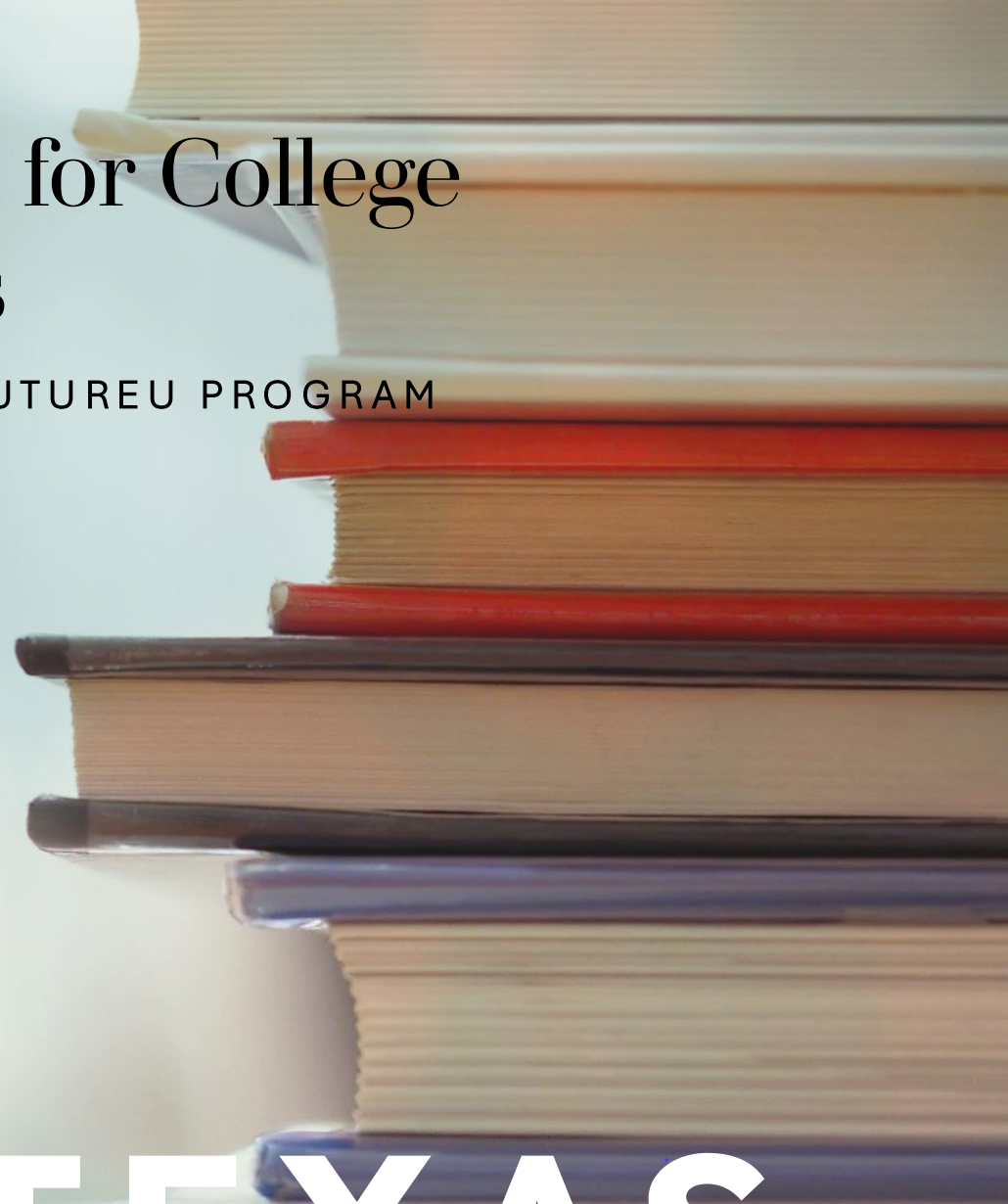


How to Use ApplyTexas for College Applications

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What is ApplyTexas?

- The ApplyTexas application allows students to apply to multiple colleges in Texas in one place.
- This simplifies the process of applying to college if you do not plan to attend college outside of Texas.
- Once you answer one-time questions regarding your personal information, you do not have to answer them again; all this information will go directly to the schools you apply to!





