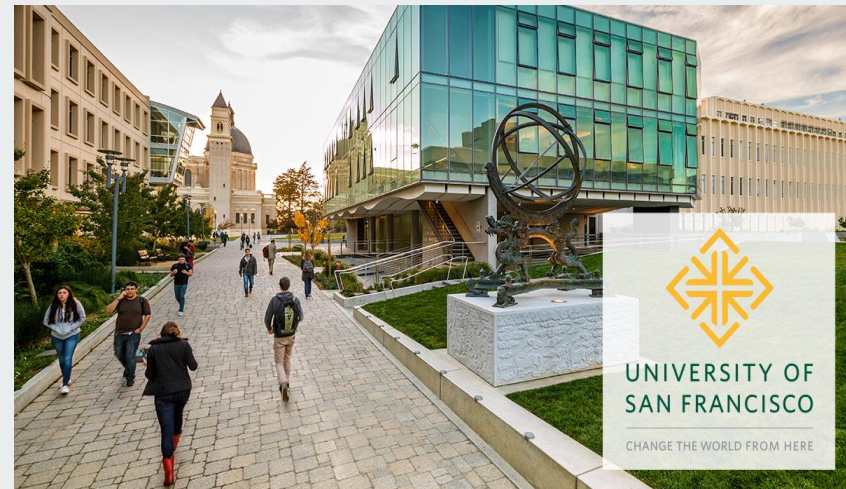


# Private Colleges and Applications

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# Agenda

- Overview
- In State Colleges
- Key Terms
- Application Process
- Out of State Colleges



# Private Universities



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# College Application Requirements

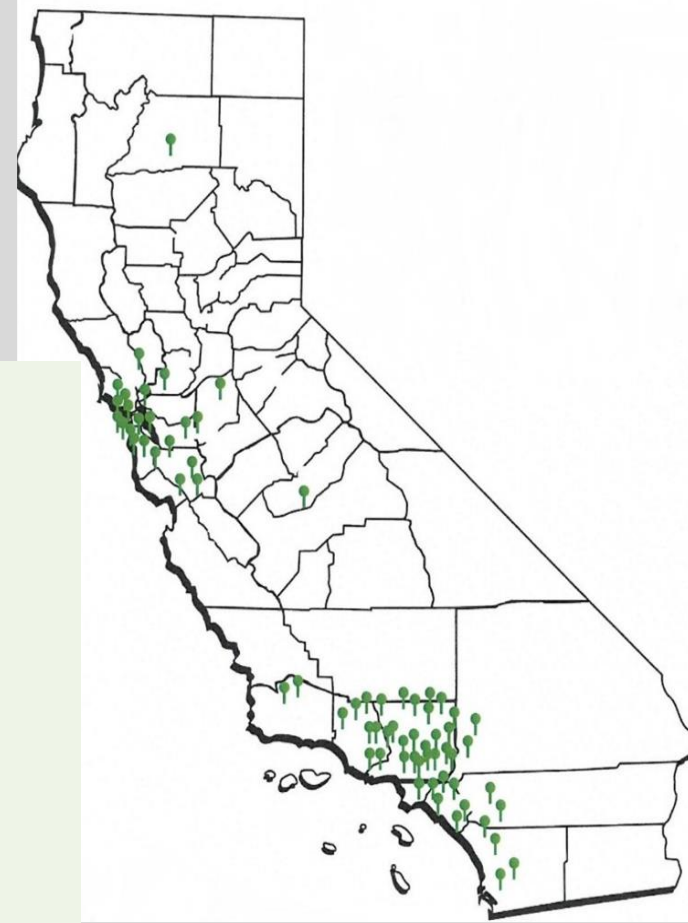
California State University	University of California	Private Schools
A-G Requirements	A-G Requirements	A-G Requirements
SAT/ACT Exams	SAT/ACT Exams	SAT/ACT Exams
2.0 Grade Point Average	3.0 Grade Point Average	Varies
	Personal Insight Questions	Personal Statements
		Letters of Recommendation
		Interview

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# Private/Independent Colleges and Universities

