



ADMISSION ADVICE

APPLICATION PLATFORMS & THE COMMON APPLICATION

Office of Undergraduate Admission
Emory University



AGENDA

Application Platforms




- Knowing application platforms available to you will help you create a plan of action

Common Application Deep Dive



- Outline of how to apply using the Common Application platform





APPLICATION PLATFORMS

		
<p>Keeps a requirements tracker for each application, including each school's writing requirements.</p>	<p>Has an auto-save feature to prevent loss of information and the ability to edit essays after submission</p>	<p>Colleges must prove they provide substantial support to low-income and underrepresented students to use this platform.</p>
<p>Comes as a mobile application. Easy to preview application.</p>	<p>Students can link online content they've produced</p>	<p>Uses a locker tool, which allows students to store documents starting in 9th grade. Features a collaboration space.</p>
<p>Covers 900+ colleges and universities in both the US and abroad</p>	<p>Covers less than 50 colleges and universities</p>	<p>Covers 150+ colleges and universities</p>

OTHER APPLICATION PLATFORMS

	<p>GET EDUCated!</p>  <p>EDU, Inc. COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APPLICATION</p>
<p>Geared towards academically outstanding high school students whose families earn less than \$65,000/year for a family of four</p>	<p>To alleviate financial stress and get more students of color to college, Robert Mason created the Common Black College Application.</p>
<p>Provides an opportunity for students to apply through the National College Match process</p>	<p>Pay a one-time \$20 application fee to send your application to all member institutions</p>
<p>Includes 45 Questbridge Partner Schools (Colleges)</p>	<p>Includes 61 member institutions (Colleges)</p>

<p>State-Specific Applications <i>Options when applying to a network of state schools</i></p>	
	