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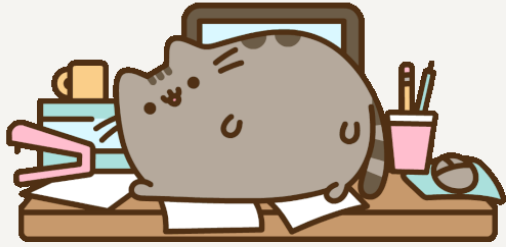
- Specific to Texas schools
- Better if you do not plan on applying out-of-state
- Includes more ***private colleges*** within the state
- Only 3 essay prompts to choose from
- Opened June 10th, closes December 1st

ApplyTexas vs. CommonApp

COMMONAPP

- Allows you to apply to schools across multiple states and countries, some of which are in Texas
- Better if you are considering applying out-of-state
- 7 essay prompts to choose from
- Opens August 1st, closes January 1st





Choose only **ONE** application to use: the one that works best for you!

Both applications are equally accessible now.

Neither application is better than the other!

Both are acceptable and make no difference regarding the likelihood of being admitted.



How to start your application



- Create an account
- Answer a few questions and ApplyTexas will tell you which applications you will use to apply to college.
- Start Core Questions, which allow you to answer questions one time and share your responses with all the schools you apply to.
- Use the school search function to save the schools you wish to apply for.
- Answer the school specific questions and you are ready to submit your application!



What will you need for the application?



Core questions and applications can be completed in about 30 minutes to an hour if all documents are prepared in advance, which means you can spend more time doing things that *aren't* the ApplyTexas application.

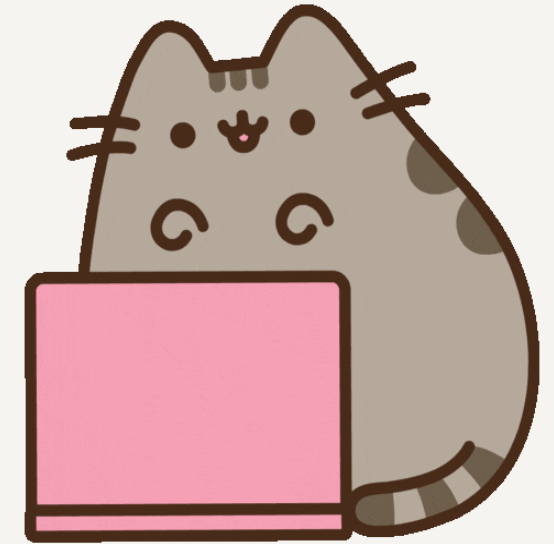
- Your official high school transcript
- Your SAT or ACT scores
- A list of your extracurricular activities
- Your parent's employment information
- Letters of recommendation
- Your personal statement
- Your SSN and zip code

The ApplyTexas Personal Statement Prompts of 2024-2025:

- **Topic A:** Tell us your story. What unique opportunities or challenges have you experienced throughout your high school career that have shaped who you are today?
- **Topic B:** Most students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. Tell us about yourself.
- **Topic C:** You've got a ticket in your hand. Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?

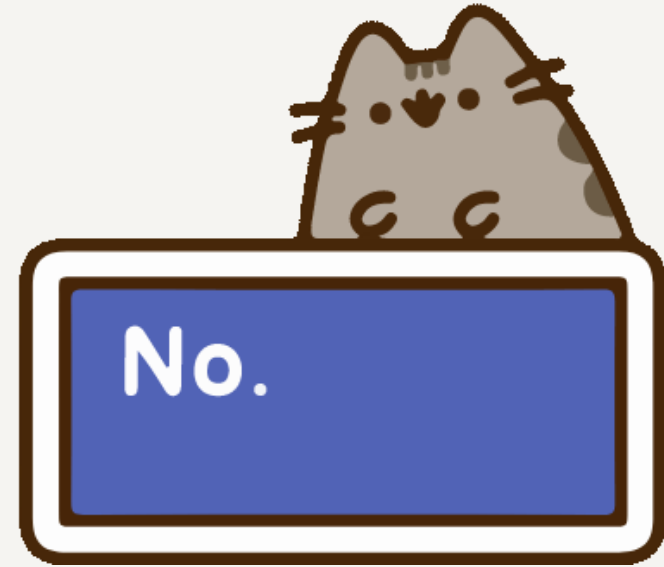
Guidelines:

- Maximum of 800 words (150 more than CommonApp)
- Some schools may require only one of these; some require all; some require none. Follow the instructions on the college application.
- If a school recommends these essays but does not require them—still write them. It heightens your chance of being admitted.



Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Creating the account with your school email
- Incorrect name
- Leaving out SSN, but you have one
- Incorrectly answering residency questions
- Applying to the wrong semester



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Questions?

