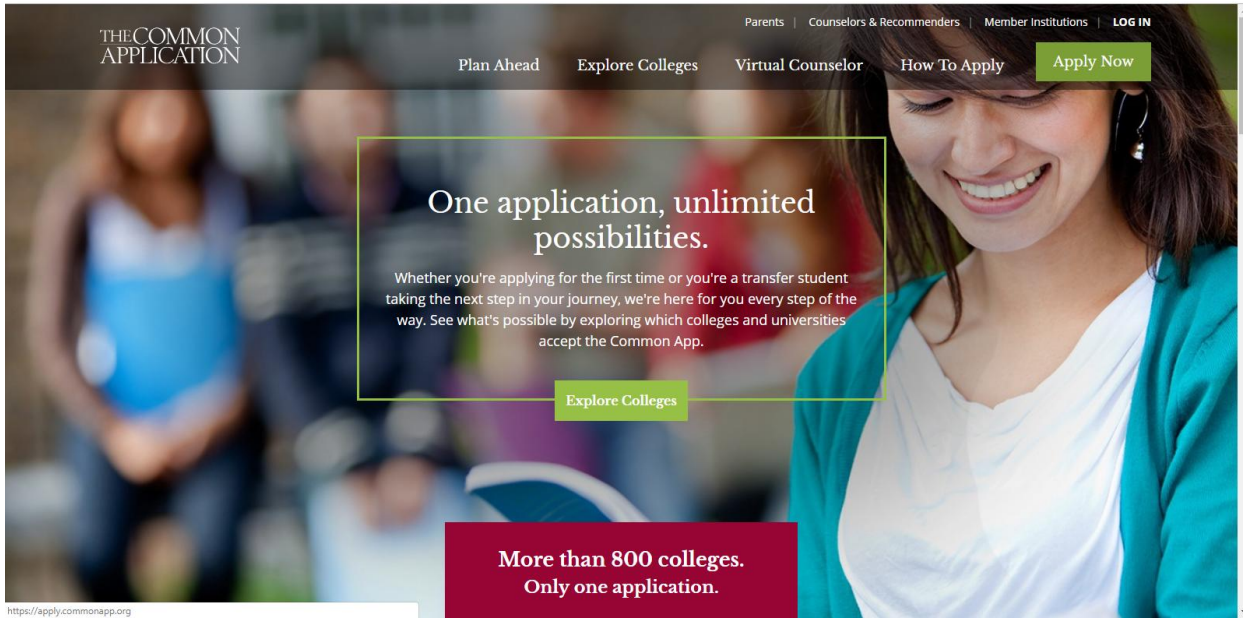
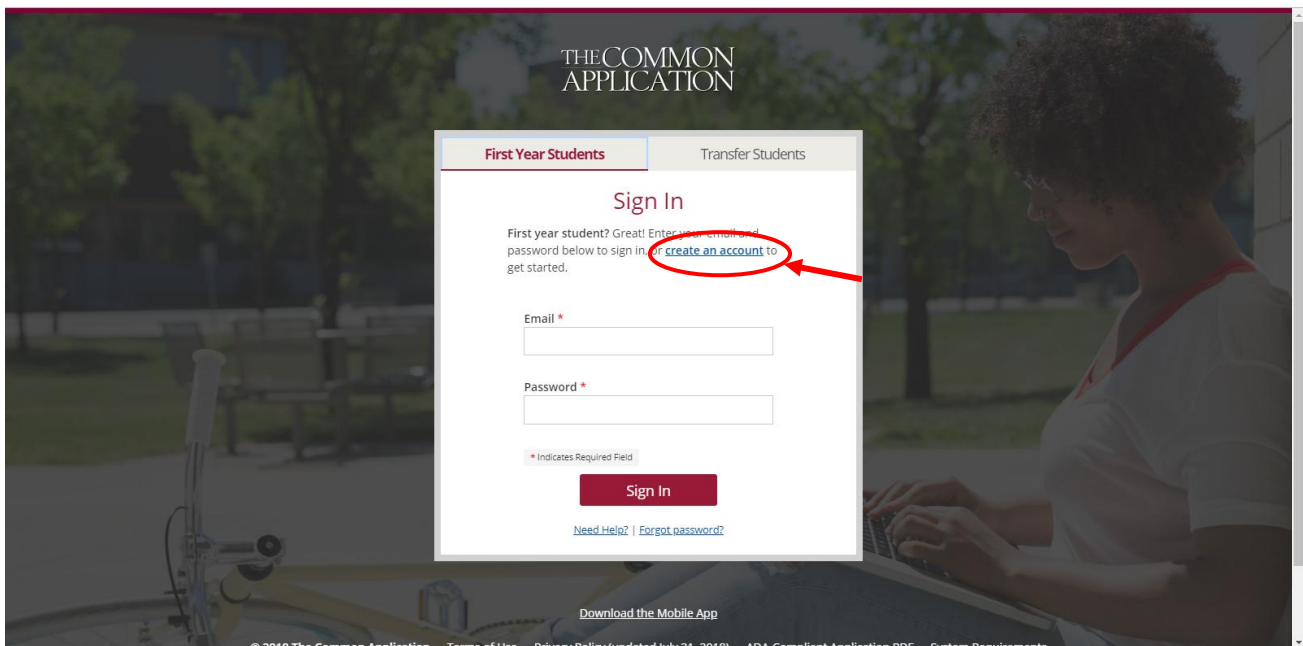


