APPLICATION PLATFORMS &
THE COMMON APPLICATION

Office of Undergraduate Admission
Emory University
AGENDA

Application Platforms
  o Knowing application platforms available to you will help you create a plan of action

Common Application Deep Dive
  o Outline of how to apply using the Common Application platform
Keeps a requirements tracker for each application, including each school’s writing requirements. | Has an auto-save feature to prevent loss of information and the ability to edit essays after submission | Colleges must prove they provide substantial support to low-income and underrepresented students to use this platform.

Comes as a mobile application. | Students can link online content they’ve produced | Uses a locker tool, which allows students to store documents starting in 9th grade. Features a collaboration space.

Easy to preview application. | Covers 900+ colleges and universities in both the US and abroad | Covers less than 50 colleges and universities

Covers 150+ colleges and universities
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<th>QUEST BRIDGE</th>
<th>GET EDUcated!</th>
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<td>Geared towards academically outstanding high school students whose families earn less than $65,000/year for a family of four</td>
<td>To alleviate financial stress and get more students of color to college, Robert Mason created the Common Black College Application.</td>
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<td>Provides an opportunity for students to apply through the National College Match process</td>
<td>Pay a one-time $20 application fee to send your application to all member institutions</td>
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<td>Includes 45 Questbridge Partner Schools (Colleges)</td>
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State-Specific Applications Options when applying to a network of state schools

- **ApplyTexas**
  - Includes 60 Texas Schools
- **University of California**
  - Includes 9 UC Schools
COMMON APPLICATION

The Common Application is an online platform that makes it easy for students to manage applications to multiple schools, request letters of recommendation, and connect to additional resources.

Benefits:
- Includes over 900 Colleges around the world
- Includes a First-Year Applicant Guide that walks you through the app from start to finish
COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

The Common Application is a set of common questions that go to any school you choose to apply to.

There are two main parts in this platform you must complete.

Make sure to fill out all the required information that colleges need to get a glimpse into your life!
Select "College Search" on the top navigation bar to create a list of colleges.

Search through the Common Application member institutions and click the blue plus sign to start building your college list.

Select "My Colleges" on the top navigation bar to see your college list.

You can also invite and manage recommenders here as well as use the institution landing pages to find out more information.
COLLEGE-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Under the “My Colleges” tab, you will find specific questions and requirements for each college on your list.
WRITING SUPPLEMENTS

Writing questions can range from essay format to short-answer responses. Read instructions carefully.

Choose one of the seven extended essay options and upload a one- or two-page response. Please include the prompt at the top of the page.

1. Who does Sally sell seashells to? How much wood can a woodchuck really chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? Pick a favorite tongue twister (either originally in English or translated from another language) and consider a resolution to its conundrum using the method of your choice. Math, philosophy, linguistics... it's all up to you (or your woodchuck).—Inspired by Blessing Nnate, Class of 2024

2. What can actually be divided by zero?—Inspired by Mai Vu, Class of 2024

3. The seven liberal arts in antiquity consisted of the Quadrivium - astronomy, mathematics, geometry, and music, and the Trivium - rhetoric, grammar, and logic. Describe your own take on the Quadrivium or the Trivium. What do you think it is essential for everyone to know?—Inspired by Peter Wang, Class of 2022
YOUR DASHBOARD

Is the platform’s home page. Find your requirement/application tracker here.

You can select “Show More Details” to see your status tracker.

Each school expands

Here you can view the status of your application to each school, along with their specific requirements.
GENERATE APPLICATION REQUIREMENT GRID

Includes:
• Recommendations
• Supplements
• Testing, and more
FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

Learn more about how to plan for college costs and apply for financial aid.

Gives you links to additional financial aid resources at the colleges on your “My Colleges” list.
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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