You Choose Class of 2027

*Today's session is designed to help you take the next step in your postsecondary planning. Whether you need to create your **Common App**, set up your **Parchment account**, or update/explore your profile on **GAfutures**, this is a "choose your own path" activity. We recognize that some of you may already have accounts or have started exploring colleges—this time is for you to pick up where you left off and move forward with what you need most.*

Common App
(Slides 3-10)

Parchment
(Slides 11-13)

GaFutures
(Slide 14)

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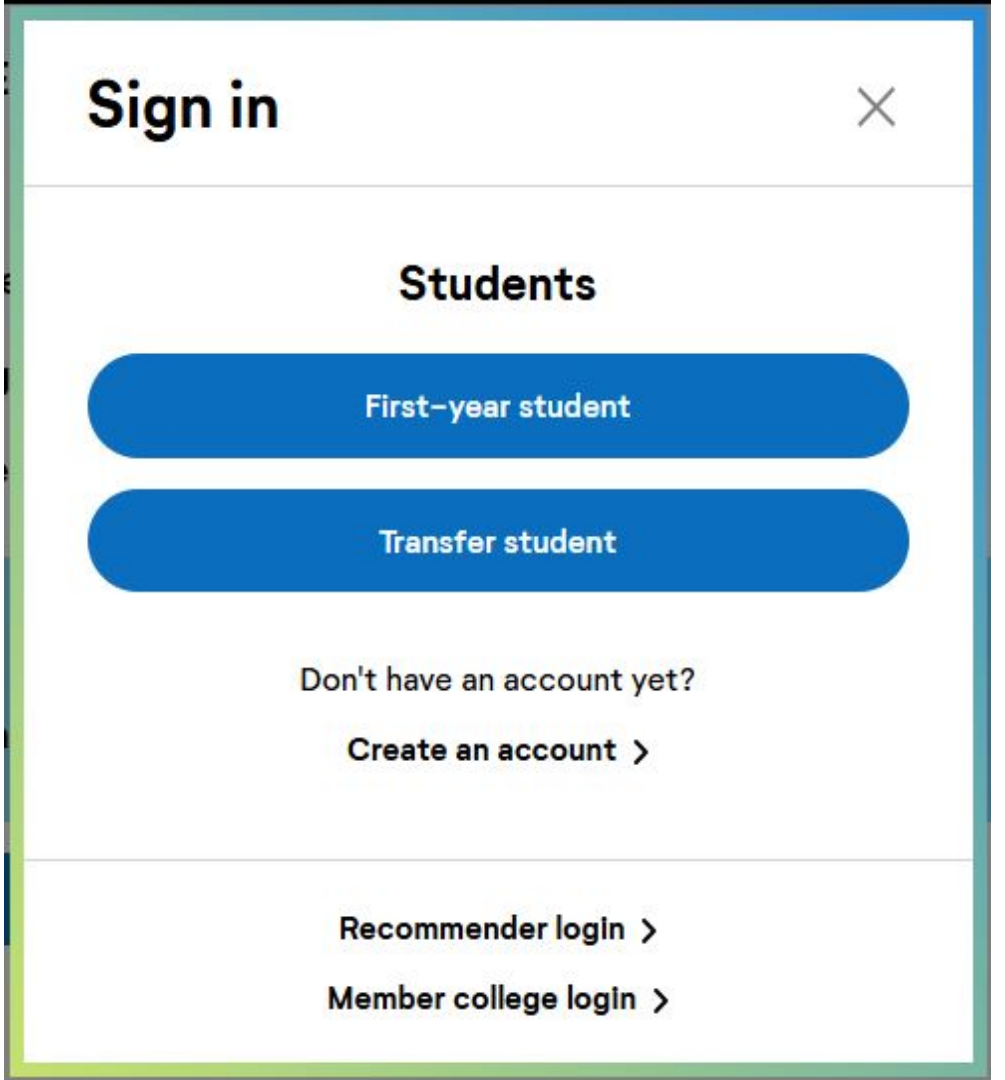
Ms. Shay Locke: SL-Z

