

COLLEGE: HOW TO APPLY

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fall on “A” day

WHICH COLLEGES DO I APPLY TO?

Career

- What do you want to be?
What problems do you want to solve?

Required Education

- What degree or training is needed?

Select a College

- Location
- Extracurricular Activities
- Size
- Private or Public

Apply to four or more colleges.

At least **1**
SAFETY
A college you're confident you can get into.

At least **2**
GOOD FITS
Colleges you have a pretty good chance of getting into.

At least **1**
REACH
A college that you have a chance of getting into, but it's a stretch.

COLLEGE EXPLORATION

- College Fairs
- College Preview Days
- Visit College Reps
During Lunch
- Take virtual college
tours online
- Compare Colleges at
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>



WHEN DO I APPLY?

Early Decision

- You commit to attend if you are accepted
- You must cancel all other applications if accepted
- Ivy league/private
- Can only have 1 ED app pending at a time

Early Action

- Indicate your first choice college & receive notice early
- You are not committed to enroll
- Shows your interest in the school

Priority Deadline

- Increase odds of being admitted & receiving scholarships
- Encourages students to apply early
- Not binding
- Nov 1st for most public schools

Regular Decision

- Deadlines usually Jan 1- March 15
- May apply to other colleges
- Runs into FAFSA priority deadline

Rolling Admissions

- Long window of time to apply
- Applications are evaluated as they come in
- Typical at community colleges

<https://www.collegetransitions.com/early-actiondecision-vs-regular-decision-admission-rates/>

Admission TYPES

Assured Admission

- Defined requirements that guarantee you will be admitted – may include class rank, GPA, test scores
- http://www.depts.ttu.edu/admissions/apply/status/first_freshmen/

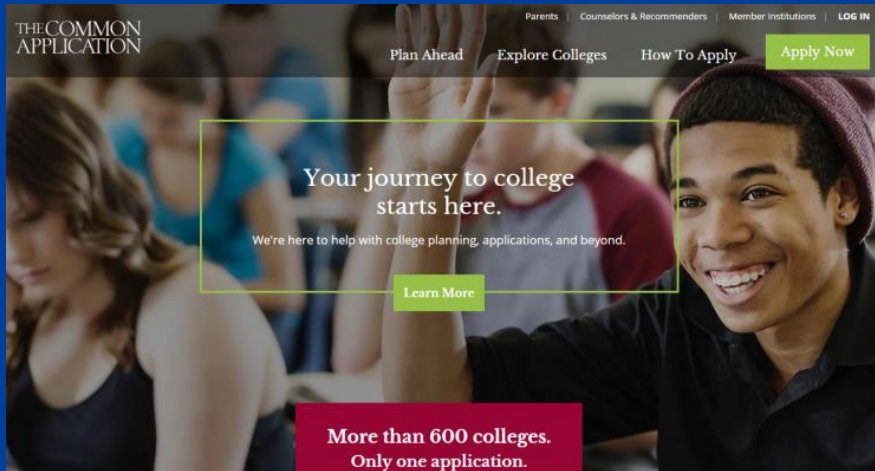
Holistic Review

- A flexible, individualized evaluation of a student profile to determine if the student is a good fit
- <http://www.ou.edu/admissions/apply/freshman>

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COURTESY OF COLLEGE BOARD

- Read the Admission's website to find how to apply



THE COMMON APPLICATION

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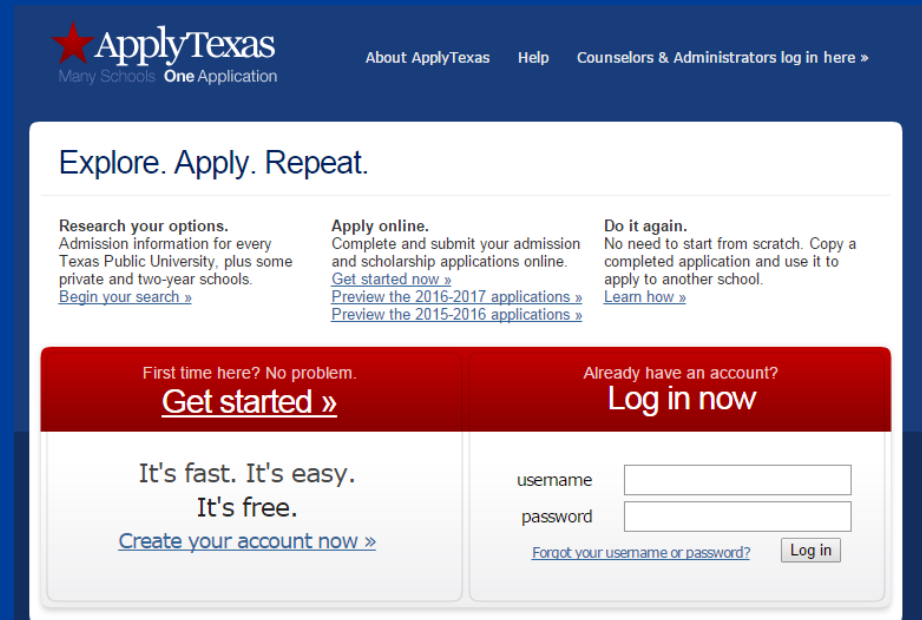
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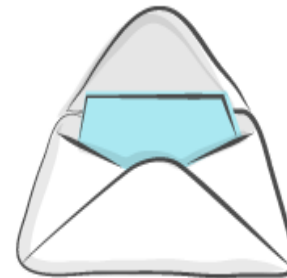
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- Counselor letter + 2 or 3 teachers
- Give your teachers **AT LEAST 2 weeks** to write your letters
- Provide teachers with deadlines, addresses, resume, transcript, etc.
- Request made online in Apply Texas



