

# WELCOME TO SENIOR INFORMATION - AND COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT

# IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS FOR SENIORS

August 1 Common Application available online www.commonapp.org

August 1 UC Application available online www.universitofcalifornia.edu/apply

August 1 Coalition Application available online www.mycoalition.org

September 8 ACT Test

September 20 National Christian College Fair at Oaks Christian (6-8pm)

September 25 Financial Aid Workshop at 6:30pm, HCS Library

October 1 thru

November 30th CSU application filing period www.csumentor.edu

October 1 FAFSA filing period opens

October 6 SAT Test



### IMPORTANT DATES CONTINUED...

October 27 ACT Test

November 1-30 UC application filing period

November 3 SAT Test

November 15 All college applications should be submitted.\*\*

December 1 SAT Test

December 8 ACT Test

February-April Notification of College Acceptances

Early March Deadline for submitting FAFSA \*check with college you are planning to

attend.



<sup>\*\*</sup>These dates apply to international students as well\*\*

# APPLY FOR ADMISSION & OBSERVE DEADLINES

- Narrow your choices "Stretch", "Realistic", "Safety" (1 or 2 each)
- Naviance list "High", "Medium" or "Low" interest level
- Review college admission requirements in Naviance
- Know scholarship requirements
- Know application requirements, fees and deadlines
- Download and print a copy of the application and all related forms
- Establish an email account for applications and check it regularly
- Submit application materials:
  - > Application for admission
  - > High school transcript
  - > Recommendations
  - > Admission test results
  - > Follow up with colleges to which you have applied



### PREPARATION & PROCESS

- Create a folder in your email account or computer to keep all your application information.
- Do not wait until the last minute! During the holidays, counselors and teachers are not around! November 15th—you should be done with all applications!
- Naviance Link: go to the ACADEMICS tab on the HCS website and then to the College Planning Page.
- Naviance will be used by teachers and counselors for all electronic submissions of transcripts and recommendations.
- Update your Resume in Naviance.
- Know the school CEEB code: 053358
- ACT, SAT and AP scores must be sent directly from the testing service.



### TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

- UC
- CSU
- Common Application
- Coalition Application
- University's own application

Please let us know when you have submitted each application on Naviance!



### UC APPLICATION FRESHMAN TIMELINE

DATE	TASK
August 1	Application opens for fall admission
November 1–30	Submit your UC application
Early January	Update December test scores
March 1–31	Notification of admission decision
May 1	Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) deadline
Mid May-July	Waitlist Admission Notification
July 1	Final transcript deadline



### COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

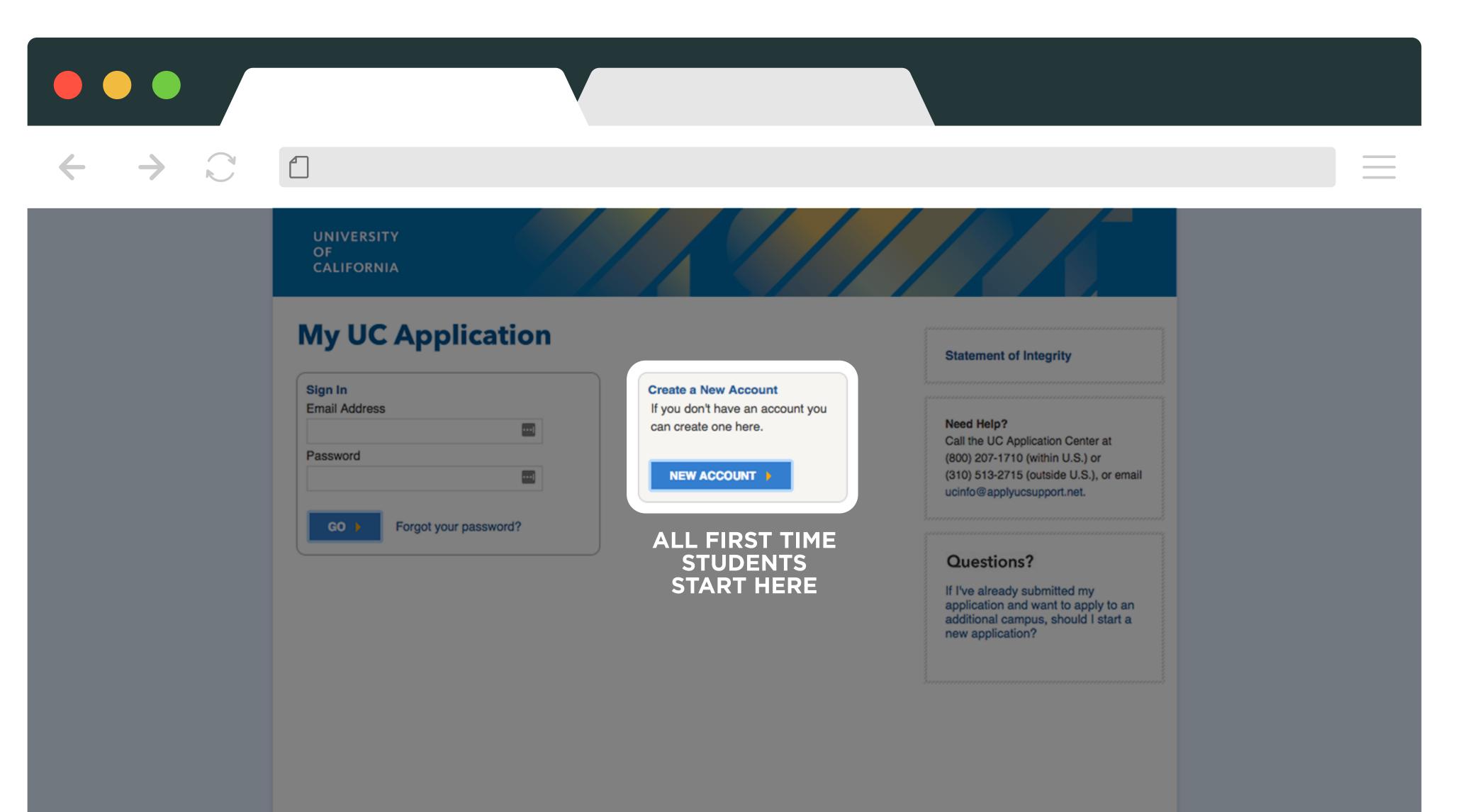
- Grade-Point Average
- Test Scores
- Courses Completed/Planned
- Honors Courses
- Top 9% Local Context (ELC)
- Quality of Senior-Year Program of Study
- Academic Opportunities in California High Schools
- Performance in Academic Subject Areas
- Achievements in Special Projects

- Improvement in Academic Performance
- Special Talents, Achievements, and Awards
- Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
- Academic Accomplishment Within Life Experiences
- Geographic Location