Getting Started

1. Create Account
2. First year student
3. Add your information

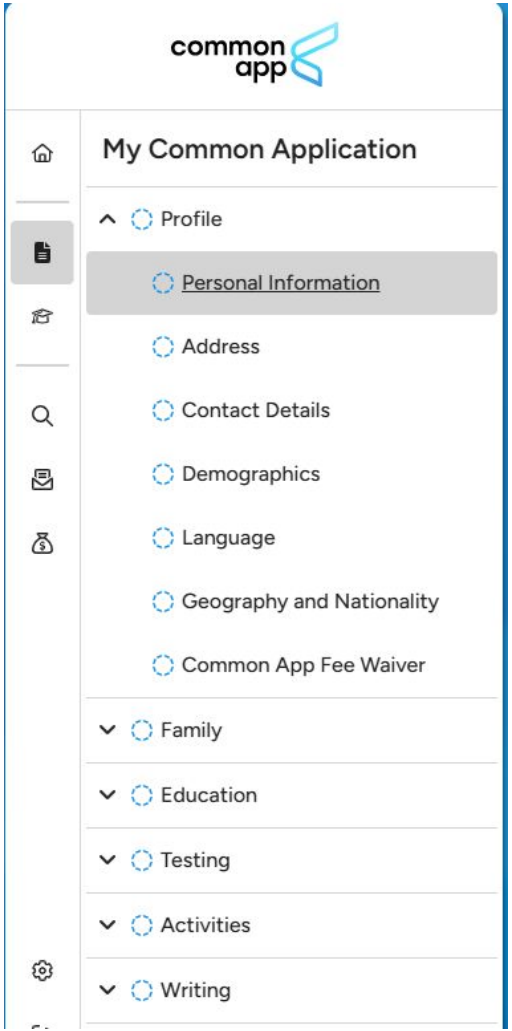
*Don’t use school email



Common App Profile

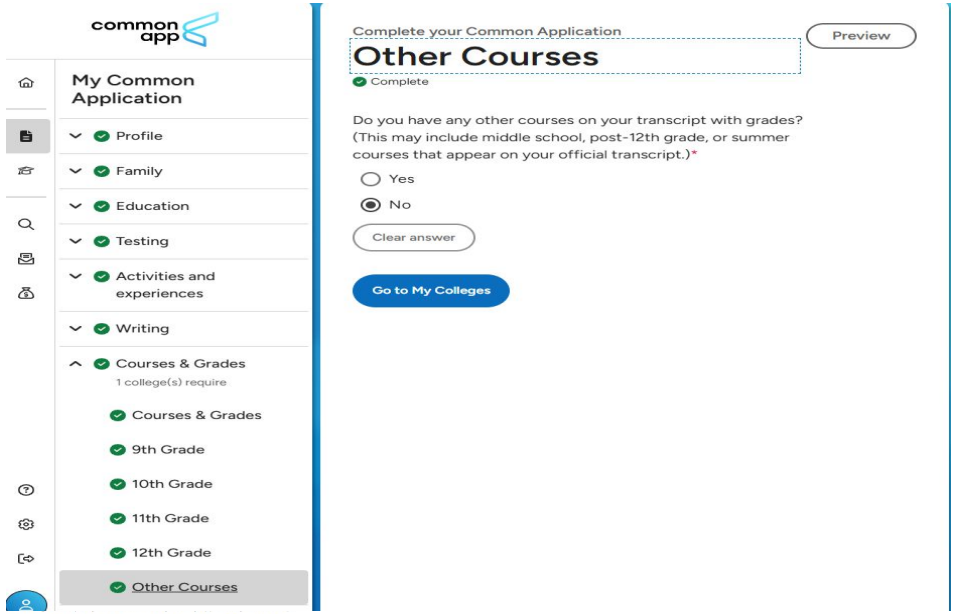
1. Fill out all required information (red asterisk *)

