

Your College Applications... Getting Started

Once you have narrowed your college **search** to your college **choices**, take these steps to completing your applications:

Know your deadlines !

If your college offers the program, how do you wish to apply to schools ?

Early Decision

Early Action

Priority Deadlines

Rolling Admissions

Regular Admissions

Where is the application found ?

The Common Application : www.commonapp.org

Go to Member Colleges and Universities -> All Colleges :

If your college is among the members listed, you can fill out a Common Application, which enables you to fill out information once, but send it to several schools.

Take note of those schools which require a supplement to the CommonApp

Individual School Sites :

The application is most often found at the Admissions page.

You can often download a paper application, but applying on-line is the preferred method. At some schools, you will first need to create a student ID.

When you begin to fill out your application, be sure to SAVE your work. Do not Submit until you are completely finished, after checking your work!

Application Essays

Begin writing the required essay well in advance!

The application essay is your chance to personalize your application by revealing your background, point of view, talents, etc.

Find topics of interest to you.

Take note of the same or similar essays asked in various applications.

Resumes

Create a resume of activities

Writing a resume in advance will help you answer application questions