How Common App for Transfer Works

A quickstart guide for students using the Common App for transfer.

1 Add programs
Get started by adding programs to your list. You can find programs to apply to in the Add Program tab of your Common App account. Here you can also learn more about each program’s specific requirements. More than 600 colleges use Common App for transfer! Go to commonapp.org/explore to start exploring.

2 Stay organized
Each program has its own set of specific requirements. When it comes to tracking this information and staying organized, we’re here to help! Use the “Requirements Grid” and each program’s “Home” page in the application to find this information.

To start your college application checklist, check out our “My Program Requirements” worksheet at commonapp.org/ready.

3 Complete and submit
You only need to complete the questions in the first three sections of the application once. Additionally, for each program you will:

- Answer program specific questions
- Invite and manage recommenders (if applicable)

After all these sections are complete, you are ready to submit your application! Submission is simple: review, pay (if applicable), and submit.

How does my application get there?
When you submit we combine your responses from the Common App sections and program specific questions into one form. Your recommenders complete their evaluations separately.

As recommenders submit their forms we add them to your applicant record.