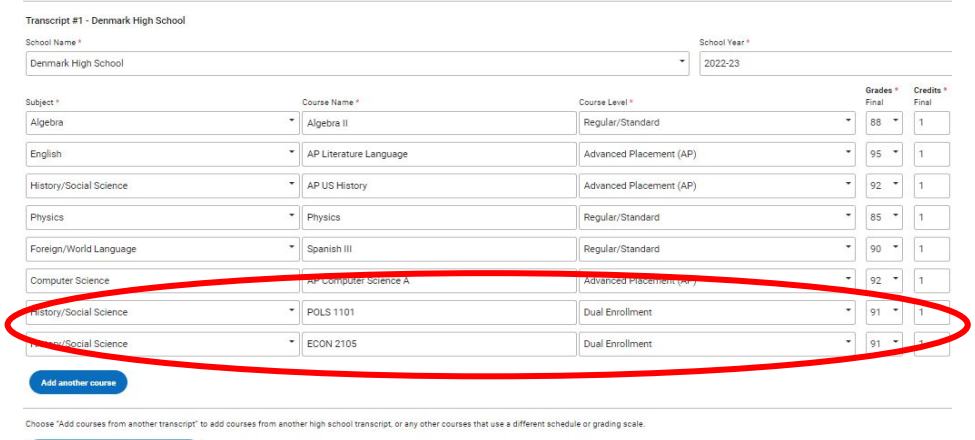
2. When you see the green check you can move onto the next section.



Common App Profile (Cont)

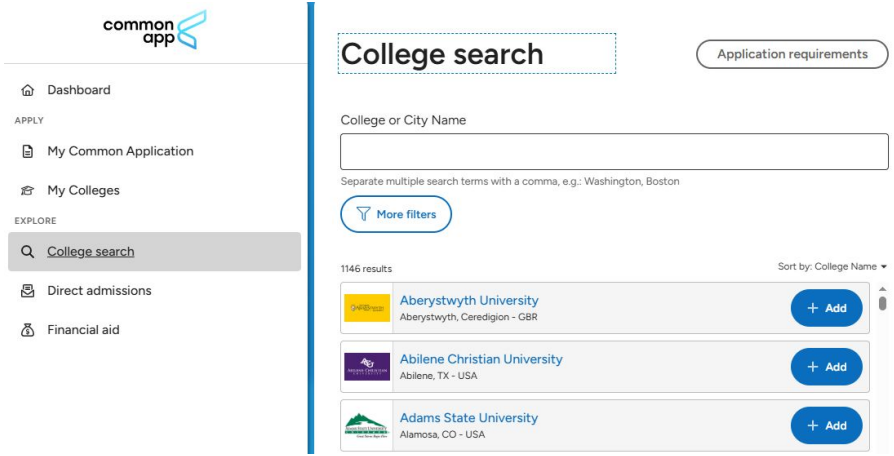
- Middle School credits (top pic) will be added under the “other courses tab”. Don’t add the middle school name, only the high school name should be added.
- Dual Enrollment (bottom pic) will be added in the academic year it was taken. Use the Dual Enrollment drop down for the Level.
- Summer school courses will be added in the previous academic year. Ie: A Geometry class taken during the summer between 10th and 11th grade year will be added in the 10th grade academic year.
- If you went to multiple High Schools, you will add this information in the Education section under “Other Secondary/High Schools”





Adding Colleges

1. Login and click on the College Search tab.
2. Search for the college or location/city name. (ie: USC Columbia, USC Spartanburg, USC Aiken, etc..)
3. Click on the school to make sure it's the correct school.
4. Select "add to my colleges" if it's the correct school.



