

# College Applications

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# Introduction

- College applications are a dreaded, but necessary, part of the college experience.
- With research and preparation, applications do not have to be scary.



# Types of Applications

- **The Common Application**
  - Used by over 900 colleges.
  - Fully online.
- **Universal Application**
  - Less participating schools than the Common App.
  - Used by three Ivy League schools and other more competitive institutions.
- **Individual Application**
  - Specific to the school, but many of these schools still accept the Common App.
- **Shared Application**
  - Used by state colleges.



# Common App Overview

1. Gather materials: (high school transcript, test scores, list extracurriculars and academic achievements)
2. Request letters of recommendation
3. Add colleges to your list
4. Fill out “Common App” questions
  - a. Choose which essay prompt best appeals to you
5. Fill out college specific questions
6. Pay application fees and submit



A screenshot of the Common App website interface. The top navigation bar includes "Dashboard", "My Colleges", "Common App", "College Search", and "Financial Aid Resources". The main content area is titled "Adelpi University" and is divided into several sections: "Contact Info" (Phone: (516) 877-3050, Email: admissions@adelpi.edu, Address: 1 South Ave, Garden City, NY 11530, USA; Links: College Website, Virtual Tour, College Navigator), "Application Deadlines" (Fall 2020: Early Action - 12/01/2019, Rolling Admission - 03/01/2020; Spring 2020: First Year, Rolling Admission - 12/15/2019), "Other Deadline Information" (The following Joint degree programs have a February 1 priority application deadline: Dentistry (NYU College of Dentistry), Law (Albany Law School), Law (Drexel), Medicine (Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine), Optometry (SUNY College of Optometry), and Podiatry (New York College of Podiatric Medicine)), and "Application Information" (Application Fees: First Year Domestic Fee - \$40, First Year International Fee - \$40; Standardized Test Policy: Always Required, SAT w/o Essay or ACT w/o Essay, Test Policy Information; Courses &amp; Grades: Not Used; Recommendations: School Report Required). On the left side, there is a "My Colleges" sidebar with a list of colleges including Adelpi University, Frostburg State University, Institute of International Education (IE), Ithaca College, Long Island University, New York Institute of Technology (NYIT), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rhode Island School of Design, Saint Anselm College, Sierra Nevada University, St. Bonaventure University, Tufts University, and University of Massachusetts Boston. On the right side, there is an "Instructions and Help" section with several FAQ items and links for more information.

# Apply Texas Overview

- Acquire high school transcript, biographical information, test information
- Extracurricular, Personal, & Volunteer Activities
- Employment, Internships, & Summer Activities
- Special requirements that the school demands, essays, short answer questions, etc.
- Pay application fees and wait for a response
- Apply Texas is only for Texas Schools
  - UT Austin, TCU, SMU, Trinity, Sam Houston, Austin College



## My Account Dashboard - Application Listing

My Profile	<b>My Applications</b>	My Essays	My Transcripts				
<a href="#">View Application List</a>	<a href="#">Start a New Blank Application</a>	<a href="#">Copy an Existing Application</a>					
<b>application details</b>							
App ID	Last Updated	Institution	Semester	Type	Deadline	Status	Action
2069116	11/30/2017	The University of Texas at Austin	Fall 2018	US	December 1, 2017	Submitted	<a href="#">View</a>   <a href="#">Copy</a>

# Fees

- College fees include tuition, housing, food plans, enrollment, and supplies.
- The average total for a 2-year public college was \$12,230 per year.
- For a public 4-year school, the average total was \$25,362.
- Several factors can increase the fees and tuition, such as living in a single dorm room, going to an out-of-state college, or attending a private college.
- Some programs can decrease the total cost of a college through either academic or athletic scholarships.
- Scholarships can range from a small portion of the total tuition, to the total tuition for college.



# Which schools use which applications?

- The most popular way to apply is with the Common App
  - Requires high school transcript, standardized test scores, recommendation letters, and a personal essay
- Most other forms of applications have similar requirements.
- Some colleges have their own form of application with certain requirements.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **How many Colleges should I apply to?**
  - Generally, it is a good idea to apply to at least 6 but no more than 15. This is comprised of two to three safety schools, two to three target schools, and two to three schools that are considered a “reach.”
- **Should I apply early?**
  - In most cases, applying under early-decision can lock you into that school, so make sure to be certain that it is a valid school for your needs
- **Should I apply under the Common Application or the Coalition Application?**
  - Both applications apply to a large amount of schools, and schools that accept either do not prefer one over the other. With that being said, the Coalition Application is more specifically tailored to students who are typically underrepresented within the college application process.

**Thank you!**