

Applying to Private & Out of State Colleges

A Guide for Students



**Santa Clara
University**



Private & Out of State Colleges



- A-G Requirements +
- Admissions Deadlines vary
 - Early Decision
 - Early Action
 - Regular Decision
- GPA - min. varies by institution
- SAT/ACT - varies by institution
- Demonstrated Interest is important
- Deadlines for required documents vary
- [Western Undergraduate Exchange \(WUE\)](#) - helps with cost
- [CommonApp.org](#)
- [CSS Profile](#) - Financial Aid Application

Types of Applications

- Common App
 - 800+ member schools
- Coalition for College
 - 150+ member schools
- Direct application from the school
 - Examples: University of Nevada, Reno & University of Hawaii



How to Choose Which Application

- Visit the school's website.
- Find link to APPLY.
- Select platform for application.
 - This may be the Common App, Coalition for College, or a direct application for the school.
- If applying to multiple private or out of state schools, check to see if all campuses can be applied to through one platform.
 - This will streamline your application process and prevent you from having to enter information multiple times.

Using the Common App

Follow these steps to navigate the Common App process

Launch from California Colleges

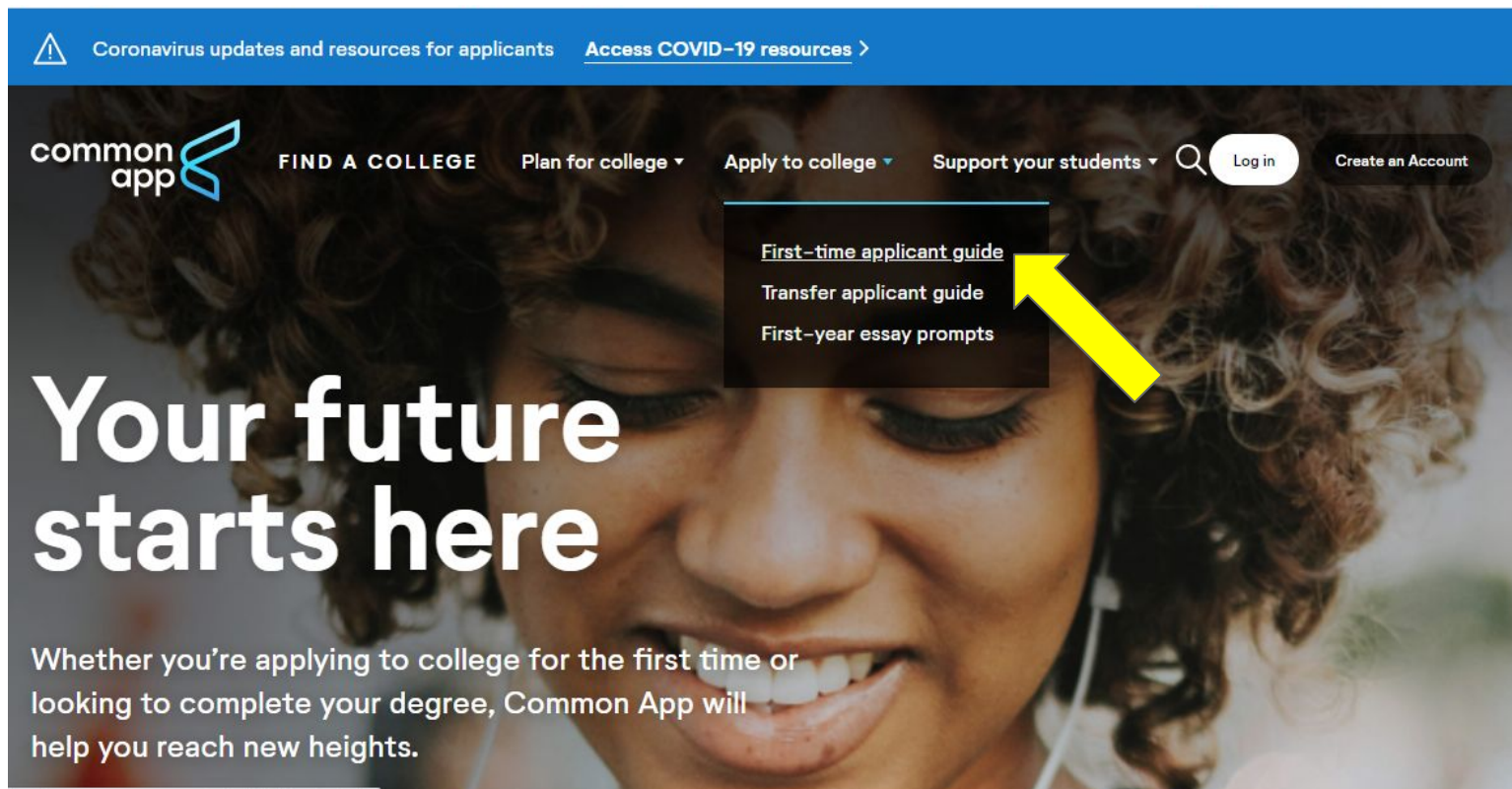
The screenshot shows the California Colleges Educator Dashboard. At the top left is the logo for California Colleges.edu with the tagline "DISCOVER. PLAN. LAUNCH.". The navigation bar includes "Educator Dashboard", "College", "Career", and "Financial Aid". A search icon and a user profile icon are on the right. A red banner at the top contains the text "COVID-19: Up-to-date info". Below this is a large yellow banner with the text "CaliforniaC all-inclusive & enable". A dropdown menu is open, listing several categories and their sub-items:

- College Exploration**
 - College Search Tool
 - College Options in California
 - Systems of Higher Education
- Major Exploration**
 - Major Search Tool
 - Your Program and Major Options
- Apply To College**
 - Application Types Overview
 - The College Application Process
 - California State University Application
 - California Community Colleges Application
 - University of California Application
 - Common Application
- After You Apply**
 - The Waiting Game
 - Admissions Decisions
 - Getting Ready to Go
 - College Basics

A yellow arrow points to the "Common Application" link in the "Apply To College" section. At the bottom left of the dashboard, the URL "www.commonapp.org" is visible.

Be sure to log in with Google

Review the First-Time Applicant Guide



! Coronavirus updates and resources for applicants [Access COVID-19 resources >](#)

common app [FIND A COLLEGE](#) [Plan for college ▾](#) [Apply to college ▾](#) [Support your students ▾](#) [Log in](#) [Create an Account](#)

- [First-time applicant guide](#)
- [Transfer applicant guide](#)
- [First-year essay prompts](#)

Your future starts here

Whether you're applying to college for the first time or looking to complete your degree, Common App will help you reach new heights.

Important Information & Reminders

EVERYTHING VARIES BY SCHOOL!

- Deadlines will vary!! It is important to keep track of each school's deadlines for applications, recommendations, supporting documents, etc.
- All colleges need things like official school forms. Many colleges will also ask for letters of recommendation.
- Counselors, teachers, and recommenders will submit these kinds of forms on your behalf. Here are the types of recommenders you can invite in the Common App: Counselors, Parents, Teachers, Other Recommenders
- Create a professional personal email address to use for your applications. Do NOT use your school email address.

Transcripts

- Request an unofficial transcript for your reference.
 - [Christopher High School Transcript Request Form](#)

Letters of Recommendation

Request Letters of Recommendation EARLY!

- Email your Academic Coordinator for requests if needed
- Provide recommenders AT LEAST two weeks (ten school days) notice when requesting a letter
- Share your brag sheet, resume, activity sheet, personal statement, etc. to help recommenders write a strong letter about you!
- Follow up with recommenders as deadlines approach
- Thank your recommenders once they have submitted their letter for you

Attend our Application Workshops

- If you plan to apply to schools using the Common App, please review the First-Time Applicant Guide before attending an application workshop.
- Workshops will be held every Monday during LUNCH. Academic Coordinators will be available to answer your questions and provide support.

APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

Every **Monday** during **October and November**

WORKSHOP DATES

Monday, October 9, 16, 23, and 30

Monday, November 6, 13, and 27

Time: Lunch