My Colleges

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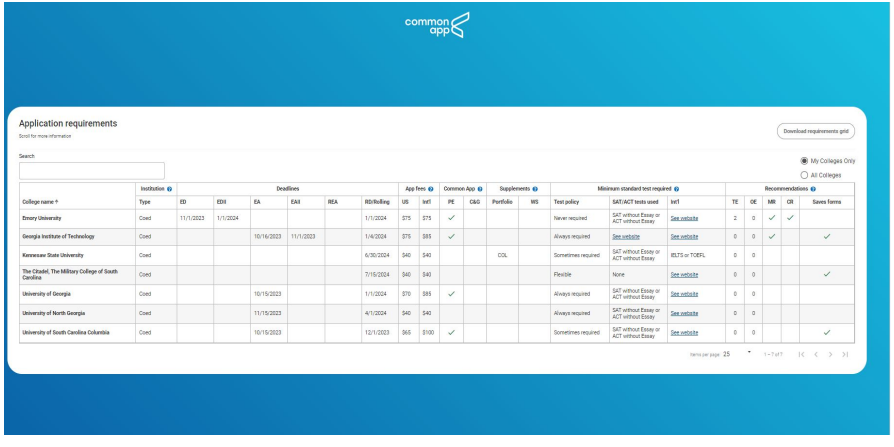
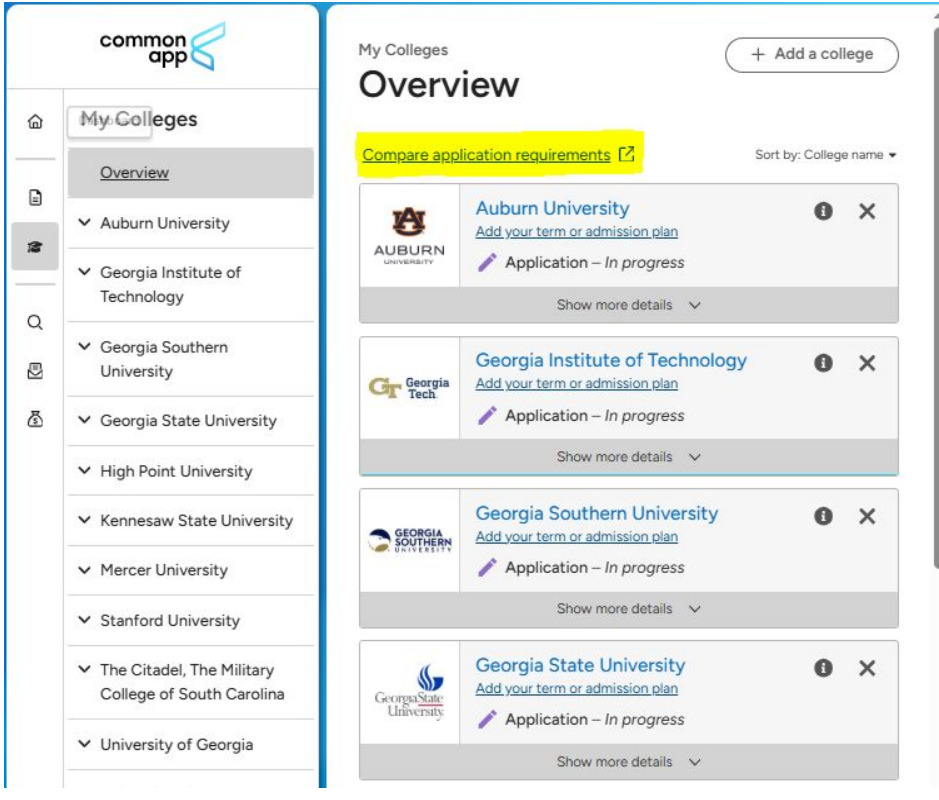
1. This is your main hub for college application statuses.
2. You can filter it by name or deadlines (once set).
3. You can select “Compare Application Requirements” for a grid of all required materials and deadlines.