- 100+ campuses throughout California
- Admissions requirements *will VARY*
- Most private colleges require:
  - A-G courses
  - SAT or ACT
  - Personal Essay
  - Extracurricular Activities and Involvement
  - Letters of Recommendation
    - Counselor and/or Academic Teacher



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# Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU)

- AICCU's 83 institutions include:
- Research, traditional liberal arts, faith-based, performing and visual arts and professional schools they specialize in:
- Business
- Law
- Medicine
- Other unique areas
- Located in over 100 cities in California
  - Far north by Redding CA

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# Local Examples

- Stanford University
- University of San Francisco
- California College of the Arts
- Santa Clara University
- Dominican University of California
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Menlo College
- Academy of Art University
- Golden Gate University
- University of the Pacific
- Samuel Merritt University
- Mills College
- Holy Names University
- Notre Dame de Namur University

# Key Terms

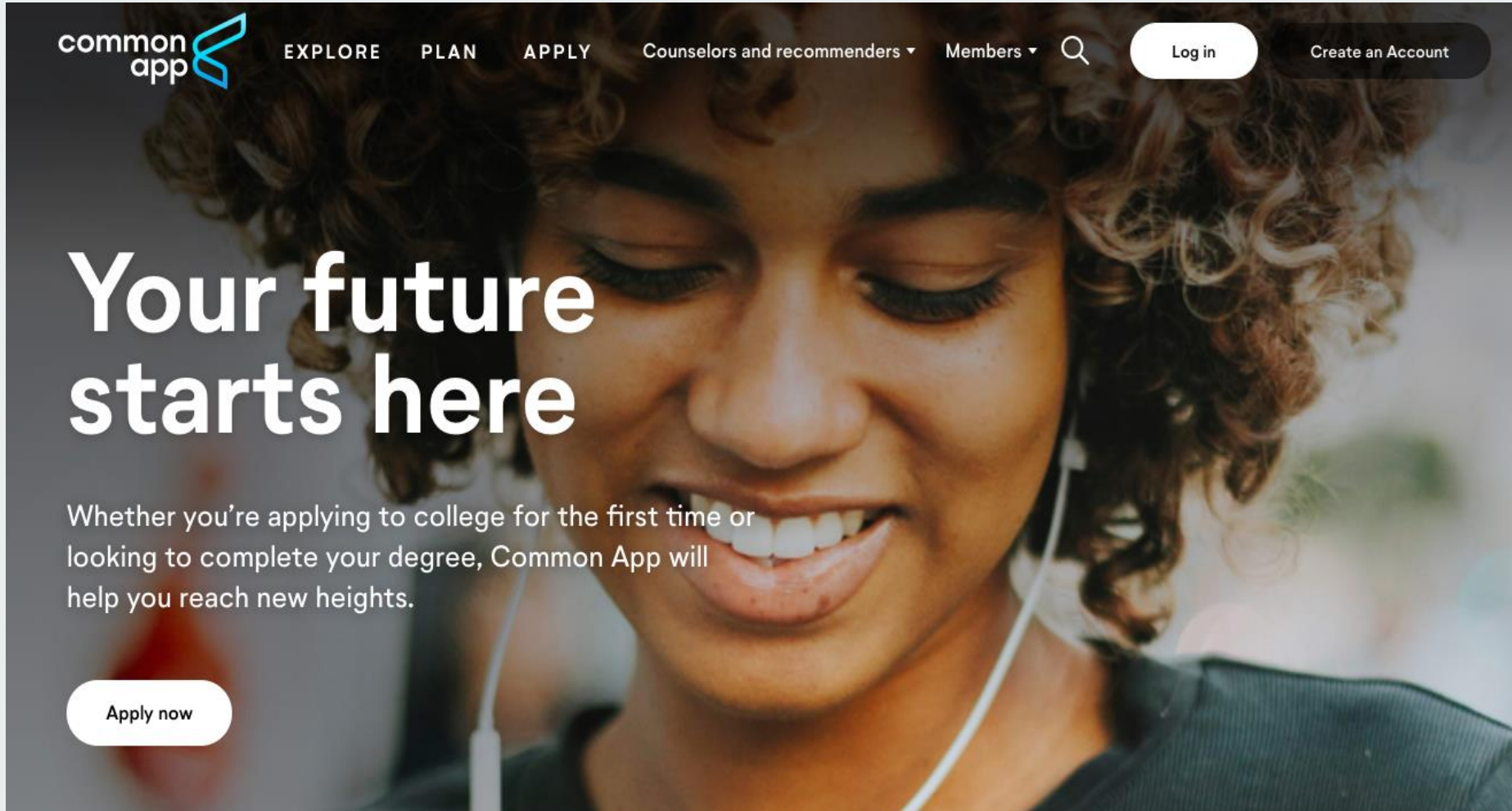
## Early Decision:


