Nearly 900 Schools – 1 Application

Katie Reynolds –Stevenson University

Common Application
commonapp.org

- Largest college application platform
  - Other application platforms: Coalition and Common Black College Application

- Site is free to use – individual schools may charge an application fee

- Almost 900 schools participate – **use Common App to apply to multiple schools**

Maryland Member Schools

- Capitol Technology University
- Frostburg State University
- Goucher College
- Hood College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Loyola University MD
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- McDaniel College
- Mount St. Mary's University

- Notre Dame of MD University
- Salisbury University
- Stevenson University
- St. John's College
- St. Mary's College of MD
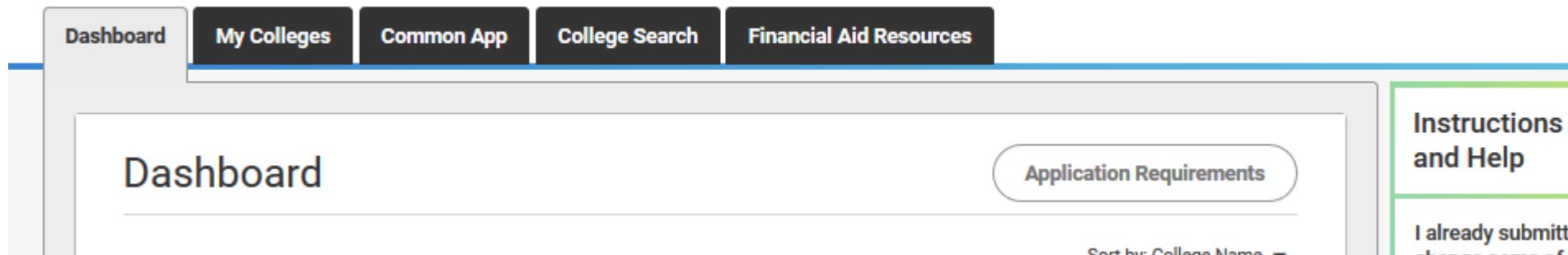- UMBC
- UMES
- Washington College

Before We Get Started

- You can create your account now - Fall 2021 application becomes available August 1, 2020
- Not every school will require the personal essay
- Most schools will require additional specific info
- You have to submit to each individual school in Common App
- You can match your Naviance account to Common App
- Mobile friendly

- Schools will <u>not</u> know the other schools you have applied to
- Schools will <u>not</u> have access to your full info until you submit

Creating Your Account

- Read the instructions carefully

- Use your legal name – you can indicate preferred name later

- Check your email

Sections of the Common Application

▶ Dashboard – list of your schools, deadlines, and the status of your application

▶ My Colleges – school specific questions, supplements, short responses, additional essays – if required, application fees submitted here, submit to each school here

▶ Common App – the general application - completed once

▶ College Search – where you add schools to your list

▶ Financial Aid Resources – helpful info

Dashboard	My Colleges	Common App	College Search	Financial Aid Resources

Dashboard

Application Requirements

Sort by: College Name

Instructions and Help

I already submitte

Helpful Hints

▶ **<u>PROOFREAD</u>**

▶ Explain your activities

▶ Pay attention to each school's testing policy

▶ Check your email regularly

▶ Follow directions/instructions

▶ Ask for help – use your resources

Questions? Use the chat feature

Next: I will show you the actual Common App

Matching Common App and Naviance/Family Connections

- After creating your Common App account:
  - Complete the Education section under Common App
  - Add a college to your list using College Search
  - Complete the FERPA under My Colleges

- Then, in Naviance/Family Connections:
  - Select "Match Accounts" under Colleges I'm Applying To
    - Enter the email used in creating your Common App account and your date of birth

New Question for fall 2021

▶ Optional question

▶ Response length max is 250 words

▶ *"Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces.*

   ▶ *Do you wish to share anything on this topic? Y/N*

   ▶ *Please use this space to describe how these events have impacted you."*

Katie Reynolds
Stevenson University
Associate Director of Admissions
443-352-4408
kreynolds5@stevenson.edu