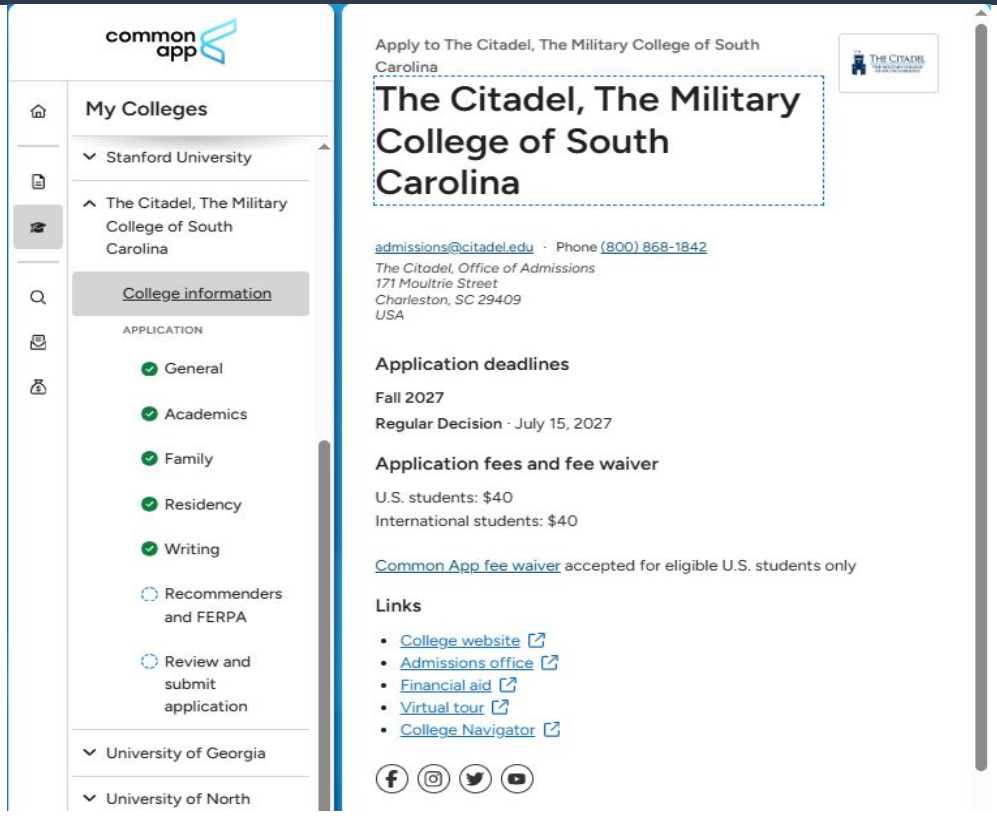
Dashboard and My Colleges (cont.)

My Colleges

1. This is where you will review your colleges, answer required information, and submit your application.
    a. Required information/documents will vary depending on your college selections.

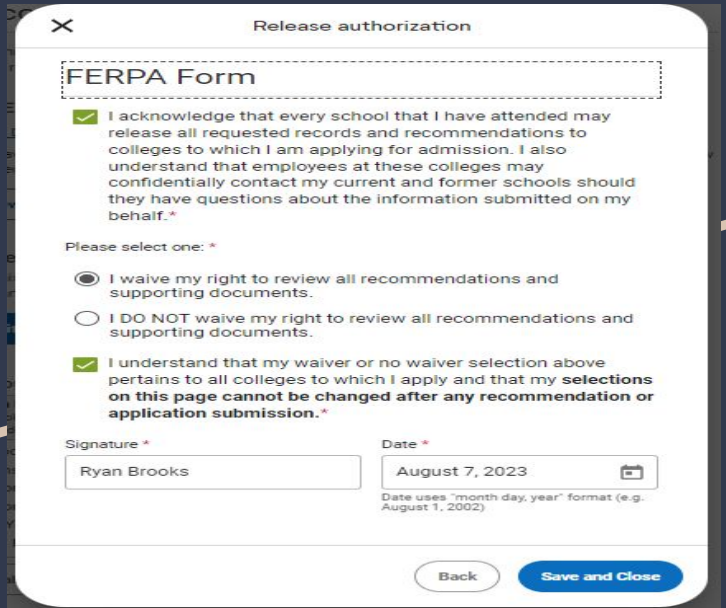
2. You will then fill out your FERPA release and invite your recommenders during this portion. (more information on next slide)