Step by Step Guide to Common Application – HKU

1. Go to <https://www.commonapp.org/>, then click “Apply Now”



2. Click “create an account” to register for an application account



3. Create your account:

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Account Creation

1 Registration Type > 2 Login Credentials > 3 Registration Information

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.

I am a(n): *

First Year Student

Transfer Student

Education Professional

Parent or Other Adult

[Clear](#)

[Cancel](#) [Continue](#)

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Email Address *

Re-type Email Address *

Password *

Re-type Password *

[Back](#) [Continue](#)

 We collect your email address and share it with the colleges to which you apply so that the colleges can communicate with you directly regarding your application. We don't share your personal identifying information with third parties who are not member colleges for their marketing or promotional services. [Privacy policy.](#)

To help protect the security of your account, passwords must meet the following requirements:

- Length between 10 and 32 characters
- At least one upper case alphabetic character
- At least one lower case alphabetic character
- At least one numeric character
- At least one special character
- No space characters

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Account Creation

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Enter name exactly as it appears on official documents. Do not use nicknames.

First/given name *

Last/family/surname *

Address *

 [Enter address](#)

Phone *

+1

Date of birth *

Month Day Year

Please tell us a bit more about your plans. When do you plan to start college? *

2018 or 2019 2020 2021 or beyond [Clear](#)

[Back](#) [Create](#)

Please review and consider the following before continuing:

The colleges that I am considering for application may communicate with me by mail, email, phone or text message prior to submission of my application (you can change this response later within your account settings).

The Common Application may communicate with me by mail, email, phone or text message about my account and other information relevant to the admission application process (you can change this response later within your account settings).

By checking this box, I represent that (i) I am age 13 or older and (ii) I have read, understood and agreed to the terms and conditions of the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) (unless I am over the age of 13 but under the age of 18, in which case, my parent or legal guardian has also read, understood and agreed to the terms and conditions of the [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Use](#) sections).

Are you currently based in a European Union country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, or Switzerland? [Learn more.](#) *

Yes No [Clear](#)

4. Fill out your personal profile:

Complete your application step by step

The screenshot shows the 'Common Application' interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The left sidebar lists application steps: Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities, Writing, and Courses & Grades. The main content area is titled 'Profile' and contains the 'Personal Information' section with fields for First/given name, Middle name, Last/family/surname, Suffix, Preferred name, and a question about other names. A 'Preview' button is visible. On the right, there is a 'Help' section with two informational paragraphs.

5. Common Application Fee Waiver **is NOT applicable** to HKU application. Please select "No" for this part

The screenshot shows the 'Common Application' interface at the 'Common App Fee Waiver' section. The left sidebar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The main content area shows a progress list for various sections, all marked with green checkmarks. The 'Common App Fee Waiver' section is expanded, showing a question about financial circumstances. The 'No' radio button is selected and circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it. 'Back' and 'Continue' buttons are at the bottom. The right sidebar contains the same 'Help' section as in the previous screenshot.

