like to be within approximately **45 minutes of a hunter/jumper or eventing barn** where she can board her horse.

She is interested in being near strong equestrian communities and horse-show locations, including places such as:

- Tryon, North Carolina
- Aiken, South Carolina
- Devon, Pennsylvania
- Penn National
- Kentucky horse-show areas

Having an equestrian team or club on campus would be nice, but it is not a deal breaker. The more important factor is access to a quality barn where she can ride, board, and continue her equestrian life.

## CAMPUS & COMMUNITY PREFERENCES

Julianna prefers a school that is not located in a major city, but she also does not want to feel isolated in the middle of nowhere.

Her ideal setting would be:

- A smaller or medium-sized campus

- A walkable campus or one with strong campus transportation

- A location where she can bring a car to campus

- A school with good food options

- A setting that feels active but not overwhelming

If the school is located in a college town, she would prefer it to be within about an hour of a larger city.



## CAMPUS LIFE PREFERENCES

Julianna is open to Greek life, but it is not a major deciding factor.



She is also flexible regarding class size, though she may prefer a smaller or more supportive learning environment.

## SUPPORT & ACCOMMODATION NEEDS

Julianna will need to consider schools with strong academic and housing accommodations. She has a back injury, so dorm accommodations and campus accessibility will be important factors in choosing the right school.

Important support considerations include:

- Strong disability/accessibility services
- Housing accommodations
- Walkable campus or good transportation
- Supportive academic advising
- Tutoring or academic support for science-heavy coursework

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

Julianna prefers an in-person college experience. She is currently connected to Flint Ridge/Heidi's barn and may want opportunities to continue riding, working around horses, or picking up stalls while in college.

Overall, Julianna is looking for a school that offers a strong health-related academic pathway, access to a quality barn within 45 minutes, a supportive campus environment, and a setting that gives her independence without feeling too urban or too isolated.

# I. HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

**Location:** High Point, North Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$71,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$8,000–\$12,000, possibly more if ACT improves

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$59,000–\$63,000

High Point should remain one of Julianna's top schools because it combines several of her priorities: it is one of her dream schools, it has a smaller and highly supportive campus feel, it offers strong health-related pathways, and it has a direct-entry pharmacy opportunity for students entering as pre-pharmacy majors.

For Julianna, the best academic entry point would likely be **pre-pharmacy, health sciences, biology, or a related pre-health pathway**. High Point also gives her a polished campus environment with strong student support services, which may be important because of her back injury and need for housing accommodations.

**Why it fits:** Dream school, smaller campus, health/pharmacy pathway, supportive environment, manageable location from Huntsville.

**Concern:** It will still likely be expensive even with merit aid.

**Recommendation:** High-priority application and visit. This is a strong emotional and academic fit, but the family needs to be realistic about cost.

## 2. WINGATE UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Wingate, North Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$60,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$12,000–\$18,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$42,000–\$49,000

Wingate is one of the best practical fits for Julianna because it offers pharmacy and other healthcare pathways in a smaller, more supportive university environment. It is less flashy than High Point, but it may be more realistic academically and financially.

Wingate has pharmacy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, nursing, public health, and other healthcare-related programs. This makes it a strong choice if Julianna wants pharmacy but may need flexibility later.

**Best major/pathway:** Pre-pharmacy, biology, public health, health science, or another pre-health track.

**Why it fits:** Smaller campus, realistic pharmacy pathway, likely merit aid, supportive academic environment.

**Concern:** She will need to confirm the horse/barn fit and whether the surrounding area feels active enough.

**Recommendation:** Top-tier target school. This should be one of the strongest applications on her list.

### 3. CONVERSE UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Spartanburg, South Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$50,000–\$51,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$12,000–\$16,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$35,000–\$39,000

Converse is one of the strongest horse-and-supportive-campus fits on Julianna's list. It is a smaller school, which may be good for her academically, especially if she needs stronger advising, tutoring, and accommodations.

Converse is not a pharmacy school, so it should not be framed as a direct pharmacy option. Instead, it should be viewed as a **pre-health, biology, health-related, or allied-health preparation school**. It could work well if Julianna decides she wants a health career but not necessarily a PharmD.

**Best major/pathway:** Biology, pre-health, health-related advising, or a science major with pharmacy/dental/allied-health prerequisites.

**Why it fits:** Small environment, likely merit aid, equestrian culture, close to Greenville/Spartanburg area, supportive feel.

