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A deep dive into USA Applications

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Outline – today's presentation



1. **American universities – why go?**
2. **University of California**
3. **Common App**
4. **Building a strong application**
 - a. Templates
 - b. What American universities actually look for



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- MA in Education (UCL), College Counselor, focus of choosing international Universities and scholarships.
- Ensuring that all applications are completed correctly.



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- Worked University of Toronto, International Admissions
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Today's Team

USA – Some highlights of offers and interviews so far 2025/26



Offers



Syracuse
University



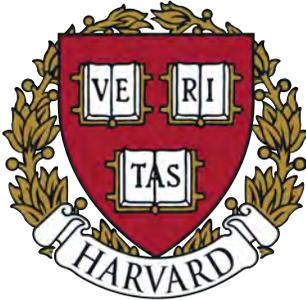
PURDUE
UNIVERSITY



Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



Interviews





1. American universities – why go?



The Wide Open Range, curriculums, deadlines, majors, opportunity to stay on!

- **Top Global Rankings:** 20/50 (QS) / 22/50 (THE)
- **Acceptance Rates:** Wide variety from 3% (Caltech) to 80% (State Universities)
- **Deadlines.** Ongoing. From October to early September
- **Flexibility:** Majors, curriculum, and options to transfer
- **Internships and Employment:** VISA offers up to three years after graduation



Fees and Scholarships!

- **Fees:** Wide range
- **Scholarships:** Entry scholarships, partial scholarships, and the most impressive full ride scholarships.
- **Financial Aid:** Some financial aid is often available for anyone who makes under 100,000 usd per year

Reminder – Limitations of University Rankings



- Varying methodologies
 - Different ranking systems use different criteria and weightings
 - University's position can change depending on which ranking you consult
- May not reflect individual needs
 - Rankings may not account for factors like campus culture, teaching style, or specific program strengths that are crucial for a good experience
 - Often overly focused on Post Graduate studies
- Can be manipulated
 - Rankings can encourage universities to focus on improving their scores through means that may not benefit students
 - Such as focusing on research activities that are highly cited.



UC San Diego Library



Dorm at MIT

But look at your subject area! – specialist examples



Engineering-Focused Schools:

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology of Indiana, #1 undergraduate engineering in the US (US News), but unranked in QS.

Colorado School of Mines, #1 in Mineral and Mining Engineering in the world, but not in top 100 in overall ranking

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, #4 for Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering. Unranked in QS

State Universities have low overall rankings and easy acceptances, but also have some top US majors:

- **Arizona State University** (W. P. Carey School of Business, Supply Chain Management, Astronomy, Engineering),
- **Michigan State** (Nuclear Physics, Nursing)
- **Penn State** (Smeal Business School, Engineering)

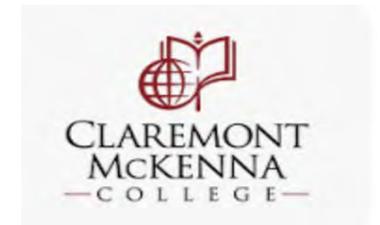
Spotlight on Liberal Arts Colleges



- **Liberal arts colleges.**
- Four-year undergraduate institutions.
- **Broad, well-rounded education** in humanities, sciences, social sciences, and arts rather than specialized, technical, or vocational training.
- Emphasize small class sizes, critical thinking, close faculty-student interaction
- College, because they don't have Masters or PhD, so are often unranked.
- **VERY well recognized in the US.**



Amherst
College



Williams
College



Famous Liberal Arts Graduates



Alumni makeup top of industry, politics and culture

- Ana Brnabić, Prime Minister of Serbia
- Barack Obama, US President
- Steve Ells, Chipotle Co-CEO
- Michael Eisner, Former Walt Disney Company CEO
- Carly Fiorina, Former Hewlett-Packard CEO
- Andrea Jung, Former Avon CEO
- Kyriakos Mitsotakis: Prime Minister of Greece
- Howard Schultz, Starbucks CEO
- Richard Plepler, HBO CEO
- Susan Wojcicki, Former YouTube CEO





