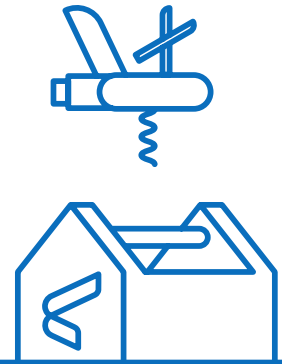


Common App for international students



If you are an international student applying to a university in the U.S., you are not alone! In fact, 1 in 10 students using Common App are just like you.

Did you know?

Students from over 200 countries use the Common App to apply to college each year.

This resource will review some common questions international students have when preparing to apply to a U.S. college or university.

Common questions

How do application fees work with Common App?

Each college decides the fee that they will charge to process your application. Not all colleges require applicants to pay a fee. In fact, you can search specifically for colleges that don't charge a fee.

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colleges have no application fee for international students.

You can find information about application fees in the College Search tab, college's College Information section, and the Requirements grid.

Tip: On commonapp.org, you'll find helpful resources like an [Application Guide](#) and [Application Dictionary](#). The [Application Requirements grid](#) also lists deadlines, fees, and other requirements for Common App member colleges.

What are application fee waivers?

International students may be eligible for a need-based Common App fee waiver. You can find the Common App fee waiver in the Profile section. Some colleges may also offer their own application fee waiver. It's important to check each university's fee waiver policy for international students.

To learn more, check out our resource on application fees and fee waivers at commonapp.org/ready.

What is the deadline to apply to a college or university?

Each college can choose their own admission plans and deadlines. Admission plans include: early action, early decision, regular decision, and rolling admission. For information about the differences in these plans, check out the [Application Dictionary](#).

The Requirements grid lists each college's deadlines. You can see your college's specific deadlines on the Dashboard.

Keep in mind that to meet an application deadline, you must submit your application materials by 11:59 pm in your local time zone, not the college's time zone or any other time zone.

How do I send my transcripts to Common App colleges?

Your counselor will submit transcripts and other school forms on your behalf. If you don't have a counselor, you can invite any school official who has access to your academic records. We recommend you invite a school official who can speak to your academic performance.

You will invite your counselor on the My Colleges tab in the Recommenders and FERPA section.

If you have taken any university-level courses, you will note that in the Education section of your Common App. You will need to request the university to send your transcripts directly to the colleges you are applying to.

Are there any additional forms I need to submit?

Some colleges will ask for letters of recommendation to be submitted on your behalf. You can learn about each college's recommendation requirements on the College Information page.

You'll need to invite and assign your recommenders to the colleges where you want their letter to go. Recommender forms can be completed in Common App's Recommender System, or through one of Common App's [partners](#).

What should I do if I need help with my application?

Common App support is available 24/7. Visit the [Applicant Solutions Center](#) to view frequently asked questions, or contact a support team member.

What should I do if I have a question specific to a college I am applying to?

While Common App can assist with application-related questions, sometimes you may need to reach out to a college directly. You can find contact information and links to the college's admissions website on their College Information page.

Some questions that vary by college include:

“Do I need to take any English proficiency tests?”

“Is it okay if my transcript is not in English?”

“Does this college offer financial aid for international students?”

Is there support for my recommenders?

Whether it's a counselor, teacher, or other recommender providing a letter of recommendation on your behalf, we are ready to assist when questions arise. Recommenders can visit the [Recommender Solutions Center](#) to find answers to frequently asked questions, access live chat, or to schedule a call with our support team.