**Concern:** Not a direct pharmacy program.

**Recommendation:** Strong target/safety option. This is one of the best “supportive fit” schools.

## 4. CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Buies Creek, North Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$62,500

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$8,000–\$14,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$49,000–\$55,000

Campbell is a strong pharmacy-pathway school and could be a smart option for Julianna if she is serious about pharmacy but needs a more realistic admissions environment than some larger or more competitive universities.

Campbell offers a pharmacy pathway and has a broader College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, which could provide access to multiple health-related career options. However, the campus setting may feel more rural than she prefers, so a visit is very important.

**Best major/pathway:** Pre-pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, biology, health sciences, or public health.

**Why it fits:** Pharmacy pathway, healthcare-focused, realistic academic fit, supportive environment.

**Concern:** May feel too isolated or rural. Barn access must be confirmed.

**Recommendation:** Strong academic fit, but visit before making it a top emotional choice.

## 5. COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

**Location:** Charleston, South Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$57,000–\$64,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$3,000–\$8,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$56,000–\$61,000 depending on total cost used

College of Charleston is one of the strongest lifestyle fits for Julianna. It offers the coastal setting she prefers, a beautiful campus, good food and city access, and potential equestrian opportunities. It also offers health professions advising and pathways connected to pharmacy and other health careers.

This is not the cleanest 0–6 pharmacy option, but it could be an excellent choice if Julianna is willing to pursue a broader pre-health path.

**Best major/pathway:** Biology, public health, health professions advising, pre-pharmacy prerequisites, or pre-dental prerequisites.

**Why it fits:** Coastal location, strong lifestyle fit, active but not a huge-city campus, equestrian access potential.

**Concern:** Charleston can be expensive, parking/freshman car rules need to be checked, and merit may be limited.

**Recommendation:** Strong fit if the family can afford it and she loves the campus.

## 6. COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Conway, South Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$48,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$4,500–\$7,500, possibly \$10,000 if her academic profile improves

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$40,500–\$43,500

Coastal Carolina is a good practical coastal option for Julianna. It is not a pharmacy school, but it offers health sciences, public health, health administration, and pre-health-related options that could serve her well if she shifts away from pharmacy.

It may be one of the better financial and lifestyle fits because it gives her a coastal environment without the extreme selectivity of some other schools on the list.

**Best major/pathway:** Health Sciences, Public Health, Health Administration, Biology, or Pre-Health.

**Why it fits:** Coastal preference, likely merit, health-related majors, more realistic admission.

**Concern:** Not a direct pharmacy pathway; barn access must be confirmed.

**Recommendation:** Strong target/safety option, especially if she wants beach proximity and flexibility.

## 7. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**Location:** Columbia, South Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$55,000 direct cost, with indirect expenses additional

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0–\$5,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$50,000–\$55,000+

The University of South Carolina is a strong pharmacy and equestrian-region option. It has a College of Pharmacy and offers pharmaceutical sciences/pre-pharmacy options. It is also within reasonable distance of Aiken, which is one of the stronger equestrian areas on her wish list.

The concern is size. USC is a large public university, and Julianna has indicated some preference for smaller or more supportive environments. However, if she wants a true pharmacy path and horse access, it deserves to stay on the list.

**Best major/pathway:** Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pre-Pharmacy, Biology, Public Health, or Exercise Science.

**Why it fits:** Pharmacy pathway, Aiken/equestrian proximity, large-campus resources, strong health options.

**Concern:** Big school, limited out-of-state merit for her stats, may feel less personal.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a strong pharmacy/equestrian option, but evaluate size and support carefully.

## 8. UNC WILMINGTON

**Location:** Wilmington, North Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$47,600

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0–\$3,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$45,000–\$48,000

UNC Wilmington is a strong coastal health-science option. It does not provide a direct pharmacy school experience, but it offers pre-health advising and can support students pursuing pharmacy, dental, physician assistant, physical therapy, occupational therapy, public health, and related fields.

For Julianna, this school is more of a **lifestyle + pre-health flexibility** option than a pharmacy-first school.

**Best major/pathway:** Biology, Public Health, Exercise Science, Clinical Research, or Pre-Health advising.

**Why it fits:** Coastal location, strong student life, health-related flexibility, likely good campus feel.

**Concern:** Limited out-of-state merit; not a direct pharmacy program.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a strong lifestyle/health-science target if the cost works.

## 9. EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Greenville, North Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$36,000–\$40,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0–\$3,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$33,000–\$40,000

East Carolina could be a practical health-care option for Julianna because it has a large allied health presence and multiple health-related majors. It is not a coastal campus, but it is closer to the North Carolina coast than many inland schools.

ECU may be a good academic fit if Julianna wants healthcare but ultimately decides pharmacy is not the best long-term path. It may also be more affordable than several private options, even without much merit aid.