2. University of California

UNIVERSITY
OF
CALIFORNIA



University of California
BLUE & GOLD

UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Merced
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC San Francisco No Athletics
UC Santa Cruz
UC Santa Barbara



Universities of California



- Nine undergraduate campuses ranging from large, bustling city schools (UCLA) to more serene, nature-surrounded settings (UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis),
- UC Berkeley and UC Los Angeles in the top of the world rankings.
- Heavy on undergraduate research possibilities.
- Diverse and social campus life



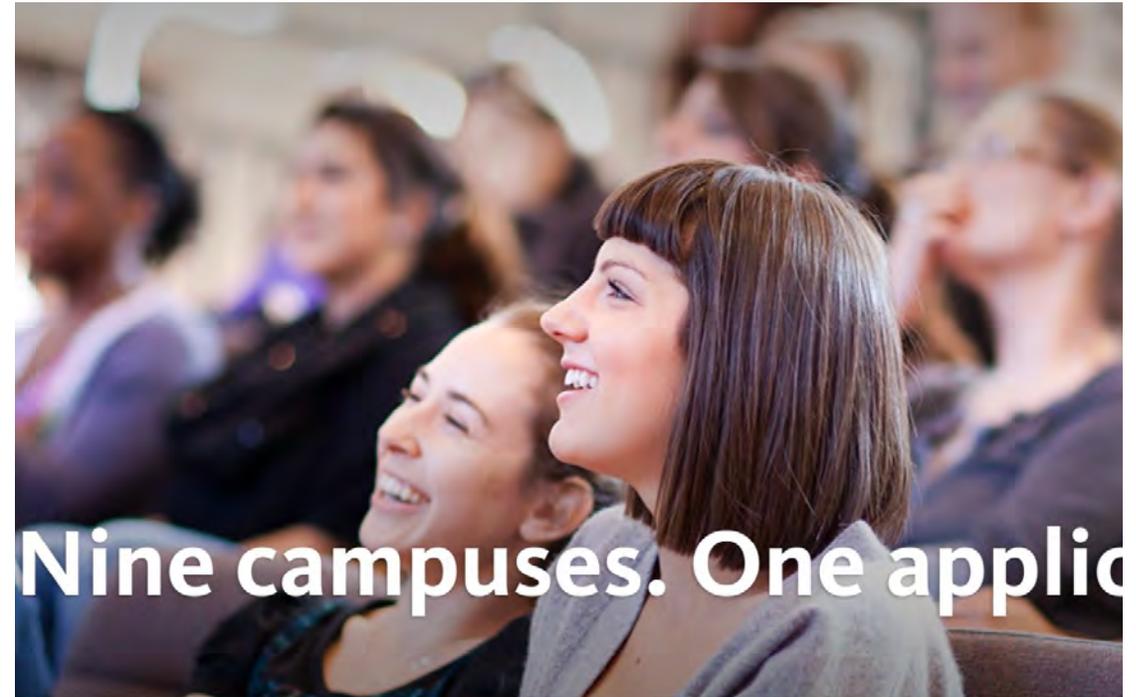
UC Application – Easy Application



- One Platform (like a mini UCAS)
- Fees 80 usd/application
- No SAT or ACT

The application:

- 4 Short Personal Insight Questions
- List of up to 20 Activities and Award
- Self Reported Grades
 - they check once you are admitted
- No Teacher recommendations or School Reports



Nine campuses. One applic

Welcome to the University of California's application for undergraduate admissions and scholarships. By starting your application, you're taking your first step toward the best public university system in the world.

Universities of California



- Very little Financial Aid or scholarships
- Tuition fees from 50 to 60,000 USD
- One application and one deadline December 1
 - Earlier than most US universities
- UCs respond end of March

Just Note!