<p>Includes 60 Texas Schools</p>	<p>Includes 9 UC Schools</p>



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

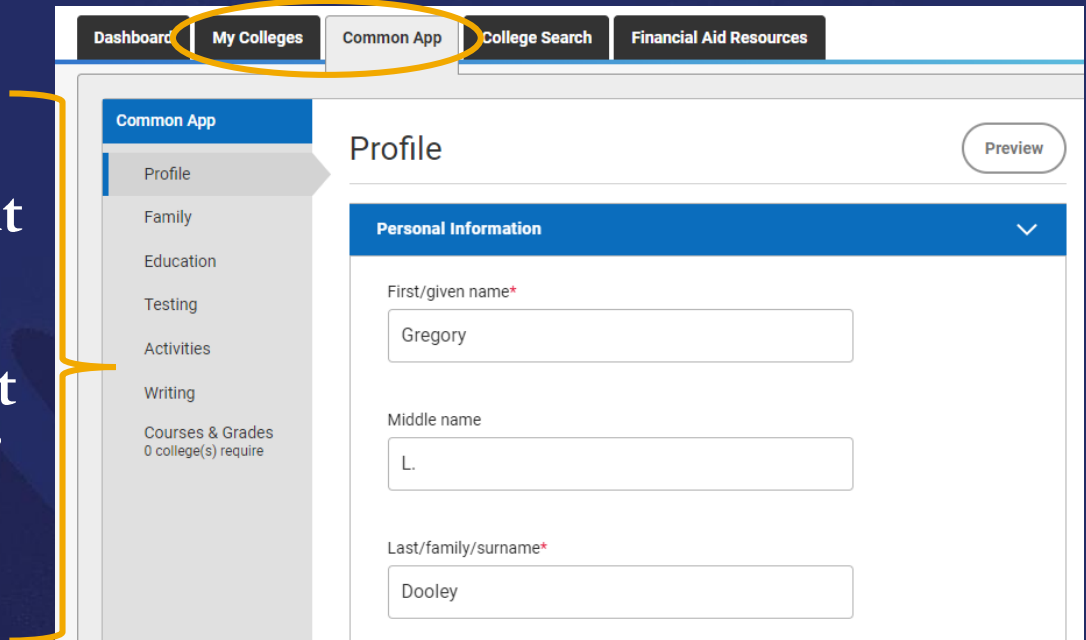


COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

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

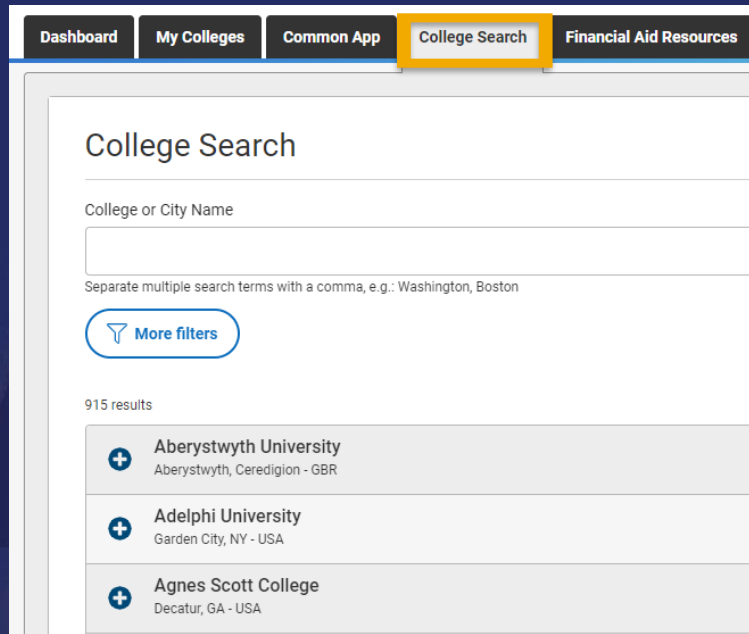
Make sure to fill out all the required information that colleges need to get a glimpse into your life!

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



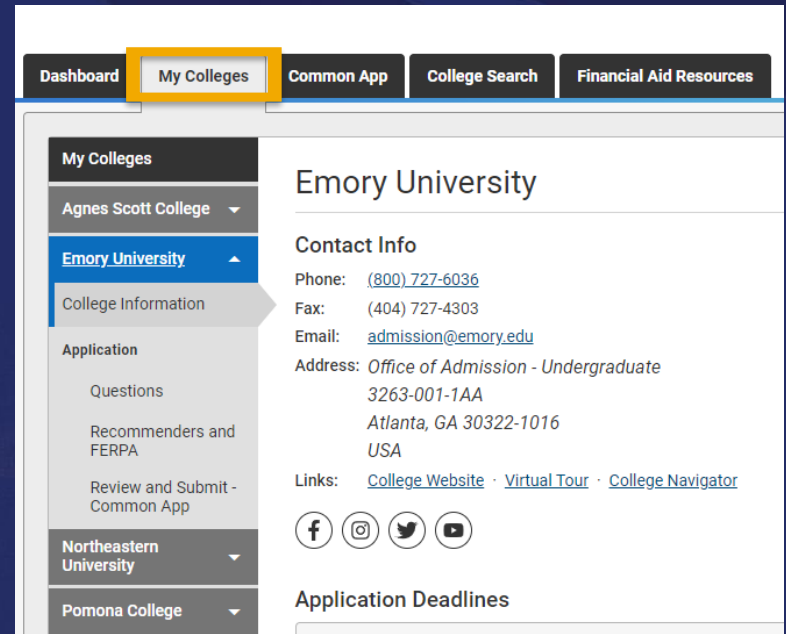


YOUR COLLEGE LIST



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.