6. The “Family” section is not related to the consideration of your application

- It is recommended that you only provide minimal information in this section. If you wish to skip this part, input “I have limited information about this parent” in “Parent 1 Type” and “Parent 2 Type”. For example:

The screenshot shows the 'Parent 1' section of a form. On the left, a sidebar contains navigation options: Testing, Activities, Writing, and Courses & Grades (0 College(s) Require). The main form fields for 'Parent 1' are: Parent 1 type (dropdown menu with 'I have limited information about this parent' selected), Is parent 1 living? (dropdown menu with 'Select'), Prefix (dropdown menu with 'Select'), First/Given name (text input), Middle initial (text input), Last/Family/Surname (text input), Former last/family/surname (if any) (text input), Suffix (dropdown menu with 'Select'), and Country of birth (dropdown menu with 'Select'). A red bracket on the right side of the form groups the 'Parent 1 type' dropdown and the text input fields from 'First/Given name' down to 'Country of birth'. A callout box points to the 'Parent 1 type' dropdown with the text 'Fill: I have limited information about this parent'. Another callout box points to the text input fields with the text 'blank'.

- Click “Continue” to skip this section

The screenshot shows the 'Family' section of the application form. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The left sidebar shows the 'Common Application' menu with options: Profile, Family (selected), Education, Testing, Activities, Writing, and Courses & Grades (0 College(s) Require). The main content area is titled 'Family' and includes a 'Preview' button and a 'View Family Tutorial' link. Below these are expandable sections for 'Household', 'Parent 1', and 'Parent 2'. The 'Sibling' section is expanded, showing a dropdown menu for 'Please specify number of siblings you have *' with 'Select' chosen. At the bottom of the 'Sibling' section, there are 'Back' and 'Continue' buttons. A red circle highlights the 'Continue' button, with a red arrow pointing to it. On the right side, there is an 'Instructions and Help' section with a sub-section titled 'What if I have more than 5 siblings to add?' which provides instructions on adding more siblings.

7. In the “Writing” section, you may **leave it blank** as HKU does not require the Personal Essay

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.

[Clear](#)

Please write an essay on the topic selected. You can type directly into the box, or you can paste text from another source.

B I U

Words entered: 0 Min: 250 / Max: 650

[Back](#) [Continue](#)

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8. After filling the application form, add “The University of Hong Kong” to “My Colleges”:

- Go to “My Colleges”, click “College Search”

Dashboard **My Colleges** Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

The 'My Colleges' screen is where you will complete work for each college to which you intend to apply. You must first add a college to your My Colleges list before you will be able to use this screen.

Go to the [College Search](#) screen to add colleges to your list.

- Search for HKU by entering the below information:
 - **College or City Name:** The University of Hong Kong
 - **Country:** Hong Kong

Criteria

Application Requirements

College or City Name: The University of Hong Kong
Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

Country: Hong Kong

US State: Select

Distance from ZIP: Select Select Miles from: 00000-0000

Term: Fall 2019 Spring 2019 Other 2019

Deadline on or after: mm/dd/yyyy

Application Fee: No fee for domestic applicants (U.S. Citizens) No fee for international applicants (Non-U.S. Citizens)

Writing Requirements: Do not require the Common App personal essay Do not require additional college-specific essays

Standardized Test Policy: Always Required Sometimes Required Never Required Flexible Ignored

Letter of Recommendation: Required Not Required

Instructions and Help

How do I search for a college?
The College Search tab allows you to find the Common App member colleges that interest you. ...
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- Click "Search"