- Non UC universities in the State of California (on Common App)
 - Southern California
 - Pepperdine
 - CalTech
 - Stanford
 - Pomona
 - Harvey Mudd





3. The Common App



The Common App



- 1000+ universities (Managed by the College Board)
- 20 applications maximum
- Essay:
 1. 650-word essay
 2. Several short questions (250 words)
 3. Supplements (500-600 words each)
- School upload transcripts
 - IGCSE results and A-Levels are validated by school
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Teacher Letters (subject teachers)
 - Counselor Letter (more holistic)



How the Common App works



The screenshot displays the Common App dashboard interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with the 'common app' logo at the top. Below the logo, the 'Dashboard' option is highlighted. Underneath, there are two sections: 'APPLY' containing 'My Common Application', 'My Colleges', and 'Settings'; and 'EXPLORE' containing 'College search', 'Direct admissions', 'Financial aid', and 'Sign out'. At the bottom of the sidebar is a user profile icon. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and features two expandable sections. The first, 'My Common Application', shows '7/7 sections complete' with a green progress bar and a checkmark. Below this, seven categories are listed with green checkmarks: Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities, Writing, and Courses & Grades. The second section, 'My Colleges', shows '11 colleges on my list' with a green progress bar and a checkmark. Below this, it indicates '11 submitted' and includes a 'Show colleges' dropdown menu. At the bottom of this section is a 'Celebrate' button with a confetti icon. The 'Deadlines' section is partially visible at the bottom.

common app

Dashboard

APPLY

- My Common Application
- My Colleges

EXPLORE

- College search
- Direct admissions
- Financial aid
- Settings
- Sign out

Dashboard

My Common Application

7/7 sections complete

Profile Family Education Testing Activities Writing

Courses & Grades

My Colleges

11 colleges on my list

11 submitted

Show colleges

Celebrate

Deadlines

How the Common App works





My Colleges

Overview

- ✓ Boston University Submitted
- ✓ Loyola Marymount University Submitted
- ✓ New York University Submitted
- ✓ Northeastern University Submitted
- ✓ Penn State Submitted
- ✓ Tufts University Submitted

My Colleges

11 colleges on my list

11 submitted

Show colleges

Celebrate

Deadlines

11/11 deadlines added

January < > Today

Jan 5 [Boston University](#)
[New York University](#)
[Tufts University](#)

Jan 10 [University of Southern California](#)

Jan 15 [University of Wisconsin-Madison](#)

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Help & support

Search FAQs

Search takes you to the student solution center

How can I add a college to My colleges?

To add a college to your account:

Select **College search** from...

Read full answer

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?

You can return at any time and change your answer t...

Read full answer

How the Common App works





My Colleges

APPLICATION

- General
- Academics
- Contacts
- Family
- Other Information
- Residency
- Essay Questions
- Recommenders and FERPA
- Review and submit

Apply to Boston University



Boston University

admissions@bu.edu · Phone [\(617\) 353-2300](tel:6173532300)
233 Bay State Rd
Boston, MA 02215
USA

Application deadlines

September
Early Decision · November 01, 2025
Early Decision II · January 05, 2026
Regular Decision · January 05, 2026

January
Regular Decision · November 01, 2025

Links

- [College website](#)
- [Admissions office](#)
- [Financial aid](#)
- [Virtual tour](#)
- [College Navigator](#)

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Other deadline information

Early Decision and Regular Decision candidates are eligible for merit scholarship consideration as long as their completed application is submitted by the

Help & support

Search FAQs

Search takes you to the student solution center

Can a college see the list of colleges on the My colleges list?

A school cannot view any other schools on your My...

[Read full answer](#)

When is the deadline for my application submission?

To meet an application deadline, you must submit your application materials...