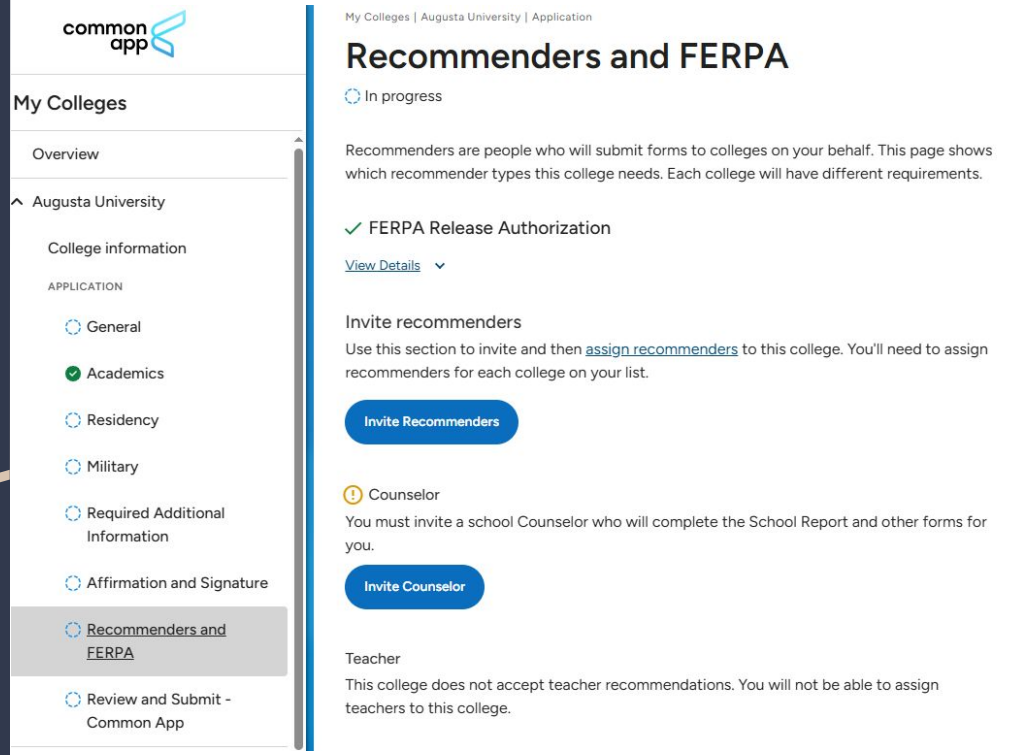
3. You can also get to this page by clicking on the required application links on your dashboard.



Inviting Recommenders and FERPA

- Click on the FERPA link.
  - If you don't waive FERPA, some counselors and/or teachers won't fill it out. (looks bad to colleges)
- Select the Invite Counselor link.
  - Make sure to invite counselors w/ their email listed on website.





Frequently asked questions.

1. What GPA do I report?
    a. Weighted
2. What scale is our weighted GPA on?
    a. 4.0
3. Class Rank is factored by the…
    a. Weighted GPA
4. How do I report my Test Scores?
    a. Common App will allow for self-reporting test scores, however you will likely need to submit your test scores via the testing agency. Ie: send SAT scores from Collegeboard directly to the college.
5. What if I don't want to submit my test scores to some schools and not others?
    a. In most cases, the specific colleges have their own questions regarding test scores. You can usually opt out of sending your self-reported test scores in that section, while still sending them to other colleges.
6. ***The submission deadlines for the Counselor and Teacher(s) are roughly 2 weeks past the student deadline to submit the application.

Sending Transcripts via Parchment

To request your high school transcript to be sent to the Common Application:

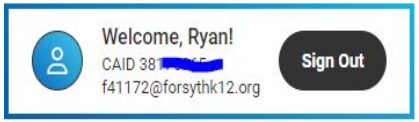
Login page shows your CAID.

