

Updated look & feel

First-year application 2025-2026

Updated May 21, 2025

Introduction

Thanks for previewing the upcoming look and feel of the first-year application!

Here are a few important notes to keep in mind:

- **This is a preview** of a selection of screens that are meant to assist you in updating your student resources until the updates are live in the application. There may be small adjustments made during the development process.
- These updates will **launch on August 1, 2025** with the new application cycle.
- **Core functionality and workflows aren't changing** for students. Completing and submitting applications remain the same.
- Account rollover is not impacted, and students who create accounts prior to August 1 will be able to rollover without concern.
- The recommender system is not affected by these updates.

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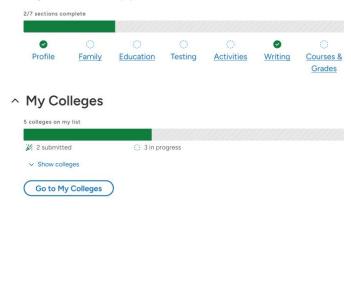
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Good afternoon, Penelope!

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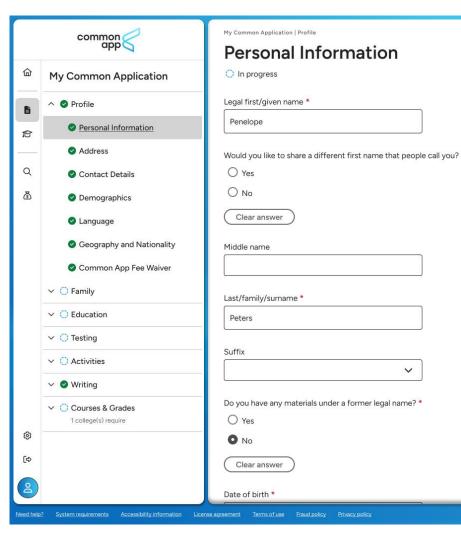


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Upon login, students are presented with a personalized view of their My Common Application and My Colleges progress.

Students can take action to work on their applications from the Dashboard, or by selecting a section in the 'Apply' menu header.

My Common Application (formerly Common App tab)



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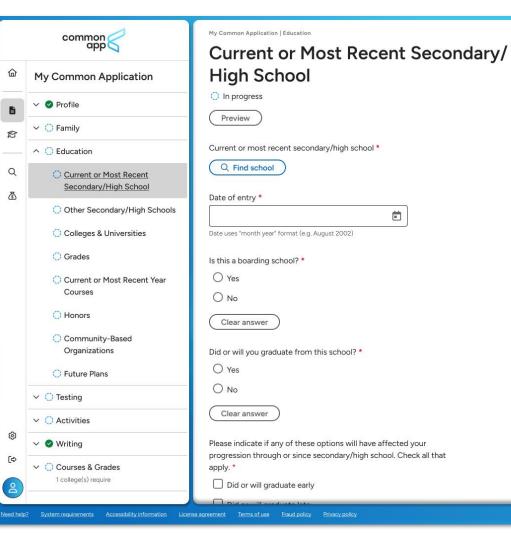
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Tests Taken

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In addition to sending official score reports as required by colleges, do you wish to self-report scores or future test dates for any of the following standardized tests: ACT, SAT/SAT Subject, AP, IB, Cambridge, TOEFL, PTE Academic, IELTS, and Duolingo English Test? *

O Yes

O No

Clear answer

International applicants: Is promotion within your educational system based upon standard leaving examinations given at the end of lower and/or senior secondary school by a state or national leaving examinations board? (Students studying in the US typically answer no to this question.)



Clear answer



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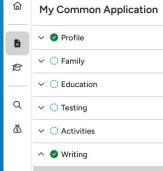
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Personal Essay

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Personal Essay

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Some colleges require submission of the personal essay with your Common App. You may submit a personal essay to any college, even if it is not required by that college. If not required by a college, you will be given the option during submission to include your essay or not for that college. *

I understand

Here is the current list of colleges on your Dashboard and whether they require the Personal Essay.

Required

University of Rhode Island

Whittier College

Not Required

- North Carolina A&T State University
- South Carolina State University
- University of Iowa

The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores? Choose the option that best helps you answer that question and write an essay of no more than 650 words, using the prompt to inspire and structure your response. Remember: 650 words is your limit, not your goal. Use the full range if you need it, but don't feel obligated to do so. (The application won't accept a response shorter than 250 words.)

Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

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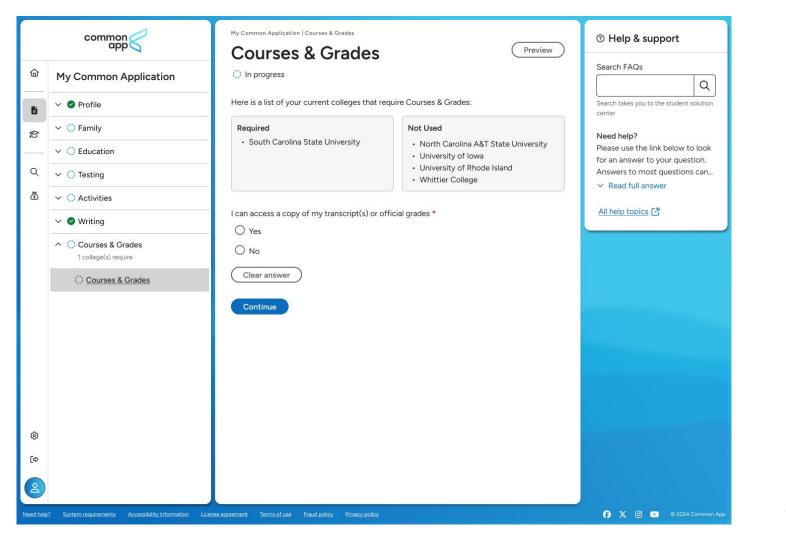
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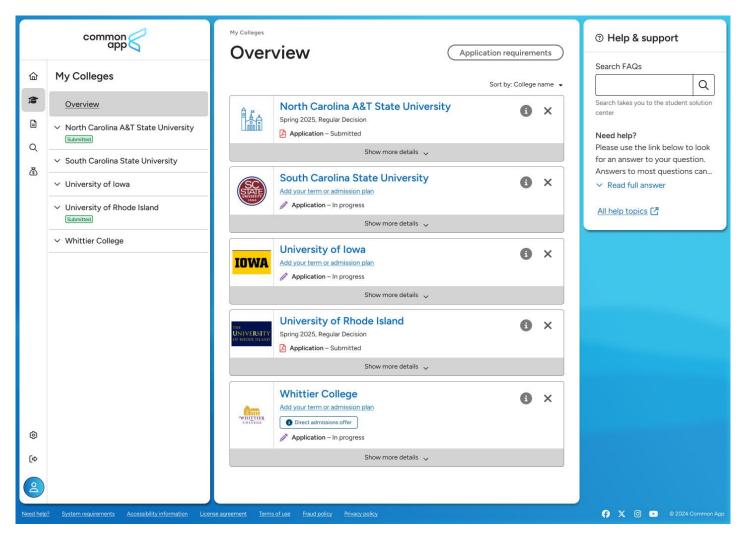
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My colleges



Students can track their progress on, complete, and submit their college-specific application sections.

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	Contacts	available deadline. There's no application fee and applying does not mean that you have to enroll.
	Family	Before sending you a formal admission offer, this college will verify you meet their
	Writing	admission criteria. For more information about how you were selected or how direct admissions works in general, please use our <u>direct admissions FAQ</u> [2].
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Students will find information about colleges they have added.

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- ACT / SAT Tests
- AP / IB / Cambridge / SAT Subject Tests
- Partial SSN
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Your application will not be submitted until you complete your signature and affirmations.

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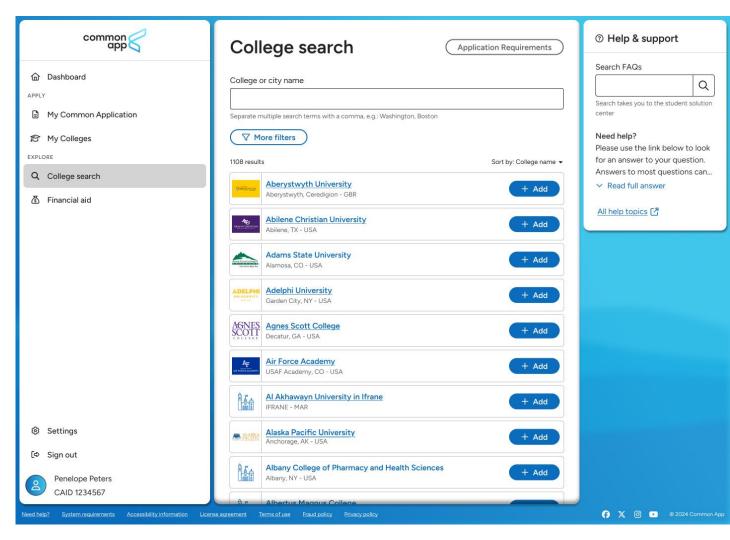
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Types of financial aid

Financial aid can help you afford the total cost of attending college. For even more terms and information, check out the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid resources on the types of financial aid.

Grants and scholarships

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Grants and scholarships are free money that you do not have to pay back. They can come from the U.S. federal or state government, a college, or a private organization. This type of aid can be renewable, meaning that you receive a fixed amount over a specified period of time. The amount can also be adjusted based on other factors, such as maintaining a certain Grade Point Average (GPA).

The <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</u> is a great way to apply for grants and scholarships. You can also <u>look up your state grant agency</u> and explore financial aid opportunities provided by your state government. You may be eligible for state financial aid even if you're not eligible for U.S. federal aid.

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If you need more help or if you would like to find more resources, please visit our <u>paying for</u> <u>college page</u>.

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In the 'Financial aid' section of the 'Explore' main menu section, students will find opportunities to learn about financial aid and apply for scholarships.



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How to apply for financial aid

Financial aid | Scholarships

Matches

Based on your Common App tab responses, we think you'd be a great match for the following scholarships.

2 available matches

Burger King Scholars Program Deadline: December 16, 2024 Up to \$60,000

Equitable Excellence Scholarship Program

Deadline: December 18, 2024 Up to \$20,000

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All matched scholarships are still available.

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