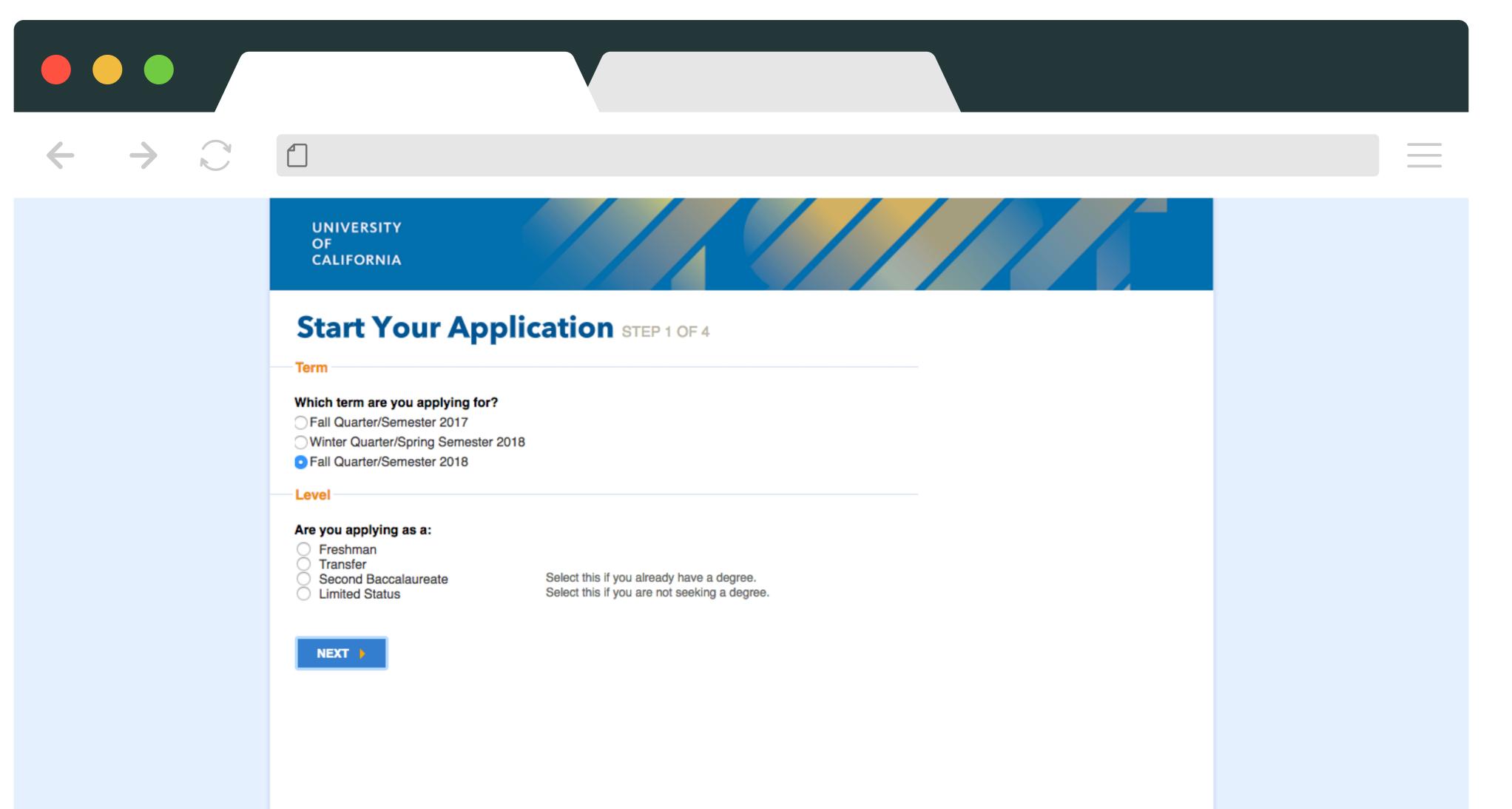
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The filing deadline for fall 2017 is 11:59 p.m. PST Nov. 30, 2016.



