

# Brand Style Guide

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# Logos

# **Elements**

The logo is comprised of two elements:

- 1. The spaceship icon.
- 2. The word "Ascent" which is typeset in Futura Bold and then customized.

# **Orientation & Sizing**

The Ascent logo can be displayed in a horizontal and a vertical "stacked" version. Discretion should be used when deciding which version is to be utilized and at what size.

To ensure maximum legibility, the logo should not be used below the minimum sizes listed.









# **Clear Space**

Clear space frames the logo, separating it from other elements such as headlines, text, imagery and the edge of printed materials. Following these rules will ensure its visibility and impact by avoiding visual clutter.

The clear space ( X ) is determined by the height of the lowercase letters in "Ascent." No other visual elements should ever be positioned within this area.







# **Incorrect Usage**

It is important that our logo appears consistently in all uses to gain brand recognition. We know Its tempting to try new things sometimes, but this isn't the place.



DON'T ROTATE IT.



DON'T REMOVE THE ROCKET.



DON'T CHANGE THE ROCKET DIRECTION.



DON'T ADJUST THE LETTER SPACING.



DON'T SQUISH OR STRETCH.



DON'T SHRINK OR ENLARGE THE ROCKET.



DON'T ADJUST COLORS.

# **Logo Color**

The logo can be published in four color variants:

- 1. The **default blue and orange** colored version on a white background. (Colors specified in "Color Palette" section.) Do not use the primary colored version on any other background except white.
- **2.** The **reversed color version** of the logo is white and orange. This version is for use over colored backgrounds or photos.
- **3.** The **solid single color logo** should be blue or black, all elements must be the same color. Never show the logo in all orange or any other color.
- **4.** The **white solid logo** is for use in black & white publications, all elements must be white.

1.



2.



3.



4



# Color **Palette**

Color plays an important role in the Ascent corporate identity. The colors noted to the right are approved for various media applications. The primary colors comprise the Ascent logo while the secondary colors are used to accent and complement the primary colors.

**Ascent Blue** 

Primary Color

PMS 282 C

CMYK 96, 73, 35, 20

RGB 26, 71, 108

HEX #1a476c

**Blue Accent** 

Secondary Color

PMS 647 C

CMYK 91, 60, 13, 1 RGB 24, 102, 160

HEX #1866a0

**Rocket Orange** 

**Primary Color** 

PMS 165 C

CMYK 0, 79, 98, 0 RGB 247, 91, 30

HEX #f75b1e

**Light Orange** 

CMYK 0, 48, 100, 0

RGB 255, 152, 16

HEX #ff9810

Yellow

## White

Secondary Color

PMS White

CMYK 0, 0, 0, 0

RGB 255, 255, 255

HEX #ffffff

Usage Example

# **Typography**

The primary typeface to be used with printed and online materials for Ascent is Open Sans. The correct font styles and treatment are important to maintain consistency and brand recognition.

Open Sans comes in a number of weights, but the most used are Regular, Bold and Extrabold.

Open Sans is a free Google font available for download.

Open Sans - Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789

**Open Sans - Bold** 

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789

**Open Sans - Extrabold** 

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789

# Extrabold should be used for all headlines.

Sub-headlines should be in bold. What we have to say here is important, but not as important as the headline.

Body copy should always be Open Sans Regular. It's ok to highlight a word in bold here and there, but most of the time regular does the trick. It's important to maintain typographic hierarchy to create contrast between sections of copy.

**NOTE:** Occasionally you'll need to add an additional call out for something that needs to be noted. For this you can use a smaller font in Open Sans Italic.

# Photography

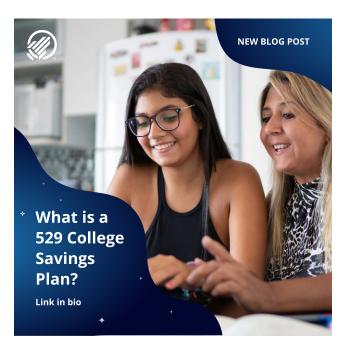
# **Image Usage**

Photography is a powerful tool in conveying the Ascent story. Proper and consistent selection of imagery helps to reinforce the Ascent brand and create a relatable connection with the user/consumer.