**Best major/pathway:** Public Health, Health Services Management, Biology, Clinical Laboratory Science, Nutrition Science, Rehabilitation Services, or Pre-Pharmacy advising.

**Why it fits:** Strong allied health options, more realistic admission, better cost than many OOS/private schools.

**Concern:** Greenville may feel like a college town; horse fit must be checked.

**Recommendation:** Solid target school and good health-care backup.

## 10. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

**Location:** Lexington, Kentucky

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$70,000+ full estimated out-of-state cost

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Likely around \$5,000–\$8,000 if she meets GPA/test criteria

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$60,000+

The University of Kentucky is not coastal or East Coast, but it deserves to stay high on the list because it is one of the best horse-region fits in the country. Lexington is a major equestrian hub, and UK also has pharmacy and pre-pharmacy opportunities.

This school could be a very strong fit if Julianna cares deeply about horses and is willing to give up the beach/coastal preference.

**Best major/pathway:** Pre-Pharmacy, Biology, Pharmaceutical Sciences-related preparation, Public Health, or Human Health Sciences.

**Why it fits:** Excellent horse location, pharmacy pathway, larger university resources.

**Concern:** Not coastal; cost may still be high after merit.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a horse/pharmacy wildcard and visit if she is open to Kentucky.

## II. SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Winchester, Virginia

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$55,000–\$59,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$10,000–\$18,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$37,000–\$45,000

Shenandoah is a strong pharmacy and health-professions option in a smaller university environment. It may provide a more supportive academic atmosphere than larger public universities, which could be important for Julianna.

It is not coastal, but it is located in Virginia horse country and may offer the smaller-campus support she needs.

**Best major/pathway:** Pre-Pharmacy, Health Sciences, Biology, Public Health, or related health-professions pathway.

**Why it fits:** Pharmacy school, smaller setting, likely merit, supportive feel.

**Concern:** Location may not be as exciting or coastal as she prefers.

**Recommendation:** Strong target school, especially if pharmacy remains a serious goal.

## I 2. DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Doylestown, Pennsylvania

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$66,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$19,000–\$24,000, possibly more depending on recalculated GPA/profile

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$42,000–\$47,000

Delaware Valley is one of the strongest equestrian fits on the list. Its equine facilities and horse-centered culture make it a standout if Julianna wants daily access to horses and a strong riding community.

This is not a pharmacy-first school, so it should be considered as an **equine/lifestyle + pre-health flexibility** option rather than a direct PharmD pathway. It could be a great fit if she decides that a smaller, supportive campus and equestrian access are more important than a direct pharmacy program.

**Best major/pathway:** Biology, Equine Science with pre-health planning, Animal Science, Health-related preparation, or another science pathway.

**Why it fits:** Exceptional horse facilities, smaller environment, likely merit, strong equestrian identity.

**Concern:** No direct pharmacy program; farther from Huntsville; not coastal.

**Recommendation:** Excellent extra-consideration school if horses are a major priority.

## 13. UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

**Location:** Newark, Delaware

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$66,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$3,000–\$8,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$58,000–\$63,000

The University of Delaware is one of Julianna's dream schools and remains a good geographic fit because of its East Coast location and proximity to major horse-show areas such as Devon and Pennsylvania horse country.

However, it may not be the strongest academic or financial fit compared with some of the smaller merit-friendly schools. It should remain on the list if she loves it, but it should not be relied upon as a likely affordable option.

**Best major/pathway:** Biology, Health Behavior Science, Public Health, Medical Diagnostics, Pre-Pharmacy advising, or Pre-Health.

**Why it fits:** Dream school, East Coast, near horse-show region, active campus.

**Concern:** Out-of-state cost, likely limited merit for her current stats, no simple 0–6 pharmacy guarantee.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a dream/target-reach, but do not let it anchor the financial plan.

## 14. DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$74,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$15,000–\$22,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$52,000–\$59,000

Duquesne is one of the stronger direct pharmacy options because it offers a structured pharmacy pathway and strong health-related programs. It may be attractive academically if Julianna remains serious about pharmacy.

The biggest concern is fit. Pittsburgh is more urban than she may prefer, and horse access would need to be carefully researched. This school belongs on the list because of pharmacy, not because it perfectly matches her lifestyle preferences.

**Best major/pathway:** Pre-Professional Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Health Sciences, Public Health, or Biology.

**Why it fits:** Strong pharmacy pathway, likely merit, health-science options.

**Concern:** More urban, expensive, horse access less obvious.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a pharmacy-first option, but only if she is comfortable with the setting.

