

## The Common Application

If you are applying to a private college/university, (and many out-of-state public universities as well), it is likely that you will be using an application system known as the *Common Application* or simply the "Common App." This electronic platform has been designed to combine questions from many college applications into one universal document that can be sent to any college that is a member of the Common Application organization. Over 700 colleges/universities now use the Common App.

The information requested on the Common App includes basic, identifying information like name, address, date of birth, test scores, grade point average, etc., as well as more subjective content such as essays, descriptions about clubs and activities, and the inclusion of recommendation letters. In addition, each college may require a *supplement* with additional questions to which the Common App will alert you.

The [Common Application website](#) offers detailed information about the various parts of the application, downloadable forms, answers to FAQs, and online demos.