



Over 900 Schools - 1 Application

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Common Application

commonapp.org



- ▶ Largest college application platform
 - ▶ Other application platforms: School app and Coalition
- ▶ Over 900 schools participate - use Common App to apply to multiple schools
- ▶ Site is free to use - individual schools may charge an application fee

NJ Member Schools

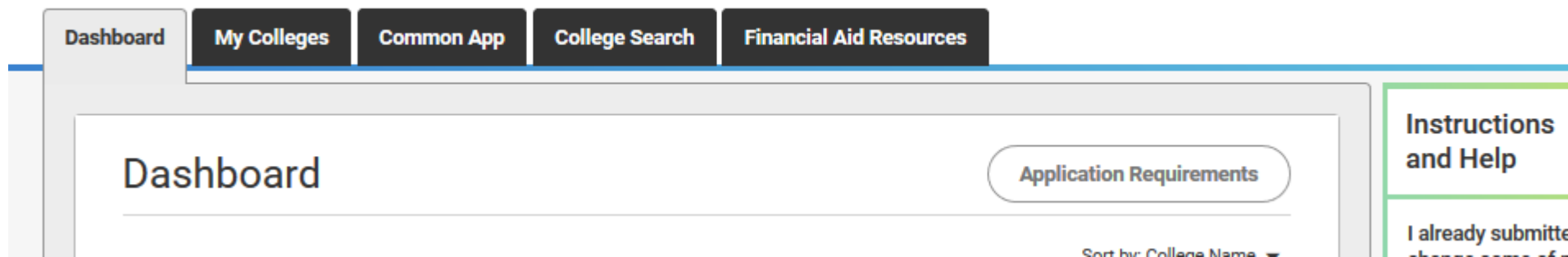
- ▶ Princeton University
 - ▶ Stockton University
 - ▶ TCNJ
 - ▶ Seton Hall University
 - ▶ NJIT University
 - ▶ Monmouth University
 - ▶ Montclair University
 - ▶ William Patterson University
 - ▶ Kean University
 - ▶ Rider University
- ▶ And many more

Before We Get Started

- ▶ Not every school will require the personal essay
- ▶ Most schools will require additional specific info
- ▶ You have to submit to each individual school in Common App
- ▶ You can match your Naviance account to Common App
 - ▶ Transcripts and letters of recommendation will be sent to Common App from Naviance
- ▶ Mobile friendly
- ▶ Do not use your personal email!
- ▶ Schools will not know the other schools you have applied to
- ▶ Schools will not have access to your full info until you submit

Sections of the Common Application

- ▶ Dashboard - list of your schools, deadlines, and the status of your application
- ▶ My Colleges - school specific questions, supplements, short responses, additional essays - if required, application fees submitted here, submit to each school here
- ▶ Common App - the general application - completed once
- ▶ College Search - where you add schools to your list
- ▶ Financial Aid Resources - helpful info



Helpful Hints

- ▶ PROOFREAD
- ▶ Be mindful of other deadlines for rolling admission schools (e.g. scholarship or program deadlines)
- ▶ Explain your activities
- ▶ Pay attention to each school's testing policy
- ▶ Check your email regularly
- ▶ Follow directions/instructions
- ▶ Ask for help - use your resources

Matching Common App and Naviance/Family Connections

- ▶ After creating your Common App account:
 - ▶ Complete the Education section under Common App
 - ▶ Add a college to your list using College Search
 - ▶ Complete the FERPA under My Colleges
- ▶ Then, in Naviance/Family Connections:
 - ▶ Select “Match Accounts” under Colleges I’m Applying To
 - ▶ Enter the email used in creating your Common App account and your date of birth

New Question for fall 2022

- ▶ Optional question
- ▶ Response length max is 250 words
- ▶ *“Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces.”*
 - ▶ *Do you wish to share anything on this topic? Y/N*
 - ▶ *Please use this space to describe how these events have impacted you.”*

Let's see the live Common App link.



QUESTIONS?