## 15. JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Harrisonburg, Virginia

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$52,700

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0–\$2,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$51,000–\$53,000

JMU is a good campus-life school with strong student engagement and a beautiful setting. It can support pre-health and pre-pharmacy advising, but it is not a direct pharmacy program.

This school may appeal to Julianna if she likes an active college environment that still feels somewhat contained. However, it may feel like a true college town, so she should visit and evaluate whether the setting feels too isolated.

**Best major/pathway:** Biology, Health Sciences, Public Health, Pre-Pharmacy minor/advising, or Pre-Dental/Pre-Health.

**Why it fits:** Strong campus life, good pre-health advising, Virginia location.

**Concern:** Limited merit, no direct pharmacy program, college-town setting.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a target/reach-style option if she loves the campus.

## 16. NC STATE UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Raleigh, North Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$54,000–\$56,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0–\$2,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$52,000–\$56,000

NC State gives Julianna access to Raleigh, a strong university environment, and pre-health advising. It is not a pharmacy school, but it could prepare her for pharmacy or another health-related graduate program.

The biggest concern is academic competitiveness and support. NC State is large and academically rigorous. With Julianna's profile, this may be more of a reach/target, and she would need to be comfortable advocating for herself.

**Best major/pathway:** Biology, Nutrition Science, Public Health-related pathway, Pre-Health advising, or another life science major.

**Why it fits:** Raleigh location, strong academics, not isolated, good pre-health resources.

**Concern:** Large school, limited merit, no direct pharmacy program.

**Recommendation:** Keep only if she wants Raleigh and understands it is not a pharmacy shortcut.

## 17. CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Clemson, South Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$58,000+

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0–\$2,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$56,000–\$58,000+

Clemson is a strong university with good pre-health advising and a beautiful campus, but it may not be the best fit for Julianna's full profile. It is not coastal, it is a traditional college town, and out-of-state merit is likely limited for her current stats.

It could still be worth considering if she likes the South Carolina/Greenville region and wants a larger school with strong school spirit.

**Best major/pathway:** Biology, Health Science, Public Health, Pre-Health advising, or Pre-Pharmacy prerequisites.

**Why it fits:** Strong academics, school spirit, South Carolina location, possible horse access.

**Concern:** Large, competitive, limited merit, college-town setting.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a possible reach, but not a top financial or pharmacy-specific fit.

## 18. FURMAN UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Greenville, South Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$77,000–\$82,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0–\$10,000 for planning purposes, though larger awards exist and are competitive

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$67,000–\$77,000+

Furman is a beautiful, smaller, academically strong school near Greenville. It has pre-health advising and an equestrian team, and it may offer the polished, supportive environment Julianna likes.

However, Furman is academically selective and expensive. It may be a reach, and the family should not assume large merit based on her current stats.

**Best major/pathway:** Health Sciences, Biology, Public Health-related preparation, or Pre-Health advising.

**Why it fits:** Smaller campus, Greenville area, equestrian opportunity, strong advising.

**Concern:** Cost, selectivity, and not a direct pharmacy pathway.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a reach if she loves the campus, but not as a financial safety.

## 19. UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

**Location:** Athens, Georgia

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$47,000–\$52,000

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$47,000–\$52,000

UGA has a strong pharmacy pathway and a major university environment. It may be appealing because it is closer to home than many East Coast options but still out of state. However, UGA is competitive, and Julianna's current GPA/ACT profile may make admission and merit less likely.

This school should be considered a reach, especially for pharmacy-related pathways.

**Best major/pathway:** Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, Biology, Public Health, or Pre-Pharmacy.

**Why it fits:** Pharmacy pathway, strong academics, large-campus resources.

**Concern:** Competitive admission, likely little to no merit, large school, not coastal.

**Recommendation:** Keep only if she likes UGA enough to use it as a reach.

## 20. UNC CHAPEL HILL

**Location:** Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$70,000 for out-of-state planning

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$70,000

UNC Chapel Hill is one of Julianna's dream schools, but it should be treated as a high reach. It has one of the strongest pharmacy schools in the country, but it is not a simple 0–6 freshman guarantee. Students typically complete prerequisites before progressing into the PharmD process.

For Julianna, UNC should stay on the list only if the family understands that it is a dream/reach school and not the center of the admissions strategy.

**Best major/pathway:** Biology, Public Health, Exercise and Sport Science, Pre-Pharmacy prerequisites, or another pre-health path.

**Why it fits:** Dream school, strong pharmacy reputation, excellent academic environment.

**Concern:** Highly competitive out-of-state admission, limited merit likelihood, no simple direct 0–6 guarantee.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a dream school, not as a practical anchor.