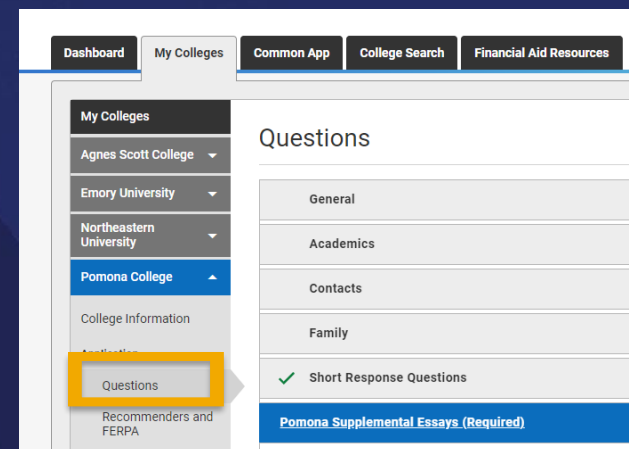
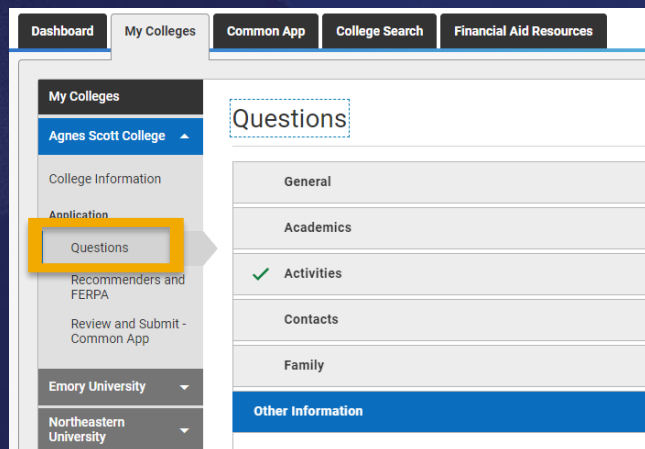
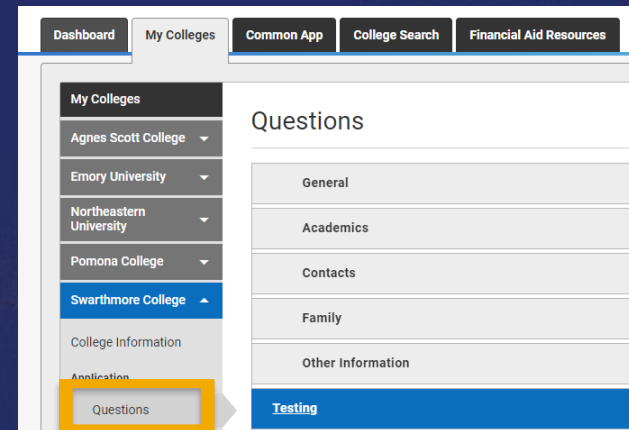
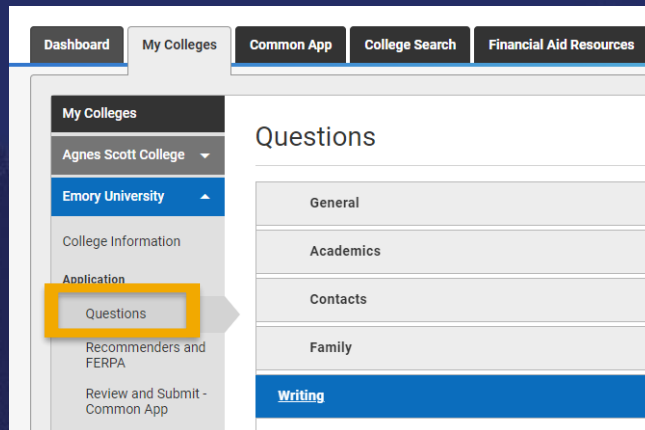
Select "My Colleges" on the top navigation bar to see your college list.

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.

The screenshot shows a navigation menu on the left with the following items: Emory University, Northeastern University, Pomona College, Swarthmore College, University of Chicago (selected), College Information, Application (with sub-items: Questions, Recommenders and FERPA, Review and Submit - Common App), Writing Supplement (highlighted), and Questions. The main content area is titled "Writing Questions" and contains the following text:

The questions on this page are being asked by University of Chicago

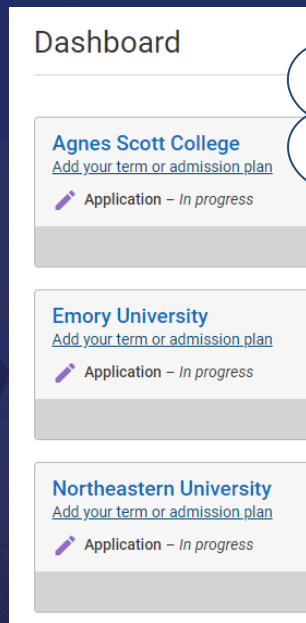
Choose one of the seven extended essay options and upload a one- or two-page response. Please include the prompt at the top of the page.