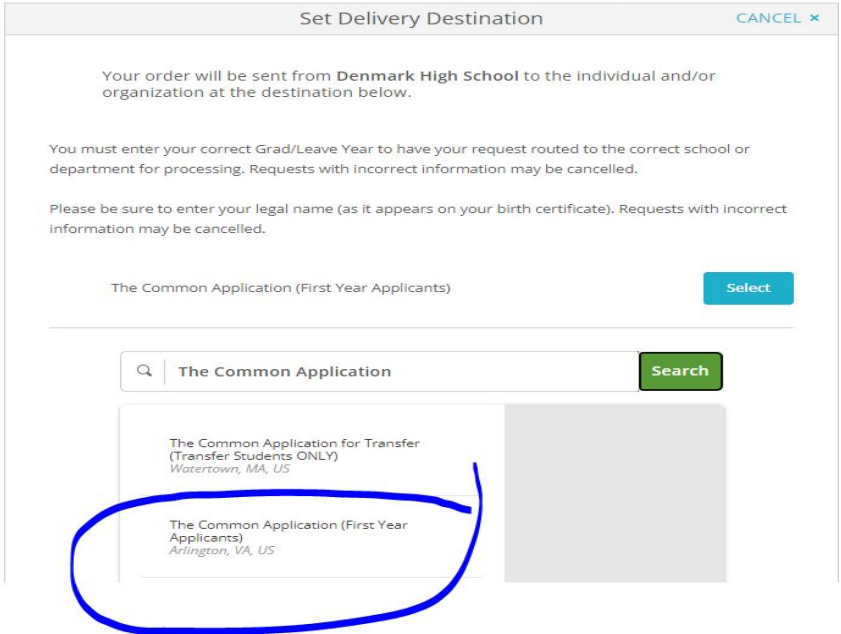


1. Create an account at www.commonapp.org and note your **Common App ID**.
2. Follow the instructions to invite your counselor to be a **Recommender**. This will trigger an email to your counselor, which explains how to submit school forms online.
   - Your Counselor must accept your invitation to be a Recommender.
   - Your Counselor must open your Secondary School Report before you can place a transcript request to the Common Application.
3. Once you have created your Common Application account and invited your counselor to be a Recommender, sign in to your Parchment Account.
   - If you don't have an account yet, you will need to register. For help on registering, visit the Registration help topic.
4. Click **Order** under the name of your school.
5. Type Common App into the search box and click Select.
   - If **The Common Application** does not appear, please contact your school so that they can make some changes on their end..
6. Enter your **Common App ID** and then continue the ordering process.
   - If you get a payment screen, please pay the amount stated.
7. Once your school has approved your request and uploaded your transcript, your transcript will be sent directly to the Common App where it will be matched to your school forms and submitted on your behalf.

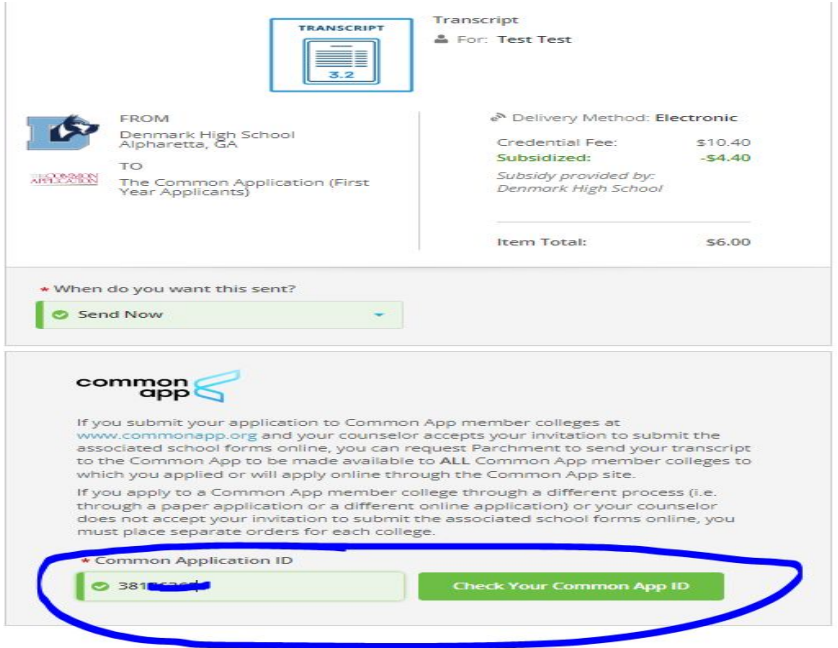
Linking Parchment w/ Common Application

*Top right of Common App login page shows your CAID.