- You are applying to the earlier deadline
- You may apply to only one college under early decision
- If accepted, you are committed to that school
- Withdraw your other applications
- Early decision deadlines are often in November
- Students are typically notified of the decision in December


## Early Action:

- You are applying to the earlier deadline
- You may apply to multiple colleges under early action
- Nonbinding, you are able to see other commitments
- Do not have to commit until April 30th
- Early action deadlines are often in November
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## Let's get started!

Welcome to the Common Application! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

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Transfer student



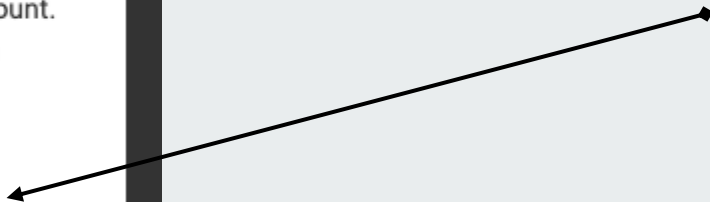
Education professional



Parent or other adult



**Apply as  
First year  
student**



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## Create your account

Email Address \*

Re-type Email Address \*

Password \*

- × 10-32 characters
- × At least one upper case
- × At least one lower case
- × At least one number
- × At least one special character
- × No space characters

Re-type Password \*

- × Passwords must match

# Commonapp. org

- Your Dashboard
- Search around
- Input your school choices



Welcome, Emmanuel!  
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Sign Out

Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

College Search

Financial Aid Resources

## My Colleges



You must first add a college to your My Colleges list before you can apply. Go to the [College Search](#) tab to add colleges to your list.

In this tab you will continue your application for each college and you will:

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Instructions and Help



Need help?

If you need assistance answering questions on any of the My Colleges pages [Read more](#)

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The colleges I will apply to

My Colleges

Boston University

Dominican University  
of California

Mills College

Saint Mary's College  
of California

Stanford University

University of San  
Francisco

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Links: [College Website](#) · [Virtual Tour](#) · [College Navigator](#)