Stock protography should be used sparingly and should be relative to content paired with it. Examples of where to use stock photography include our social media posts and blog headers. Refer to the images on this page when selecting images for use in Ascent brand collateral.









# Icons & Illustrations

# **Line Icons**





Cosigned









**Business** 









Grad



**Cosigned Grad** 











Phase 2



Phase 3



Phase 4



Cancel











**Moon Flag** 

**Credit Unfrozen** 







Engagement







**Refer Friend** 





Telescope









**Engagement 2** 



Video



**Financial Office** 

**Government Loans Bootcamp Loans** 

**College Loans** 

**Employment** 

**Loan Info** 

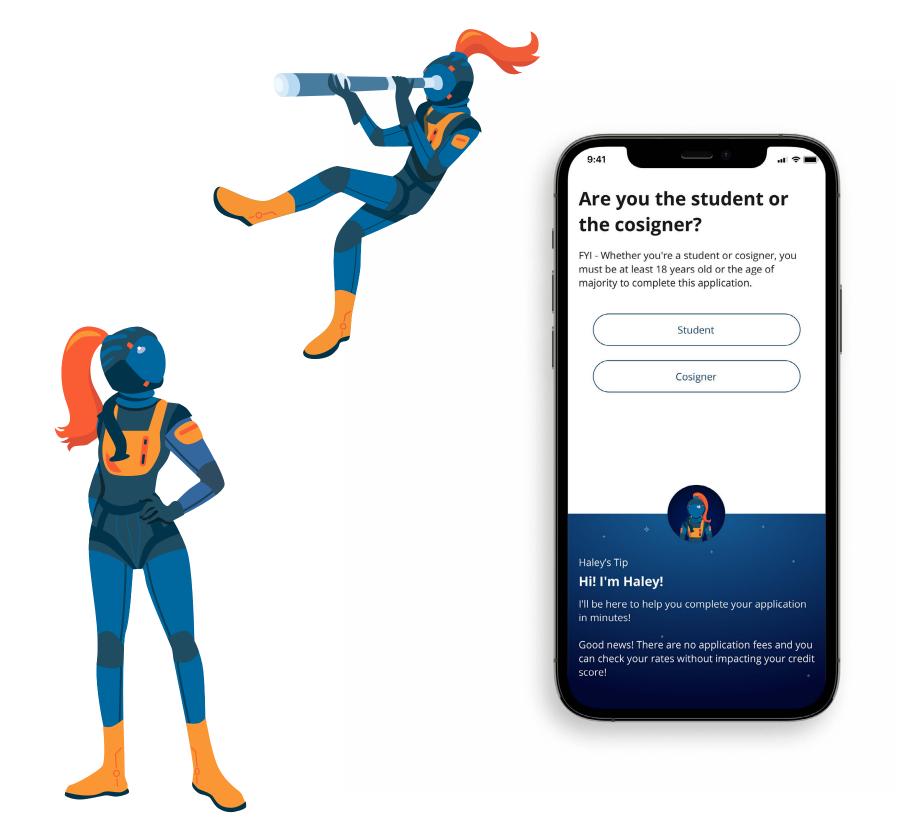
Blog

# **Haley Illustrations**

From Ascent's mission control, Haley will show you the way. Haley is super sharp and constantly curious. She has a special interest in finance and mentors, educates, encourages, and inspires those around her. She leads by example, exuding "can do" positivity.

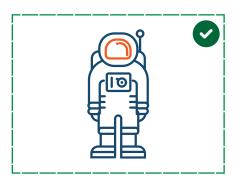
Haley has the rare capability to take complex subjects, like finance and space, and translate them into crisp, clear, easily understandabe frameworks. You will often see her on the Ascent Funding website or branding material providing tips and pointers to students.





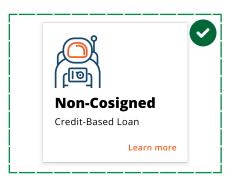
# **Icon & Illustration Usage**

It is important that our icons and illustrations are used consistently to gain brand recognition.



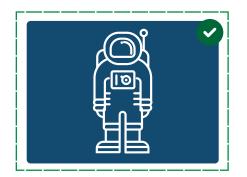


USE THE ICON OR ILLUSTRATION AS DESIGNED.



