



Understanding Common App Direct Admissions

Common App Direct Admissions simplifies college admission by extending offers to qualified first-generation and low- and middle-income students before they apply. Offers are based on information — like GPA — that you have entered into your Common App.

There's no application fee, and many colleges offer extra perks to make the process even easier, like guaranteed financial aid and no personal essay or recommendations required.

Get started

1. Create your Common App account at apply.commonapp.org/createaccount
Direct admissions offers are extended regularly throughout the year
2. Answer these questions in the profile, family, and education sections:
 - Cumulative GPA and GPA scale
 - Common App fee waiver response
 - Parent's education level
 - Permanent home address
3. Check your Common App dashboard and email to learn about direct admissions offers

I have received offers. What's next?

1. Learn more about the college, including academic programs, campus offerings, and any exceptions or requirements. Decide if the college is a good fit.
2. Submit your application by the college's latest deadline. There's no application fee, and you're not required to enroll if you apply.
3. Colleges will verify the accuracy of your application information using official documents like school forms and transcripts.

Have additional questions?

Visit commonapp.org/directadmissions to check out our Direct Admissions FAQ.