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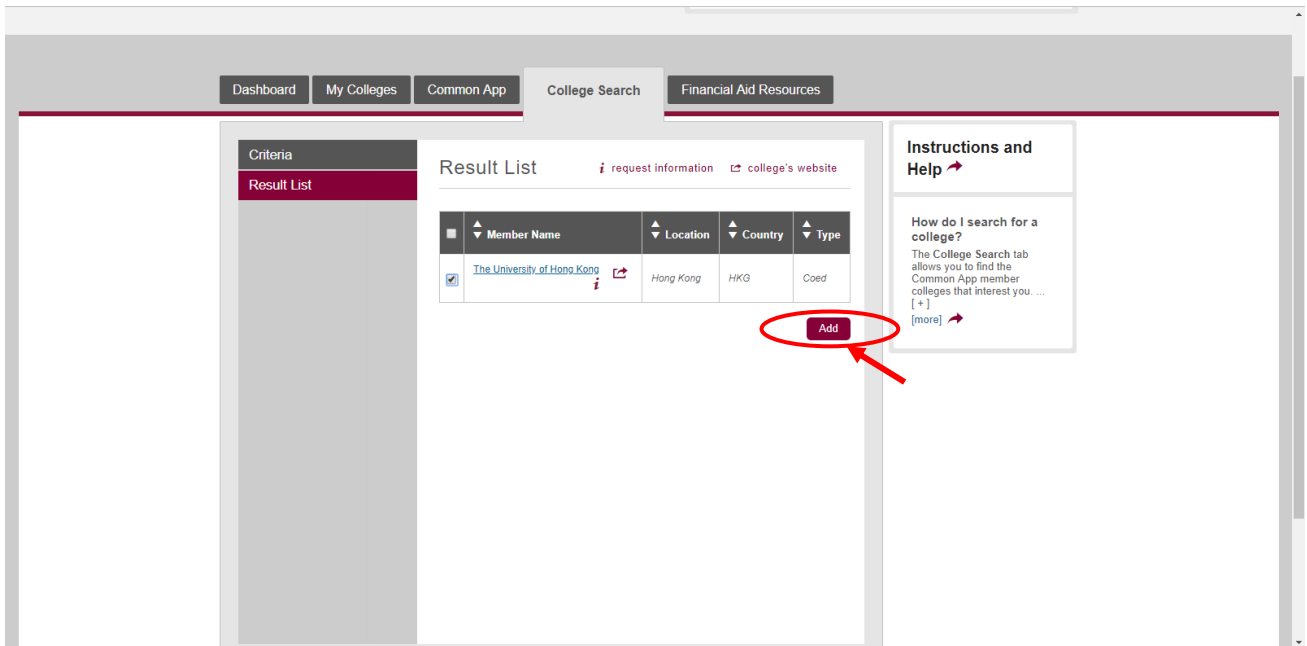
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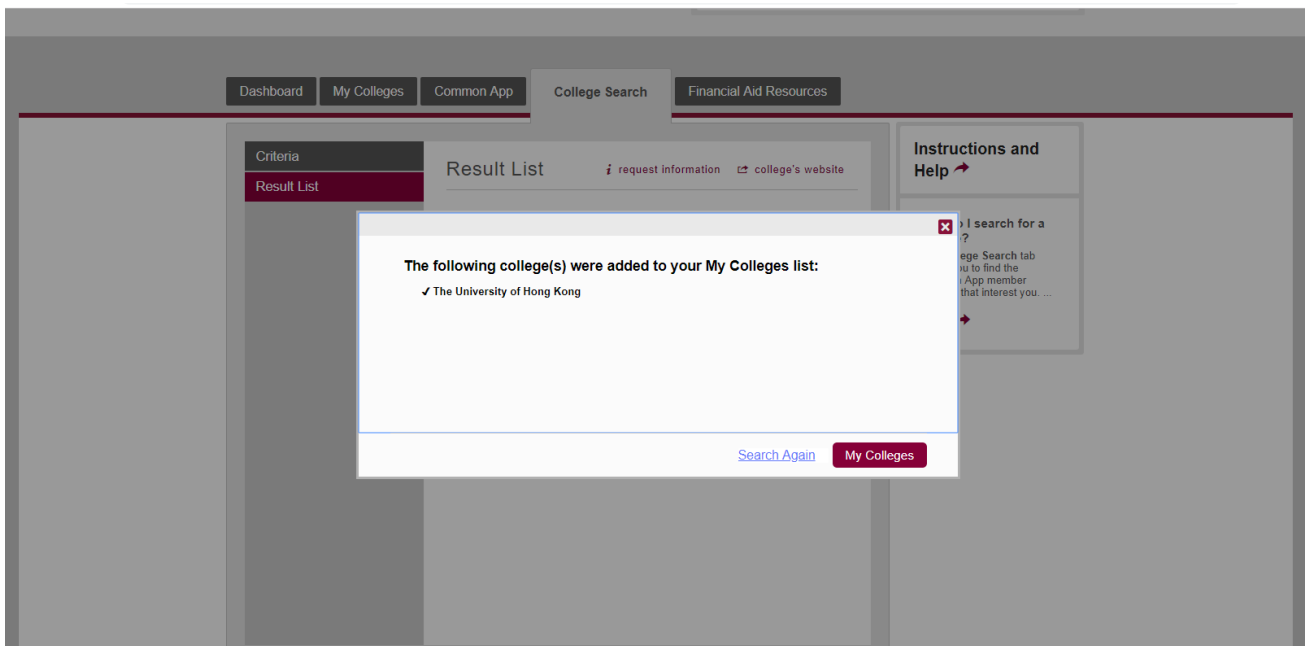
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- Select “The University of Hong Kong” on the result list, then click “Add”