[Read full answer](#)

[All help topics](#)

How the Common App works





My Colleges

- ✓ Recommenders and FERPA
- ✓ Review and submit application

- ✓ Loyola Marymount University Submitted
- ✓ New York University Submitted
- ✓ Northeastern University Submitted
- ✓ Penn State Submitted
- ✓ Tufts University

Apply to Boston University

Recommenders and FERPA

✓ Complete

Recommenders are people who will submit forms to colleges on your behalf. This page shows which recommender types this college needs. Each college will have different requirements.

✓ FERPA Release Authorization

[View Details](#) ▾

Invite recommenders

Use this section to invite and then [assign recommenders](#) to this college. You'll need to assign recommenders for each college on your list.

[Invite Recommenders](#) [Manage Recommenders](#)

✓ Counselor

Your school is using Unifrog for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. If your counselor wishes to submit forms via mail, you can download forms that can be completed on

Help & support

Search FAQs

Can I submit my application before my recommenders submit their forms?

You are allowed to submit...

▾ [Read full answer](#)

Why am I unable to assign an Other Recommender to a school?

You will only be able to assign an Other...

▾ [Read full answer](#)

Adding Colleges to your List



Dashboard

APPLY

My Common Application

My Colleges

EXPLORE

College search

Direct admissions

Financial aid

Settings

Sign out

College search

Application requirements

College or City Name

Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

More filters

1161 results

Sort by: College name

	Aberystwyth University Aberystwyth, Ceredigion - GBR	+ Add
	Abilene Christian University Abilene, TX - USA	+ Add
	Adams State University Alamosa, CO - USA	+ Add

Different deadlines



Good evening, Ana Isabel · Cour

Deadlines

20/20 deadlines added

January < > Today

- Jan 1 [Harvard University](#)
- [Princeton University](#)
- [Washington and Lee University](#)
- Jan 2 [Cornell University](#)
- [Northwestern University](#)
- [University of Notre Dame](#)
- [Yale University](#)
- Jan 4 [Rice University](#)
- [Swarthmore College](#)
- Jan 5 [California Institute of Technology \(Caltech\)](#)
- [Duke University](#)
- [Middlebury College](#)
- [Stanford University](#)
- [Tufts University](#)
- Jan 10 [Colby College](#)
- Jan 15 [Connecticut College](#)
- [Lafayette College](#)
- [Trinity College](#)
- [Union College](#)

January

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Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences

January 15, 2026 · Regular Decision



Skidmore College

January 08, 2026 · Regular Decision



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

January 05, 2026 · Regular Decision



University of Michigan

February 01, 2026 · Regular Decision



Vassar College

January 07, 2026 · Regular Decision



Parts of the Common App. Counselor



- AA Student info**
FERPA waived
- School report**
Submitted
- Counselor recommendation**
Submitted
- Optional report**
Not required
- Optional report 2**
Not yet available

Brown University

Jan 5, 2026 · Regular Decision

✉ admission@brown.edu



Counselor form requirements

 School report Downloaded (12/26/2025)	 Early decision 1 Not applicable	 Early decision 2 Not applicable	 Fee waiver Not applicable
 Counselor recommendation Downloaded (12/26/2025)	 Optional report Not required	 Mid year report Downloaded (01/10/2026)	 Final year report Required

Writing supplement
Submitted (Dec 25, 2025)
Downloaded (Dec 26, 2025)

[Writing supplement PDF](#)

College questions
Submitted (Dec 25, 2025)
Downloaded (Dec 26, 2025)

[Application PDF](#)



4. Building a strong application.

Haileybury support:

- a. Templates
 - Timeline/Road Map
 - Deadlines
 - Uni list
 - Activities list
 - Finance Statements

Road Map: Y10 and Y11



Year 10 and 11	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Research your honest skills and interests2. Think about your Profile: Are you doing enough sports, social activities, leadership and Creativity Activities?3. What could be your Spike? What will make you outstanding4. Start SAT practice questions5. And then start!
Year 11	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Get very good IGCSE results. These are part of your transcript for university2. Get a good EC profile: Balance, and Spike3. Start studying SAT questions and do practice tests
Summer Y 11	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use your summer to build that Profile and Spike2. Sign up for your first SAT in August