*Make sure to only add the number. You should get **green** check mark.



Important UGA Transcript Updates

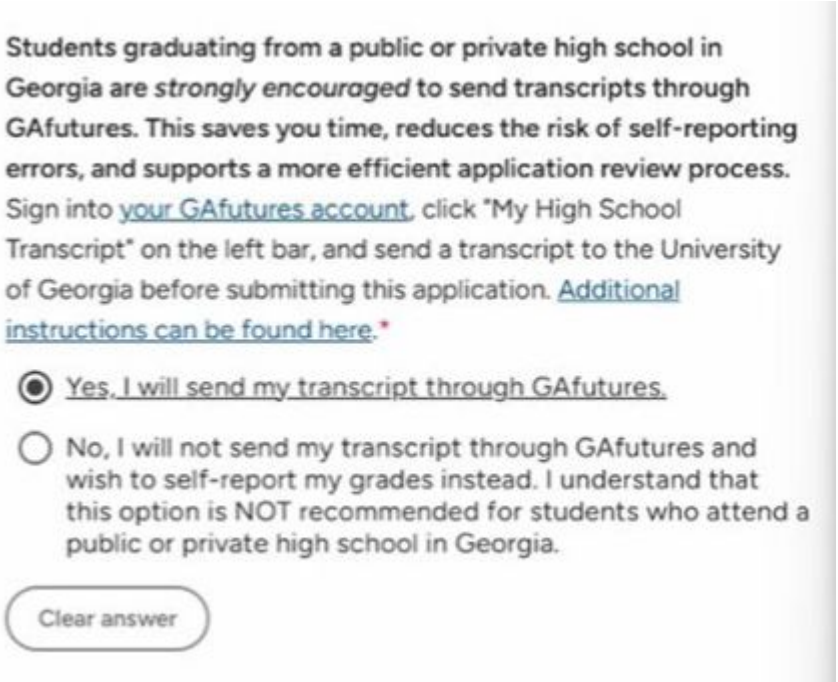
Important Application Update from UGA
Class of 2027:

UGA has requested that all applicants send in a transcript via GA Futures. It is the student's responsibility to log into (or create) your GA Futures account and send your transcript directly to UGA. To submit a transcript through GA Futures, log in to your GAfutures account, select “My High School Transcript,” and send your transcript to the University of Georgia. If you need assistance, review the GA Futures step-by-step instructions.

If you are applying to additional colleges through Common App, you will also still need to request your transcript through Parchment. You can link your Parchment transcript and your Common App account by searching for "Common Application" under the college name section on Parchment and entering your Common App ID. If you need assistance, review step-by-step instructions.

When you see the question below on the Common App for UGA, select Yes. You do not need to self-report your grades unless you do not have a social security number.

*****Students without a social security number will need to select No and self-report grades because sending transcripts is not available through GA Futures.**



gaFutures

1. Click here to go to the gaFutures site: https://www.gafutures.org/
2. Create an account or “sign in”.



   a. When you make an account, make sure you enter an accurate social security number.
3. From the home page, you can toggle to Your HOPE GPA if you want to check your status.
4. Students can navigate this website from the home page to research…
   a. HOPE & State Aid
   b. Federal Aid and Scholarships
   c. College Planning
   d. Career Exploration
      i. Learn about skilled trades
      ii. Learn about Military Officer Careers
5. November is Georgia Apply to College Month. Check back on gaFutures for free application codes.
6. Ga Match letters will be mailed in October. Make sure all contact information is up to date.

