COMMON APP READY

Getting Started

GETTING
STARTED
AGENDA

- Creating Your Account
- Common App Layout
- Searching for & Adding Colleges

CREATING YOUR **ACCOUNT**

Creating a Common App account is easy! Simply go to commonapp.org and click the *Create Account* or *Apply Now* buttons to get started.

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Plan Ahead

College

And you're more prepared
creating yo

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Sign In to My Application

Don't have an account? Create an Account

Email

[   ] ···

Password

[   ] ···

Need Help? | Forgot password?

Sign In

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Find Colleges   🔍

View all colleges that accept the Common
Application ▸

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COLLEGE

Then follow these three simple steps to create your account.

Account Creation Steps:

1. Registration Type
2. Login Credentials
3. Registration Information

1. REGISTRATION TYPE

2. LOGIN CREDENTIALS

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Account Creation

1 ✓ Registration Type   >   **2** Login Credentials   >   **3** Registration Information

Email Address *

Re-type Email Address *

Password *

Re-type Password *

We collect your email address and share it with the colleges to which you apply so that the colleges can communicate with you directly regarding your application. We don't share your information with third parties for marketing or promotional services. Privacy policy.

To help protect the security of your account, passwords must meet the following requirements:

- Length between 8 and 16 characters
- At least one upper case alphabetic character
- At least one lower case alphabetic character
- At least one numeric character
- At least one of the following characters: ! @ # $ % ^ & *
- No space characters

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3. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Account Creation

1 ✔ Registration Type   2 ✔ Login Credentials   3 Registration Information

Enter name exactly as it appears on official documents.

Do not use nicknames.

First/given name *

Last/family/surname *

Address *

[Enter address]

Sex assigned at birth: * ○ Male   ○ Female   _Clear_ ⓘ

Phone *

[+1 ▾] [000-000-0000]

Date of birth *

[Month ▾] [Day ▾] [Year ▾]

I am applying as a: * ○ First-Year Student   ○ Transfer Student

Clear

Please review and consider the following before continuing:

☑ The colleges that I am considering for application may communicate with me by mail, email, phone or text message prior to submission of my application (you can change this response later within your account settings).

☑ The Common Application may communicate with me by mail, email, phone or text message about my account and other information relevant to the admission application process (you can change this response later within your account settings).

☐ By checking this box, I represent that (i) I am age 13 or older and (ii) I have read, understood and agreed to the terms and conditions of the License Agreement and Privacy Policy (unless I am over the age of 13 but under the age of 18, in which case, my parent or legal guardian has also read, understood and agreed to the terms and conditions of the Privacy Policy and License Agreement sections).

☐ The Common Application website uses small files stored on your computer, known as cookies, that help us remember your settings and ensure the website works properly. By continuing, I am agreeing to The Common Application's use of cookies.

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COMMON APP
LAYOUT

The Common App is divided into four tabs:
- Dashboard
- My Colleges
- Common App
- College Search

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Dashboard | My Colleges | Common App | College Search

Welcome!

Welcome to the Common App! The Common App dashboard is the central location to monitor your applications, including deadlines, requirements, and progress. The menu across the top will navigate you to different parts of the system to complete your application components.

- You can start answering application questions on the Common App tab
- You can add colleges on the College Search tab
- You can get help using the Help Center on the right side bar

Once you have added colleges, you will see them displayed here on the Dashboard and be able to review requirements specific to each of them on the My Colleges tab.

Instructions and Help ➔

What are the Writing Requirements?

You can click on the Writing Requirements tab to understand what different colleges expect of you w ... [+]

[more] ➔

Where are the application requirements for a specific school listed?

Please check the requirements for each school on their specific page. Click on the name of the s ... [+]

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Sign Out

Dashboard | My Colleges | Common App | College Search

Welcome!

Search for and add colleges to your My Colleges list in the College Search tab.

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Check out our Common App Tour video for more info!

Please check the requirements for each school on their specific page. Click on the name of the s ... [+]

SEARCHING FOR
&
ADDING
COLLEGES

With nearly 700 colleges in the Common Application, there's one that's right for you! Use the College Search tab to explore, learn, and add colleges to your list.

THE COLLEGE SEARCH TAB

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RESULTS LIST

Criteria

Result List

Result List

i request information   college's website

	Member Name	Location	Country	Type
	Christopher Newport University *i*	Newport News - VA	USA	Coed
	Emory & Henry College *i*	Emory - VA	USA	Coed
	George Mason University	Fairfax - VA	USA	Coed
	Hampden-Sydney College *i*	Hampden-Sydney - VA	USA	Men
	Hollins University *i*	Roanoke - VA	USA	Women
	Lynchburg College *i*	Lynchburg - VA	United States	Coed
	Marymount University *i*	Arlington - VA	USA	Coed
	Old Dominion University *i*	Norfolk - VA	USA	Coed
	Randolph College *i*	Lynchburg - VA	USA	Coed
	Randolph-Macon College *i*	Ashland - VA	USA	Coed

Add

1 2   10 ▾ Items per page

Instructions and Help ➜

Add college to list
To add a college to your list, do so from your results list under the College Search tab. Check the ... [+]
[more] ➜

College Information
You can see specific college information such as phone numbers, deadlines, fees, and recommendation ... [+]
[more] ➜

Searching for a college name
There are several ways to search for colleges, which are listed here. When entering a college name, ... [+]
[more] ➜

ADDING SCHOOLS

Criteria

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☐	Hampden-Sydney College *i*	Hampden-Sydney - VA	USA	Men
☐	Hollins University *i*	Roanoke - VA	USA	Women
☐	Lynchburg College *i*	Lynchburg - VA	United States	Coed
☐	Marymount University *i*	Arlington - VA	USA	Coed
☐	Old Dominion University *i*	Norfolk - VA	USA	Coed
☐	Randolph College *i*	Lynchburg - VA	USA	Coed
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Add

SUCCESS!

LEARN MORE

GATHER YOUR MATERIALS

Important information you'll need for your application.

TIPS & BEST PRACTICES

Best practices to keep in mind as you complete your applications.

COMMON APP TOUR

Learn how to navigate the Common App.