Letters of Recommendation

Many colleges require [letters of recommendation](#) from teachers or other adults who know you well. Ask your references well in advance of the deadlines to write you a recommendation. You may want to give them a short written summary of your achievements to help them write about you.



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- Ask others to proofread (teacher, parents, friends, me)
- Apply Texas has 3 essays but some colleges require their own essays
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays>
 - 8 Tips for Crafting Your Best College Essays
 - Sample College Application Essay
 - Videos from college admissions with tips & tricks

Essay A:

What was the environment in which you were raised? Describe your family, home, neighborhood, or community, and explain how it has shaped you as a person.

Essay B:

Most students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. Tell us about yourself.

Essay C:

You've got a ticket in your hand – Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?

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- If you are eligible for free/reduced lunch you receive 4 application fee waivers when you register for SAT/ACT using a fee waiver (get from counseling office)
- Read college website for how to submit a fee waiver



Application Fees

College application fees vary, but generally it costs from \$35 to \$50 to apply to each college. Fees are nonrefundable. Many colleges offer fee waivers (that is, they don't require the fee) to students who can't afford to pay. If you need application fee waivers, speak with your college counselor or principal.



REQUESTING AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

High School Transcript

- www.parchment.com
- First 3 official are FREE

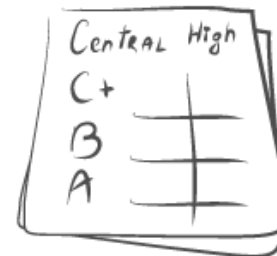
Collin College Transcript

- collin.edu then search “transcript”
- \$5 for each transcript



Your High School Transcript

The record of the classes you've taken and your grades is one of the most important parts of your application. Your high school should send your transcript, along with a school profile, directly to the colleges you are applying to. Ask your counselor or principal how to arrange for this. And be sure to check the transcript for errors before it's sent.



ADMISSION TEST SCORES

- Colleges require Official Scores sent directly from SAT or ACT
- Register & send scores online
 - Collegeboard.org
 - Actstudent.org
- You may need SAT Subject Tests for private or Ivy League schools

SAT Dates (\$47.50/\$60 with essay)

SAT Testing Dates	SAT Registration Dates	SAT Scores Back
August 25, 2018	July 27, 2018	September 7, 2018
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018	October 19, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018	November 16, 2018
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	December 14, 2018

ACT Dates (\$50.50/\$67 with writing)

ACT Test Dates	ACT Registration Deadlines	ACT Scores Posted Online
September 8, 2018	August 10, 2018	September 18, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018	November 13, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	December 18, 2018

PREPARING FOR THE SAT

- Practice the Essay
 - View the essay prompt, rubric, and samples online

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/inside-the-test/essay>

- Daily Practice App
- khanacademy.org/sat



PREPARING FOR THE ACT - FREE

FREE TOOLS



ACT QUESTION OF THE DAY

We post a new practice question taken from a retired ACT test every day in ACT Profile.

www.actprofile.org



TEST TIPS

Read through our advice on how to do your best on the ACT.

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PREPARING FOR THE ACT TEST

Download this booklet with helpful test information, a complete practice test, and a sample writing prompt.



3

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Experience our test questions, see how they're formatted, and test your knowledge with sets of questions for each subject.



5

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This book walks you through the entire test experience, from registration through results, and includes three new full-length practice tests.



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Community College



Associate of Science (AS)

Associate of Arts (AA)

Transfer vs. Workforce

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

Certificates & Workforce Awards

VISIT US

Wednesdays & Fridays at 1 pm
McKinney, Plano and Frisco



Admission Process

- Go to Apply.Collin.edu
- Provide proof of meningitis vaccination
- Turn in ALL transcripts
- Complete all mandatory trainings
- Take the Pre- Assessment and the TSI (Texas Success Initiative)
- Visit an advisor
- Attend or complete New Student Orientation
- Register for classes

✓We are OPEN Admissions

✓We do not require the SAT or ACT for admissions



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**EMAIL ME YOUR QUESTIONS
OR
SIGN UP TO SEE ME IN THE
COUNSELORS OFFICE**