- “The University of Hong Kong” is added to your College List



9. Go to “My College” and continue the application

The screenshot shows the application portal for The University of Hong Kong. The navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The left sidebar shows the application progress: 'Application (2 of 3 Completed)' with 'Questions' and 'Recommendations and FERPA' checked, and 'Writing Supplement (1 of 2 Completed)' with 'Writing Supplement' checked. The main content area is titled 'General' and contains the following text: 'All applicants applying for undergraduate admission to the University are required to pay a non-refundable application fee in an amount of US\$60. By proceeding with and submitting your application, you agree that you will pay the application fee to the University in order to complete your application. If you have a question, please contact us at [here](#) before proceeding with your application *'. Below this text is a checked 'I Agree' button. There are two dropdown menus: 'Preferred start term *' set to 'Fall 2019' and 'Preferred admission plan *' set to 'Regular Decision'. A text input field for 'Hong Kong Identity Card Number (if applicable)' contains 'A1234567'. A 'Preview' button is in the top right. On the far right, there is an 'Instructions and Help' sidebar with links for 'Student Visa/Entry Permit' and 'HKU General Information and Instructions'. A callout box on the left says 'Continue the application by filling these sections' with a red bracket pointing to the 'Questions' and 'Writing Supplement' sections.

10. You are required to submit a personal statement to HKU. Please provide your personal statement by filling the “Writing Supplement” section

The screenshot shows the 'Writing Supplement' section of the application portal. The navigation bar and sidebar are the same as in the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'Writing' and contains the following text: 'Please provide information which you feel will be of interest to the Admissions Tutors and will help them know you better, e.g. your reasons for applying to HKU, the chosen curricula, extra-curricular activities, participation in voluntary work, past working experience, career aspirations and other achievements. (maximum: 800 words)'. Below the text is a rich text editor with a toolbar containing 'B', 'I', 'U', and a link icon. A red arrow points from a callout box labeled 'Personal Statement' to the text area. At the bottom of the text area, it says 'Words entered: 0' and 'Min: 250 / Max: 800'. There are 'Back' and 'Continue' buttons at the bottom. The 'Instructions and Help' sidebar on the right has a 'Need Help?' section with a link to 'please contact the admi ...'.

11. If you have completed the application, go to “Review and Submit – Common App” and click “Review and Submit”

Dashboard **My Colleges** **Common App** **College Search** **Financial Aid Resources**

The University of Hong Kong

Application
(2 of 3 Completed)

- ✓ Questions
- ✓ Recommenders and FERPA
- Review and Submit - Common App**

Writing Supplement
(1 of 2 Completed)

- ✓ Writing Supplement
- Review and Submit - Writing Supplement

Application Review and Submission

You are ready to Review your application to The University of Hong Kong! Clicking Review and Submit will walk you through the three steps outlined below. If you want to Review your application without submitting, you can do so. Simply click Review and Submit to generate the PDF, and then close the box or click "Back." Either action will return you to this page.

- Final review of your application*
- Application fee payment (if not waived)
- Signature

The submission process will not be complete until your signature has been submitted.

Please be sure to complete all steps of the submission process.

* Note this college has chosen to not include certain Common Application answers in the PDF they receive for your application. As a result, the following answers will not be displayed in your PDF: SSN, Religious Preference, School Discipline, Criminal History, Gender Identity.

Review and Submit

Instructions and Help

How can I view a preview of my application?
Before your application is ready for submission, you can preview each section in the Common App < ... [+]
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What are the hours for Applicant Chat?
Chat is available* Monday-Friday, 12pm-8pm Eastern Time (excluding holidays).
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