

# Junior College Planning

## January 2021 - Applications

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# Planning Ahead

- ▶ Once you have a list of schools, it is time to **get organized!**
- ▶ What does each college on your final list need from you, and when do they need it by?
  - ▶ Application Type and Deadlines
  - ▶ Testing Requirements
  - ▶ Essays
  - ▶ Resume/List of Activities and Awards
  - ▶ Recommendation letters
  - ▶ Portfolios, auditions, interviews

# Application Types

- ▶ **College specific application**
- ▶ **Common Application (CA)** – over 900 member colleges
- ▶ **Coalition Application** – over 140 members
- ▶ **Common Black App** – 55 Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- ▶ **Multiple options available at many schools** - - COLLEGES DO NOT CARE! Choose the application that makes the most sense for you.

# Common Application

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

- ▶ Used by 900+ colleges and universities (including 24 schools in Missouri)
- ▶ Preview requirements for each college
  - ▶ Around half of the Common App schools require the personal essay on the application.
  - ▶ They offer 7 different essay topics for you to choose from to write one personal essay which may be sent to all who require.
  - ▶ Essay prompts release in late winter/early spring of junior year.
  - ▶ Colleges might also have school-specific essays that don't release until the fall of senior year.
- ▶ Create account this spring (if you plan to use)
  - ▶ Will rollover to 2022-23 application season on **AUGUST 1**

# Application Options/ Deadlines

- ▶ **Rolling** – not being compared against other applicants; decision usually made within two-three weeks; watch for **Priority (PRI)** deadlines!
- ▶ **Early Action (EA)** – all apps submitted by date (**Oct/Nov**) are reviewed together; committee selects based upon applicant pool; decision released on specific date (usually before or during winter break)
- ▶ **Early Decision (ED)** – same process as EA (**Oct/Nov**), however student & parent also sign a contract that if they are admitted, they will attend and will withdraw all other applications. Some schools offer ED II (**Jan/Feb**)
- ▶ **Regular Decision (RD)** – same as EA, but timeline is much later (usually **Jan/Feb**)
  - ▶ Will be an option for all schools offering EA and/or ED application options

+ Add Colleges to List

Compare Me

UPDATE INTEREST

MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST

REMOVE

\* = extended profile available

	College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of California, Los Angeles		Student	N/A	Regular November Decision 30	N/A  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Florida		Counselor	N/A	Regular November Decision 1	N/A  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgetown University		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Kansas		Counselor	N/A	Priority November 1	N/A  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Missouri Columbia		Student	N/A	Priority December 1	N/A  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spelman College		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennessee State University		Counselor	N/A	N/A	N/A  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	The University of Texas, Austin		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A  MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vanderbilt University		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A  MORE

School-specific

Common App

# Sample Spreadsheet

College	Common App	App Type	Deadline	Transcript	Test Scores	Personal Essay	School Essays	Teacher Rec	Counselor Rec	Fee
Cal Poly	No	RD	12/15	Self-report	Superscore	No	0	No	No	\$70
Georgia Tech	Yes	EA2	11/2	Self-report	Superscore	No	2	0-1	Form + 0-1	\$75
Miami-OH	Yes	EA	12/1	Self-report	Superscore	Yes	0	0-1	Form + 0-1	\$50
Mizzou	Yes	Priority	12/1	Initial	Superscore	No	0	0-1	Form + 0-1	\$55
MO S&T	Yes	Priority	12/1	Initial	Superscore	No	0	0-2	Form + 0-1	\$0
NC State	Yes	EA	11/1	Initial	Superscore	Yes	0-2	0-1	Form + 0-1	\$85
Ohio State	Yes	EA	11/15	Initial	Highest Comp	Yes	0	0-2	Form + 0-1	\$60
Purdue	Yes	EA	11/1	Self-report	Superscore	Yes	2	0-1	Form + 0-1	\$60
UC Berkeley	No	RD	11/30	Self-report	Not Used	No	4	No	No	\$70
UIUC	No	EA	11/15	Self-report	Superscore	No	0-2	No	No	\$50
UVA	Yes	EA	11/1	Initial	Superscore	Yes	1	1-2	Form + 0-1	\$75
Vanderbilt	Yes	RD	1/1	Initial	Superscore	Yes	1	2	Form + 1	\$50
Wash U	Yes	RD	1/4	Initial	Superscore	Yes	0	1-2	Form + 1	\$75

# Summary of Example

- ▶ Student would definitely use the Common App (used by 10 of the 13 schools)
- ▶ Need majority of everything finished before November
- ▶ Stay on top of test policies, but majority will superscore, so testing more than once could prove beneficial
- ▶ Main Common App essay can be sent to 7 schools, but will likely need to write an additional 14 essays to meet individual school requirements
- ▶ Must invite 2 teachers to write letters of recommendation
- ▶ Must ask a counselor to complete Common App forms and write a letter of recommendation
- ▶ Will have \$775 in application fees (unless eligible for fee waivers)



# Overwhelmed?

- ▶ Get organized – start the Google Sheet
- ▶ If applicable, create a Common App account to begin exploring the site
- ▶ Schedule an appointment with me
- ▶ Check out all of the resources on the [PCH Counseling](#) website and in [Naviance](#)
- ▶ Sign up for a **FREE** College Mentor and check out **FREE** workshops and **FREE** monthly presentations at [mentors4college.org](http://mentors4college.org)