THE COMMON APPLICATION
What it is and how to make the most of it.

THE COMMON APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED BY OVER 750 SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHAT IS THE COMMON APPLICATION?

It enables you to apply to multiple schools at once and stops you from having to fill out the same general information a dozen times.

WHAT ARE THE FEATURES OF THE COMMON APPLICATION?

THE COMMON APPLICATION DASHBOARD

The Dashboard track important admission documents, deadlines, and gather all the necessary information you need to provide for all your applications.

ESSAY PROMPTS

You only have to submit one essay on the Common Application for all the schools you apply to. Each year there are several essay prompts to choose from.

WHEN DOES THE COMMON APPLICATION OPEN?

It opens on August 1 every year.

HOW MUCH DOES THE COMMON APPLICATION COST?

The website is free to use but each college charges their own application fee (around $20 to $90) when you submit your application on commonapp.org.

HOW DO YOU APPLY FOR THE COMMON APPLICATION?

1. Create a Common App account.
2. Review which schools on your list accept the Common App.
3. Review the admission process for each school you’re applying to.
4. Gather essential information and documents (high school transcript, extracurriculars, recommendation letter, etc.).
5. Begin your application following the steps the Common App provides. Don't forget to note the deadlines!
6. Track your application process through the Common App dashboard on the website or their phone app.
7. Submit application!

https://www.commonapp.org/