## 21. UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

**Location:** Kingston, Rhode Island

**Application:** Common App

**Estimated annual cost before aid:** Approximately \$56,000+

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Approximately \$0–\$5,000

**Estimated net after merit:** Approximately \$51,000–\$56,000

URI is one of Julianna's dream schools and has a true pharmacy pathway, including a 0–6 PharmD structure. It also offers a coastal New England feel that may appeal to her.

The main issue is distance. It is outside her preferred 12-hour drive from Huntsville, so this school should be treated as a dream exception.

**Best major/pathway:** 0–6 Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Biology, or Health-related sciences.

**Why it fits:** Dream school, pharmacy pathway, coastal/New England lifestyle.

**Concern:** Too far from Huntsville, likely limited merit, travel logistics.

**Recommendation:** Keep only if the family is comfortable with distance and travel costs.

## 22. UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

**Location:** Findlay, Ohio

**Application:** Likely direct application or school-specific application; Common App status should be confirmed

**Estimated pharmacy tuition:** Approximately \$43,000+ annually for the pharmacy program, before living costs

**Estimated Julianna merit range:** Must be confirmed directly with Findlay

**Estimated net after merit:** Unknown until aid package

Findlay is an extra-consideration school because it combines two unusual things: direct pharmacy entry and a strong equestrian identity. It offers a 0+6 direct-entry PharmD pathway designed for high school graduates and also has equestrian-related programs.

This is not a perfect geographic fit because it is not East Coast or coastal, but it is worth knowing about because very few schools combine pharmacy and horses this directly.

**Best major/pathway:** 0+6 Doctor of Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, or pharmacy/equestrian-related combination if available and appropriate.

**Why it fits:** Direct pharmacy pathway, strong horse connection, unique pharmacy/equestrian overlap.

**Concern:** Location does not match her preferred East Coast/coastal region; cost and merit need direct confirmation.

**Recommendation:** Keep as a specialty wildcard only if pharmacy and horses remain equally important.

# APPLICATION STRATEGY

## HIGHEST PRIORITY SCHOOLS

These schools best balance Julianna's academic profile, pharmacy or health-science flexibility, horse access, support needs, and likely merit:

1. High Point University
2. Wingate University
3. Converse University
4. Campbell University
5. College of Charleston
6. Coastal Carolina University
7. University of South Carolina
8. UNC Wilmington
9. East Carolina University
10. University of Kentucky

## BEST PHARMACY FOCUSED SCHOOLS

These are the strongest choices if  
Julianna remains serious about  
pharmacy:

1. High Point University
2. Wingate University
3. Campbell University
4. University of South Carolina
5. Shenandoah University
6. Duquesne University
7. University of Kentucky
8. University of Rhode Island
9. University of Findlay
10. UNC Chapel Hill, as a reach pathway

## BEST HORSE / LIFESTYLE FIT

These are the strongest choices if horse access becomes the deciding factor:

1. Delaware Valley University
2. University of Kentucky
3. College of Charleston
4. Converse University
5. University of South Carolina
6. Furman University
7. High Point University
8. Shenandoah University
9. Coastal Carolina University
10. Findlay, as a specialty wildcard

## BEST MERIT AID POSSIBILITIES FOR JULIANNA'S CURRENT STATUS

These schools appear most likely to provide meaningful merit or a more favorable net-price conversation:

1. Converse University
2. Wingate University
3. Shenandoah University
4. Coastal Carolina University
5. Campbell University
6. Delaware Valley University
7. High Point University
8. Duquesne University
9. University of Kentucky
10. East Carolina University, mainly because the starting cost may be lower than many private schools

## SCHOOLS TO TREAT AS DREAMS OR REACHES

These schools may still belong on the list, but Julianna should not build her plan around admission, affordability, or pharmacy certainty at these schools:

- UNC Chapel Hill
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Delaware
- Clemson University
- Furman University
- University of Georgia
- NC State University
- James Madison University

## FINAL NOTE

Julianna should not apply only as a pharmacy student. Her applications should be framed around a broader healthcare interest:



“Julianna is interested in pharmacy and other health-related careers, including pharmaceutical sciences, health sciences, public health, dental-adjacent pathways, and allied health. She is looking for a college that provides strong academic support, a flexible health-science pathway, and access to an equestrian community where she can continue riding and caring for her horse.”



This approach protects her academically and emotionally. It allows her to pursue pharmacy if she proves ready for the science-heavy coursework, but it also gives her strong backup pathways that still align with healthcare, science, and service.