1. Who does Sally sell her 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



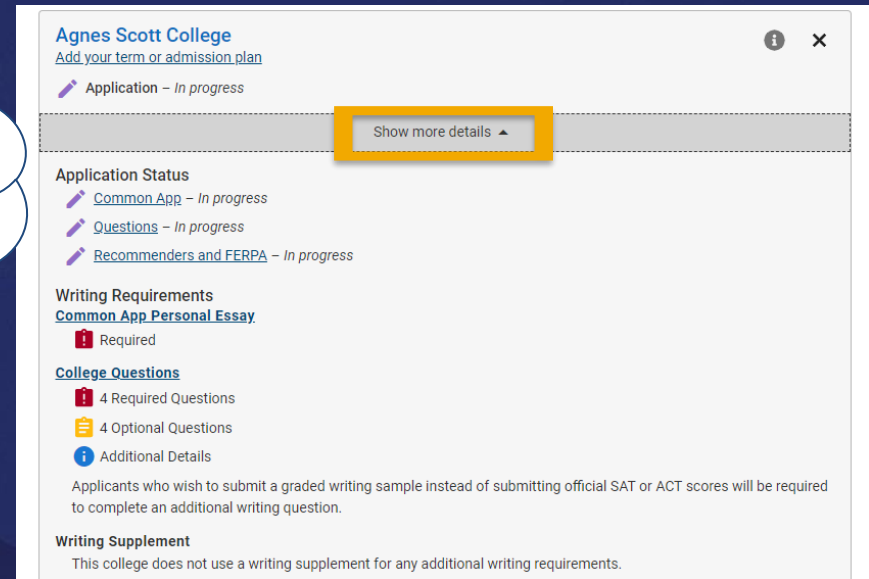
YOUR DASHBOARD

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



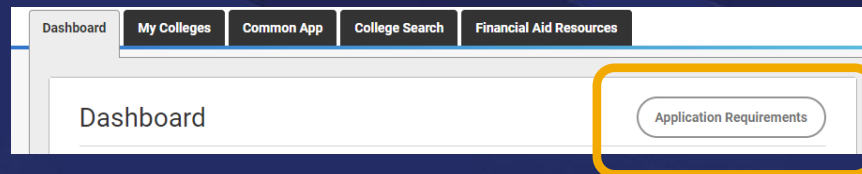
Here you can view the status of your application to each school, along with their specific requirements.



GENERATE APPLICATION REQUIREMENT GRID

Includes:

- Recommendations
- Supplements
- Testing, and more



Application requirements Download requirements grid

Scroll for more information

Search

My Colleges Only All Colleges

College name ↑	Institution ?	Deadlines						App fees ?		Common
	Type	ED	EDII	EA	EAI	REA	RD/Rolling	US	Int'l	PE
Agnes Scott College	Women	11/1/2020		11/15/2020	1/15/2021		3/15/2021	\$0	\$30	✓
Emory University	Coed	11/1/2020	1/1/2021				1/1/2021	\$75	\$75	✓
Northeastern University	Coed	11/1/2020	1/1/2021	11/1/2020			1/1/2021	\$75	\$75	✓
Pomona College	Coed	11/15/2020	1/8/2021				1/8/2021	\$70	\$70	✓
Swarthmore College	Coed	11/15/2020	1/4/2021				1/4/2021	\$60	\$60	✓
University of Chicago	Coed	11/2/2020	1/4/2021	11/2/2020			1/4/2021	\$75	\$75	✓



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.



Apply for financial aid

Your colleges will coordinate your federal, state, and college financial aid applications. All colleges participating in federal student aid programs need your FAFSA form. Be sure to complete this form to apply for federal aid. You can complete the [FAFSA](#) as early as October 1, 2020 at no cost to you or your family.

Your college may also offer financial aid. You may apply for college specific financial aid using the College Board's [CSS Profile](#) application or other college forms.

The [CSS Profile](#) application is available starting October 1, 2020 and has a filing fee. Some colleges may let you choose to complete the CSS Profile or a free application of their own. Check out each college's website for more guidance.

Learn more about the financial aid process at the colleges on your My Colleges list:

- [Agnes Scott College](#)
- [Emory University](#)
- [Northeastern University](#)
- [Pomona College](#)
- [Swarthmore College](#)
- [University of Chicago](#)
- [University of Miami](#)
- [Washington University in St. Louis](#)

Create your [Federal Student Aid ID](#) as soon as possible! Then use information from your family's completed 2019 tax forms to finish the [FAFSA](#). Find out [what else you will need](#) to complete the application.



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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