

# The Common Application

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# Presentation Goals

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- What is Common Application?
- Why Common Application?
- Cost?
- Common Application Timelines
- How to Access Common Application
- Questions

# What is Common App?

- The Common Application's current community of over 820 members is a broad and diverse group of colleges and universities – public, private, large, small, religious, and secular – ranging in geographic location from across the United States and around the world.
- Mission: to promote holistic admission as a path to access four-year degree granting universities.
- Like...
  - Harvard
  - Stanford
  - Brown
  - Yale
  - USC
  - University of San Diego
  - Cal Lutheran
  - Santa Clara
  - Claremont McKenna College
  - Pepperdine University

- More than 820 colleges and only one application!
- Seamless way to manage the application process through one convenient platform.
- Eliminating the need to repeat, and simplifies the collection of student information
- **Can schools see what other colleges I've applied to?**  
A school cannot view any other schools on your My Colleges list and does not receive any information related to those schools (e.g. your selected terms for those schools).

- Makes the process of requesting school reports and teacher recommendations easier and faster!
  
- **Students can:**
  - a. Assign school officials to their applications  
(Counselor/Teachers)
  - b. Have requests delivered via email
  - c. Counselors and teachers can submit forms online
  - d. Provides current information on the submission status of all on-line forms
  - e. Allows students and parents to track application progress

- Common Application is a not-for-profit organization
- Colleges and universities set their own application fees
- There may be application fees for each university you apply  
(300 participating colleges/universities have no application fees)

- CSS Profile- Many colleges require both the CSS Profile and the FAFSA application to determine your financial aid/scholarship eligibility. The deadlines for the CSS Profile vary from school to school (please check each school's financial aid website for specific details).
- Complete the CSS Profile online at <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>
- The fee for the initial application and one college or program report is \$25.00. Additional reports are \$16.00.
- Fee waivers for CSS Profile are granted automatically based on the information provided in the profile application.

- The Common App has developed its own process through which students can seek fee waivers for colleges which use the Common App. If you are eligible for, request, and receive a Common App fee waiver, you will not be charged an application fee by any of the colleges you apply to through the Common App system.
- Students may request a Fee Waiver in the Profile section. If you received a fee waiver for the SAT or receive free/reduced lunch, you may be eligible for application fee waivers from some colleges.



# Additional Information

- CEEB Code: 050628
  
- Students need to make a **personal contact** with counselor, teachers, or individuals completing the online Common Application on their behalf.
  - Teacher Evaluation
  - Counselor Secondary School Report
  
- ASK nicely 😊 for **Letters of Recommendation**- Use the Letter of Recommendation Form provided in the senior packet & a current resume. **Must give at least 4 weeks notice!**
  
- If applying under ED/EA/REA Students need to request letters of recommendation by **October 1st.**

**Early Decision** is a **binding** option, where applicants receive a decision regarding their candidacy much earlier than other applicants. In exchange, the applicant - if admitted - will immediately accept that offer of admission and withdraw their applications from other institutions.

**Early Action** is a **non-binding** option, where applicants receive a decision regarding their candidacy much earlier than other applicants, but with no obligation to enroll or withdraw their applications from other colleges.

**Restricted Early Action** is the same as Early Action, except that the college in question has placed some **additional restrictions** on their applicants.

- If an institution that you have selected requires a supplement, this will be available in the 'Supplements' section.
- If a supplement is required, you must complete and submit this before the application package will be complete.
- Some colleges have a supplement deadline before the common app. deadline. Do not wait until the last minute to submit your forms!

- Secondary School Report (SSR)
  - Transcript
  - Attach letters of recommendation
  - Clovis North School Profile
  
- Mid-Year Report
  - Transcript which include fall semester grades
  
- Final Report
  - Complete transcript

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