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Applying to College Using the Common Application

The Common App or "Common Application" is an online college admissions application used by over 900 colleges in 50 U.S. states and 20 countries. It helps students streamline the application process for college by allowing you to apply to multiple colleges at once. It opens August 1st at commonapp.org

What you need to know...
(for additional tips, go to:https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students)

STEP 1: GATHER MATERIALS

- A copy of your High School transcript

- A list of activities/community service/any work history/ academic honors/achievements (create a resume to upload, see the attached example)

- Parent/legal guardian information (occupation/employment status/education level)

STEP 2: CREATE AN ACCOUNT

- Log into commonapp.org and choose "First Year Student"

- Provide login credentials - make sure to choose an email you regularly use, this is how colleges and the common app will get in touch with you.

- Complete the registration and choose "Create Account"

CA Colleges that use the Common App:

AMDA College of Performing Arts, Caltech, Chapman, Cal Lutheran, Claremont McKenna, Concordia, Culinary Institute of America, Fresno Pacific, Loyola Marymount, Occidental, Otis College of Art & Design, Pepperdine, Point Loma, Pomona College, Saint Mary's College, Santa Clara, Scripps College, Southern California Institute of Architecture, Stanford, Simpson University, University of Redlands, University of San Diego, University of San Francisco, USC, Westmont, Whittier College

STEP 3: SELECT COLLEGES

- The College Search tab is where you will search for and add the colleges you want to apply to (up to 20). * While some colleges may charge an application fee, others have no fee to apply. And, many will offer fee waivers under certain circumstances, including financial need, veteran status, and more.

Engage Supporters!

Each college chooses their own recommendation requirements. Within the Common App you will invite and assign recommenders via the "My Colleges" tab. Select a college and open their "Recommenders and FERPA" section. You will need to complete a FERPA waiver noting you will not be able to read the recommendations.

STEP 4: KNOW THE REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

- Each college has specific application deadlines and fees. Also, some may require test scores, recommendation letters, and additional essays.

STEP 5: PLAN YOUR ESSAY

- Common App Personal Essay - there are 7 essay prompts found here: www.commonapp.org/blog/2022-2023-common-app-essay-prompts

STEP 6: SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

- Submission is a 3-step process:
  1. Review your application
  2. Pay the application fee (if applicable)
  3. Submit your application.

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