Road Map: Y12 and Y13



Fall Y 12	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prepare for SAT. A regular study routine. An SAT group? Sign up for test in October2. Your Y 12 final results are the MOST IMPORTANT. These will get you admission into university.3. Make a balance on your EC activities and your school work. School takes precedence.4. Plan your University Long Lists: Use the template, common app, UCAS, Google, rankings etc.5. understand your family finances and the costs of universities to make your lists realistic.6. Research scholarships/ financial aid
Winter Y12	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sign up for the next SAT test in the spring2. Fine-tune your Study/ EC balance3. Make a Linked In account. you are adults now!4. Make a good looking, editable CV5. Study like crazy and get good grades on the final exams6. When you are bored of studying, check out Personal Statements and Essays. Write some drafts.
Summer Y 12	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What are you doing for your Spike? Do something this summer that will make your special.2. Write draft essays and supplementaries3. Do your IELTS test in the summer4. Study for the last SAT, in August or Oct of Y 13
Fall Y13	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Results of AS level exams: Resit? Reevaluate your possibilities?2. Write your last SAT3. Write your essays again and again2. Make your Long List into a Short List (I suggest about 15 from around the world) More if you can afford the application fees.3, Make your Common App and UCAS accounts4. OXBRIDGE and UK Medicine: Oct 15th deadline5. US Early Decision/ Early Action Deadlines (around Nov 1)6. US regular Decision deadlines, usually late December. Check each of your universities.7. Other deadlines in Early January: Netherlands, some in Asia. Check, check, check.

Deadlines



15-Oct	US	Early Action deadline for some US colleges University specific EA and ED deadlines from 2023-2024 are available here*
15-Oct	UK	UCAS application deadline for Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science (2025 entry)
25-Oct	Canada	Guaranteed consideration date for Toronto Metropolitan University
1-Nov	US	Early Decision / Early Action deadline for most US colleges University specific EA and ED deadlines from 2023-2024 are available here*
15-Nov	US	Early Decision / Early Action deadline for some US colleges University specific EA and ED deadlines from 2023-2024 are available here*
30-Nov	US	University of California application deadline

15-Dec	US	Early application outcomes released throughout December
1-Jan	US	Regular Decision deadline for most US colleges
15-Jan	US	Regular Decision deadline for some US colleges
15-Jan	Canada	Deadline for some Canadian universities with international deadlines

Uni List. Making educated choices



	Location		Basics		Financial Aid		Deadlines		Requirements					
University	State	City	Intl Tuition	Admission Rate	Max FA	Full Ride?	Early	RD	TOEFL/IE LTS	SAT	Essay	LOR	App Fee	Application Link
MIT	USA	Cambridge, MA	\$72,462	7.30%	100%	TRUE	1 November	Jan 5	7	optional	5 мини эссе - ответы на их вопросы	from two teachers (one math/science, 2 rec from teachers, 1 from couns)	75\$	commonapp
Princeton University	USA	Princeton, NJ	\$48,502	5.60%	100%	TRUE	1 November	Jan 1	7	optional	4 supp, 3 короткие эссешки	3 letters (1 couns, 2 teachers)	70\$	commonapp
Rice university	USA	Houston, TX	\$51,107	10.90%	100%	TRUE	1 November	Jan 4	7	optional	1 ps, 3 supp and 1 image (?)	2 rec from teachers, 1 from counselor	75\$	commonapp
Stanford University	USA	Palo Alto, CA	\$78,218	5.20%	100%	TRUE	1 November	Jan 5	7	optional	1 personal st, 3 эссе - ответы на 1 ps, 2 Penn-specific essays	2 rec from academic teachers	90\$	commonapp
University of Pennsylvania	USA	Philadelphia, PA	\$60,042	9%	100%	TRUE	1 November	Jan 5	7	optional	1 ps, 1 short answer (supp)	1 от конс, 2 от учителей основных	75\$	commonapp
Vanderbilt university	USA	Nashville, TN	\$54,158	11.60%	100%	TRUE	1 November	Jan 1	7	optional			50\$	commonapp