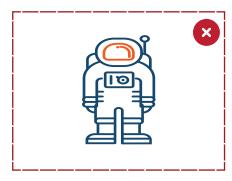


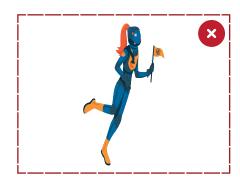
USE ICONS AND ILLUSTRATIONS TO COMPLEMENT TEXT OR OTHER SMALL DESIGN ELEMENTS.



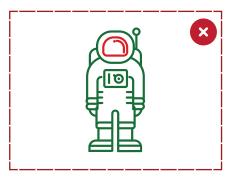


ON DARK BACKGROUNDS, USE ICONS IN WHITE AND MAKE SURE HALEY IS VISIBLE.



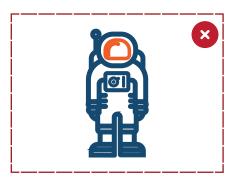


DON'T SQUISH OR STRETCH ICONS AND ILLUSTRATIONS.





DON'T CHANGE THE COLOR OF ICONS OR ILLUSTRATIONS.

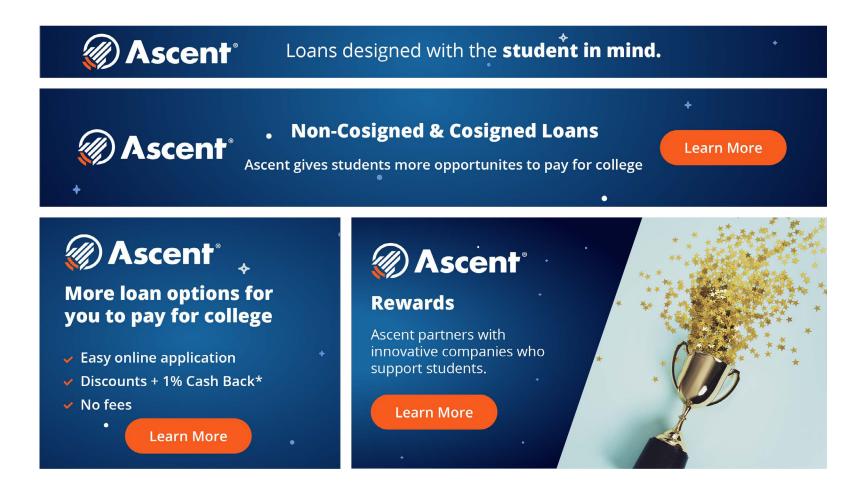


DON'T ADD WEIGHT TO THE LINES OF ICONS.

# Sample Application

It is crucial as a new brand that collateral across all mediums follows the rules stated in the previous sections to gain awareness and brand recognition. The following applications show suggested usage of these rules and styles across both print and digital media to achieve a seamless brand experience.