## Application Deadlines

### Fall 2020

#### First Year

Early Action - 11/01/2019

Early Decision - 11/01/2019

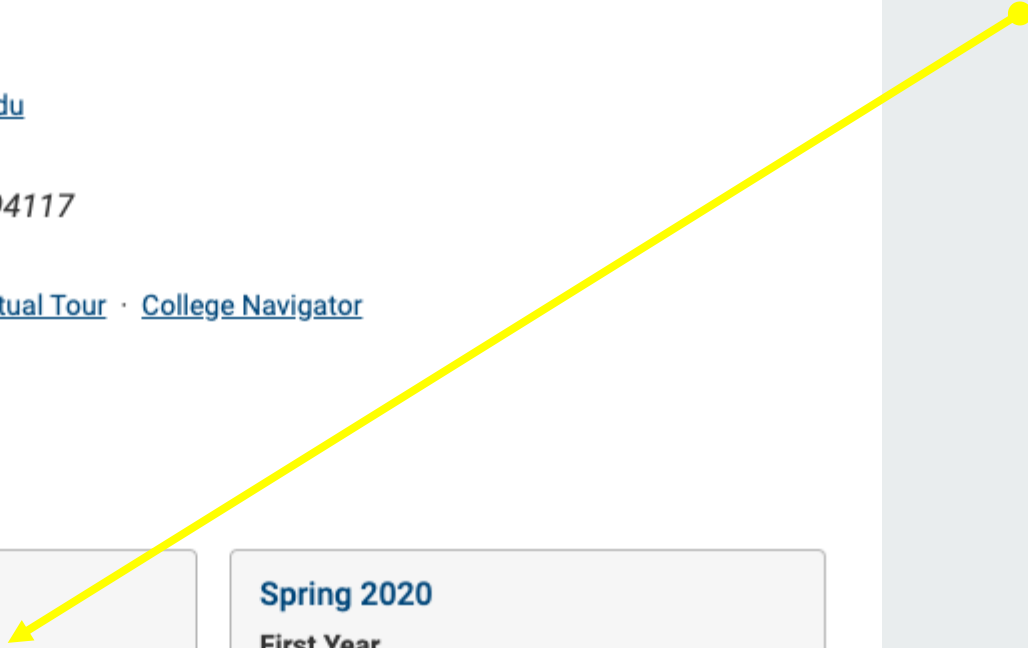
Regular Decision - 01/15/2020

### Spring 2020

#### First Year

Regular Decision - 11/15/2019

- Early Action
- Early Decision
- Regular Decision



Mills College ▼

Saint Mary's College of California ▼

Stanford University ▼

University of San Francisco ▲

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

The questions on this page are being asked by University of San Francisco

Preferred start term\*

Fall 2020 ▼

Preferred admission plan\*

Early Action ▼

Do you intend to apply for need-based financial aid?

Yes ▼

Do you want us to consider your SAT/ACT scores for admission and scholarship purposes? Please note that once you submit your application, you will not be able to change your selection.\*

Yes, please consider my SAT/ACT scores in my ap ▼

Are you planning to use any veteran or military benefits to help support the cost of your education?\*

No ▼

If you've been offered a USF-specific fee waiver, please indicate that below.\*

USF Dons Fee Waiver ▼

Early Action



# Questions

Video Tutorials

Preview

✓ General

Academics

What is your intended major?\*

Undeclared Science

Are you interested in any of the following special academic programs?

Education, Bachelors' Degree with Teaching Crede

Continue

✓ Activities

Contacts

Family

Writing

● Select your Major

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✓ General

✓ Academics

Activities

Activity 1

What activities at University of San Francisco interest you? List in order of preference.

Athletics and Recreation

(4 of 5 available)

Add another activity

Continue

Contacts

Family

Writing

**Include  
your  
activities**

# Questions

[Video Tutorials](#)[Preview](#)

✓ General

✓ Academics

✓ Activities

Contacts

Family

Writing

We are interested in learning more about you. Please respond to the prompt below with a response of no more than 200 words.\*

- ☐ The University of San Francisco's Jesuit tradition emphasizes community engagement and education for social justice, inspiring our students to become passionate agents for others. How do you see yourself becoming a part of this mission?

Clear Answer

Continue

# Writing Component

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## Personal Essay

Some colleges require submission of the personal essay with your Common Application. 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

- Boston University
- Dominican University of California
- Mills College
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Stanford University
- University of San Francisco

## Not Required

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.)

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- ☐ 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.
- ☐ The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- ☒ Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- ☐ Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma—anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
- ☐ Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- ☐ Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- ☐ Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

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# Saint Mary's College of California

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Two different  
options



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# Dashboard

Application Requirements

Sort by: College Name ▼

## Boston University

[Add your term or admission plan](#)

 Application – In progress



Show more details ▼

## Dominican University of California

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 Application – In progress



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# Out of State Things to Know

- Ensure that your insurance transfers to the state
- Flight costs
- Harder to visit

BOSTON  
UNIVERSITY



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# Private Colleges & Universities

Website: [www.CommonApp.org](http://www.CommonApp.org)

- Some can provide **better financial aid packages** and may end up being **cheaper** than public universities
- Better alumni-networks and resources for obtaining jobs, internships & other opportunities
- **Smaller** student body and class sizes
  - More likely to get into required classes and **graduate in 4 years**
- Many **guarantee** on campus housing all 4 years

# Tips

- Visit the campus beforehand
- Where do you want to live?
- How big of a campus are you looking for?
- When you look back at your time in college, what will you remember?

# Questions?

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