Dream/Aspiration (10% chance)	University Long data list	Major	ranking	where?	Acceptance Rate	Admissions (SAT, Grades, Portfolio....)	elts needed?	Essay needed?	Application system and deadline	Tuition?	Scholarship possible/ Notes
1	U of Toronto	Civil Engineering	world 26	Canada	40%	SAT 1330-1500. 85 - 90% average	YES	no	OUAC. Opens Oct, Deadline Jan 1 (check program)	62,000 Cdn plus expenses per year	Some automatic merit scholarships. Major international nomination for Lester B Pearson scholarship
2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Engineering/ Ma	1 QS	Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA	4%	SAT 1520-1570.	YES	YES	Own	\$57,986	Need-blind, up to 100% demonstrated financial need

Activities



Activities (Honor and Activities) *(place in order of IMPORTANCE, to build your profile and SPIKE)*

The Common App asks for 5 Honors and 10 Activities.
An Honor is an award that you have won. Top Student, 3rd place in Photography contest, etc.
 The University of California asks for up to 20 Activities
 Use this as a basis to create a great CV

1 Activity Type	2 Position/ Leadership Description ((50 characters)	3 Organization Name ((100 characters)	4 Activity Description (150 characters)	Participation Grade Levels
Type	Position *50 characters*	Organization name *100 characters*	Description, Impact/accomplishments *150 characters*	Recommendations
Community service	Event organizer, staff recruitment and training	Haileybury Astana.(National Piano Paradigm, MUN, International Physics Battles competitions)	I helped create the 1st Kazakh "Piano Paradigm" (100+ musicians), organised MUN and international Physics Battles (180+/400+ students), and trained new leaders.	Create 1st Kazakh "Piano paradigm" competition 100+ musicians; organize MUN and international Physics Battles, 180+ /400+ students.Train new leaders. *150 characters
Social-justice	Club Co-founder, Leader of the Media department	Sana, Astana's children's rights club supported by UNICEF & national volunteer network of KZ	I lead a 10+ person team, publish monthly articles, manage social posts, volunteer as UNICEF rep (recognized by A.V. Diesen), and wrote/illustrated a Kazakh children's book	Direct team 10+, publish monthly articles, oversee posts, volunteer ; UNICEF rep A.V. Diesen recognition; write & illustrate Kazakh children's book. *148 characters

Finance Statements



Use this template to decide if you would be eligible for US Financial Aid, and then to help fill out the [CSS Profile](#) (the form you use to apply for financial aid in the Common App)

Each university applies its own conditions, but generally, if your family has gross income less than 120,000 usd per year and assets no more than 500,000 usd, you may be eligible for some financial aid.

Keep all numbers in the same main currency, KZT. for the past 2 years

Household Income Statement (includes everyone who lives in your house)

2024			
Parent 1	Description	Amount in Tenge	Notes
Name			
Job			
Annual Salary or Income before taxes	real estate manager	12000000	1 million/month x 12 months.
Other Income (rental properties, pension, etc)	rent apartment income	1000000	apartment on Abay Ave.
Annual taxes paid	income	2000000	
Other Deductible Expenses		4000000	education, medical, travel expenses
Total Net Income		7000000	
Parent 2 Mom	Description	Amount in Tenge	



4. Building a strong application.

Haileybury support:

b. The Essay Template



[UCAS Personal Statement: Due Oct 1 for Oxbridge, and Dec 1 for Regular. Link here:](#)

[University of California Personal Insight Questions:](#) **(Nov 30)**

(4 essays; 350 words)

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.