### **DIGITAL BANNERS**



### **INSTAGRAM POSTS**



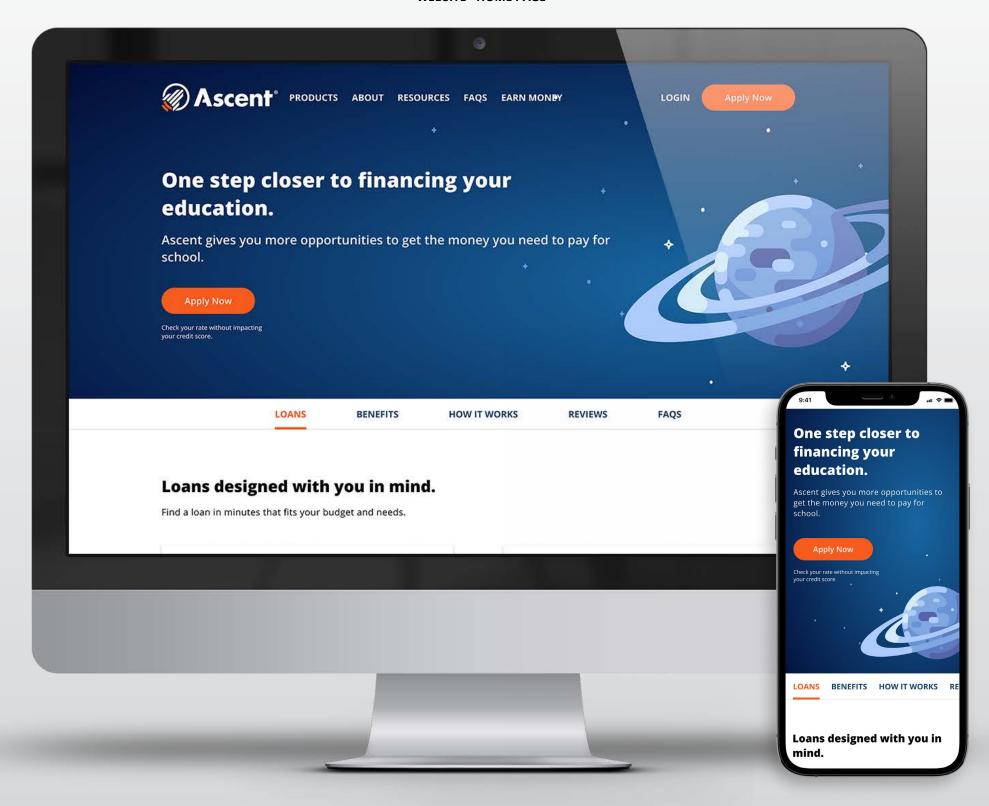




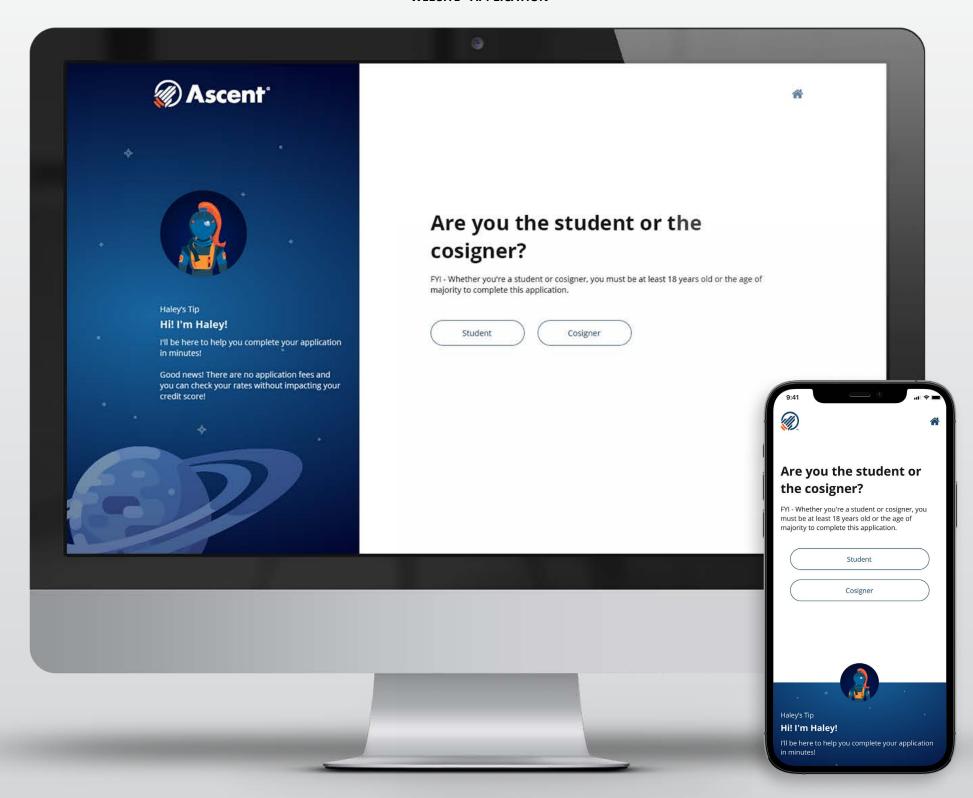
### TRIFOLD PRINT



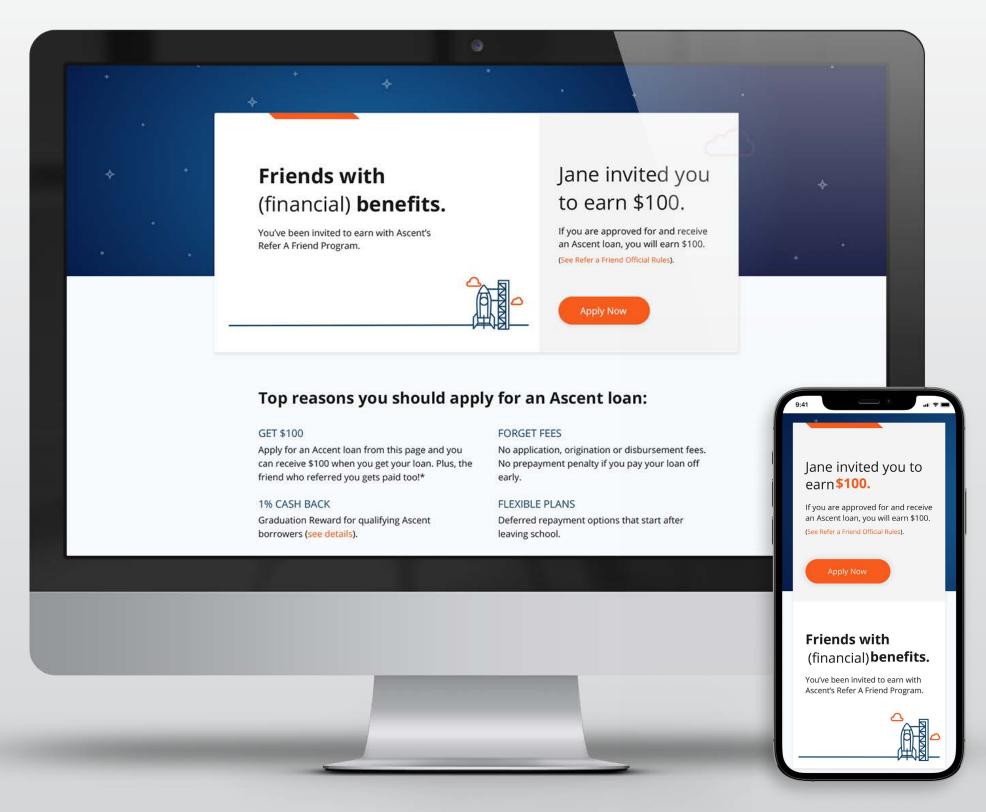
### **WEBSITE - HOME PAGE**



### **WEBSITE - APPLICATION**

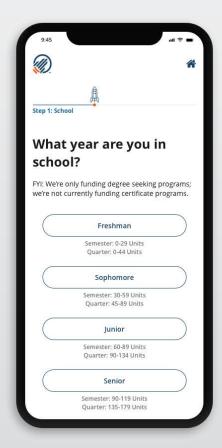


