

# College in the United States

1. Public vs Private, over 4000 in US
2. Liberal Arts and Specialty Academic Programs
3. Selectivity: Not, Somewhat, Moderately, Highly
4. Residency: is housing guaranteed for all four years?
5. Clubs, Sports, Activities
6. Application:
  - a. **ONE** of the following:
    - i. Common Application: <http://www.commonapp.org/>
    - ii. Universal Application: <https://www.universalcollegeapp.com/>
    - iii. Coalition Application: <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
  - b. Deadlines: (**generally**)
    - i. Early Action: 1 November (Decision by 15 December)
    - ii. Early Decision: 1 November (Decision by 15 December)
    - iii. Regular: 1 January (Decision by 1 April)
    - iv. Rolling: varies
    - v. Financial Aid: 1 February (Award sent with acceptance)
  - c. Supplement (**if required** by college of choice)
  - d. Application Fee (**waiver** often possible)
  - e. Tests (**EITHER** ACT or SAT):
    - i. ACT: <http://www.act.org/>
    - ii. SAT: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
    - iii. SAT Subject Tests: (same website as above **if required**)
  - f. School (Counselor's) Report
  - g. High School Transcript/First Marking Period
  - h. Teacher Reports
  - i. Mid-Year School Report
  - j. Final School Report
  - k. AP, IB or Other Test Results (**optional**)

- l. Supplemental Materials (**optional**): artwork, music recording, sports results, publications, etc.
  - m. Interview (**if required** by college of choice)
7. Financial Aid:
- a. Look for “Need Blind Admissions”
  - b. Look for “Need Based Financing” vs “Merit Based Financing”
  - c. Check to see that financial aid is offered to international students
  - d. Do sports scholarships require participation in the sport?
8. Harvard University Application: <https://college.harvard.edu/admissions/apply/application-process/mailing-your-application>