Tab 1



Name:

My IELTS:

My SAT or ACT:

My University Short List

My CV (Template include...

My Honours List:

My Activities List:

[UCAS Personal Statemen...](#)

University of California P...

My Common App Essay, ...

My Supplemental Essays:

(example) Nov 1 ED: Yale:

Academic Goals:

Academic Topic:

Why Yale:

Sample support



X Draft 1

Draft 2

New version (610 w...)

Old version (678 word...)

Supplemental Essays

Information Table (lin...)

Nazarbayev University

Why Us + Why Major ...

ACADEMIC AND/OR NO...

CHKU

Why Us + Why M... X Why Us + Why Major + Diversity

source of my family going about their evening. I was trying to distract myself from the decision that lay before me: to transfer schools mid-senior year. This choice wasn't just about a change in environment; it was about stepping away from the familiar path tread by my peers, about dealing with the weight of my family's and relatives' expectations. The choice had to be made.

Transferring schools meant answering questions my family and my previous classmates were asking, which I myself didn't know the answers to. As my peers were getting ready to move forward in their university journeys, I was left behind for two more years, swayed from the carved path of the initial set of rules. My eyes saw the past, present, and future routes of others and only the past of their own. They didn't lose a vision, though. They simply were engulfed with fear—the fear of their own unreached potential, of falling short before it's done. The choice was made. A new chapter began.

A Ana Isabel Munoz Lopera
Dec 30, 2023

the average ready won't know what is PyCharm. (I had to look it up). by context, it sounds like an online betting site. And that isn't something that would impress a admissions officer!
I suggest you change this opening sentence to make it seem like you are not a gambler, but a programmer who wants to change his life.

Comments above copied from original document

A Ana Isabel Munoz Lopera
Dec 30, 2023

We don't understand the context. Why were you debating about changing schools? What was "wrong" about your present school, and what was "right" about your proposed school?



- The Essay is unlike the UK Personal Statement. It is the one part of the application that makes the **Spike**
 - That one clear statement of interest, experience and skills that can summarize the student in one sentence
 - The Common App essay **doesn't repeat what is on your CV or activities but tells a story** that lets the Admission Officer understand what kind of person you are, how you think and how you communicate.

Who you want to be remembered as



- “The guy who programs and flies drones for air pollution collection and analysis”
- “The woman who is fighting for women’s rights in Kazakhstan through her marketing skills”
- “The Math Olympiad genius who plays guitar and wants to make math models for interstellar travel.”





4. Building a strong application.

Haileybury support:

- c. Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation



Document tabs



Tab 1



What classes have you ta...

What are you most proud...

What topics were your m...

Were there any papers or...

What types of environme...

Did you learn anything in ...

Could you share an exam...

Go to file- Make a copy- share with your teacher (give editing/suggesting access).

Give your teachers 2-6 weeks to write a recommendation letter

Student's name:

Student's predicted grades:

Study destinations (countries, universities)

Deadline for the rec letter to be submitted:

Teacher's name:

Subject:

Answers should be specific and include examples.

1. What classes have you taken with me? How long have we known each other?



APPLY WITH CSS PROFILE

CSS Profile

Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to more than \$14 billion in nonfederal aid to thousands of students.

Sign in to Fall 2026/Spring 2027



1. **Education:** Y12 AS Level final results are most important. IGCSE and Y13 Predicted Grades moderately important.
2. **Testing:** List of A Level Predicted Grades, and SAT or ACT optional. IELTS or Duolingo are necessary
3. **Activities:** 10 activities that give an Spike to your profile
4. **Writing:** The Common App Essay, 650 words
5. **School Report:** Written by the school, includes official transcripts and a description of the school.
6. **Counselor's Report:** A recommendation summary by the college counselor about all aspects of the student
7. **Teachers' Letters of Recommendation:** Specialized letters about the subject



Thank you

Any questions?