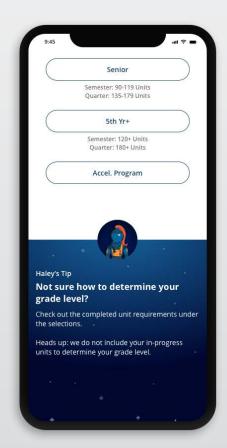
### **WEBSITE - REFER A FRIEND**

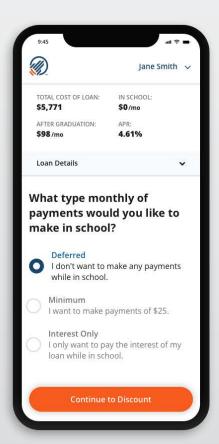


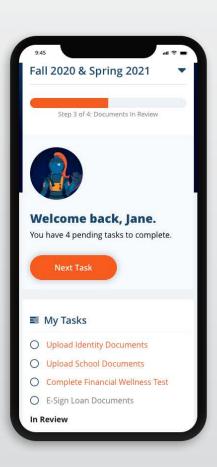
### WEBSITE - APPLY ONLINE

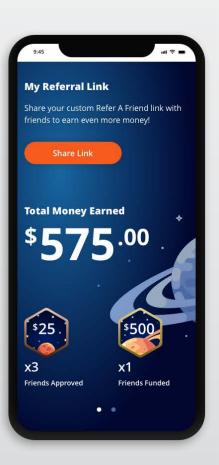














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