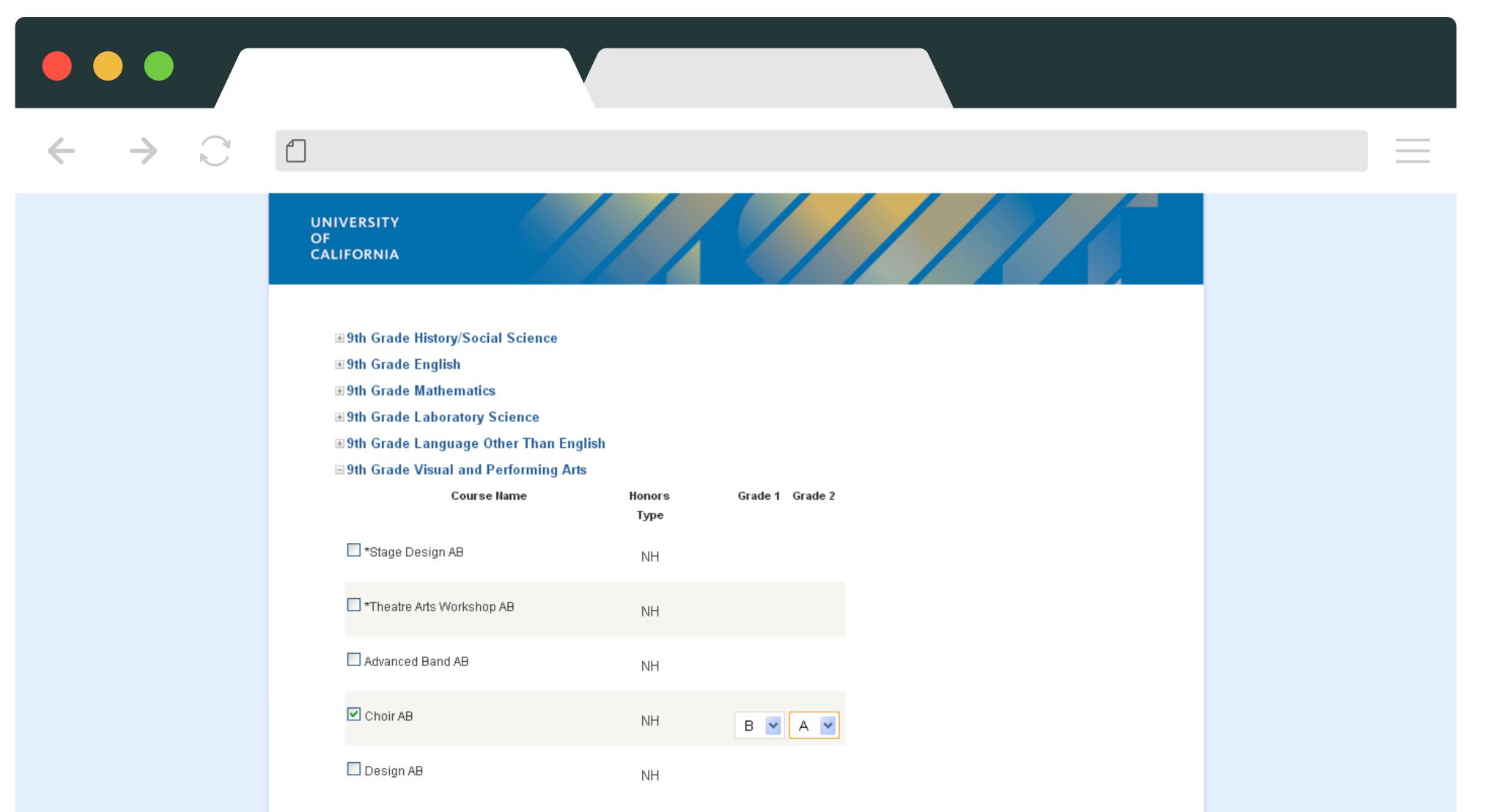


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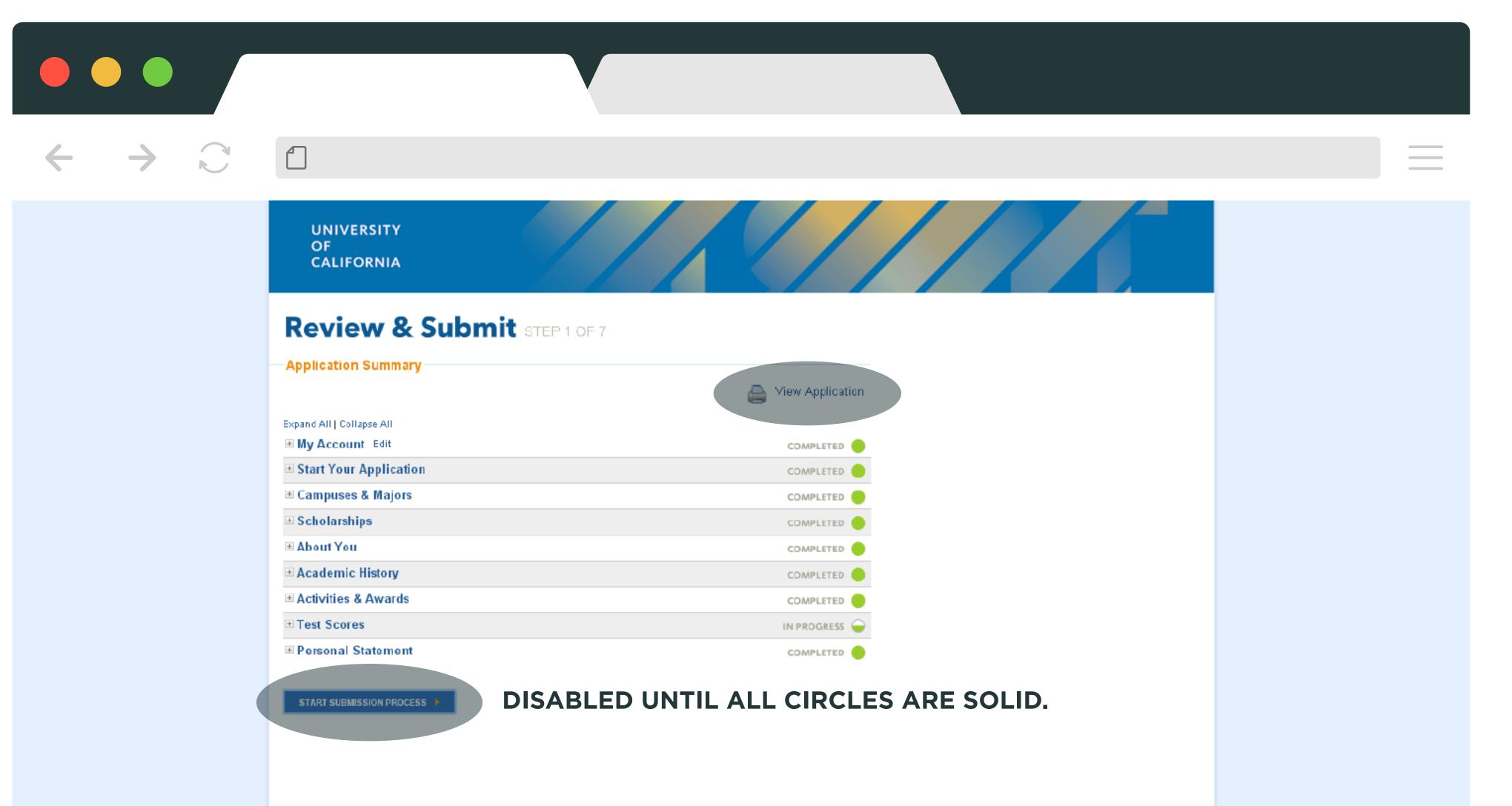


### KNOW YOUR COURSEWORK





### SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION





### THE COMMON APPLICATION

- The Common Application is used by hundreds of different colleges.
- To begin the common application go to the website www.commonapp.org
- There are video tutorials available for students and parents to watch, which are very helpful
  in walking through the application process.



### COMMON APP LAYOUT

#### THE COMMON APP IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR TABS:

- Dashboard
- My Colleges
- Common App
- College Search







Welcome, Jane! First Year | CAID 16102925



Sign Out

**Dashboard** 

My Colleges

Common App

College Search

#### Welcome!

Welcome to the Common App! The Common App dashboard is the central location to monitor your applications, including deadlines, requirements, and progress. The menu across the top will navigate you to different parts of the system to complete your application components.

- You can start answering application questions on the Common App tab
- You can add colleges on the College Search tab
- You can get help using the Help Center on the right side bar

Once you have added colleges, you will see them displayed here on the Dashboard and be able to review requirements specific to each of them on the My Colleges tab.

### Instructions and Help

#### What are the Writing Requirements?

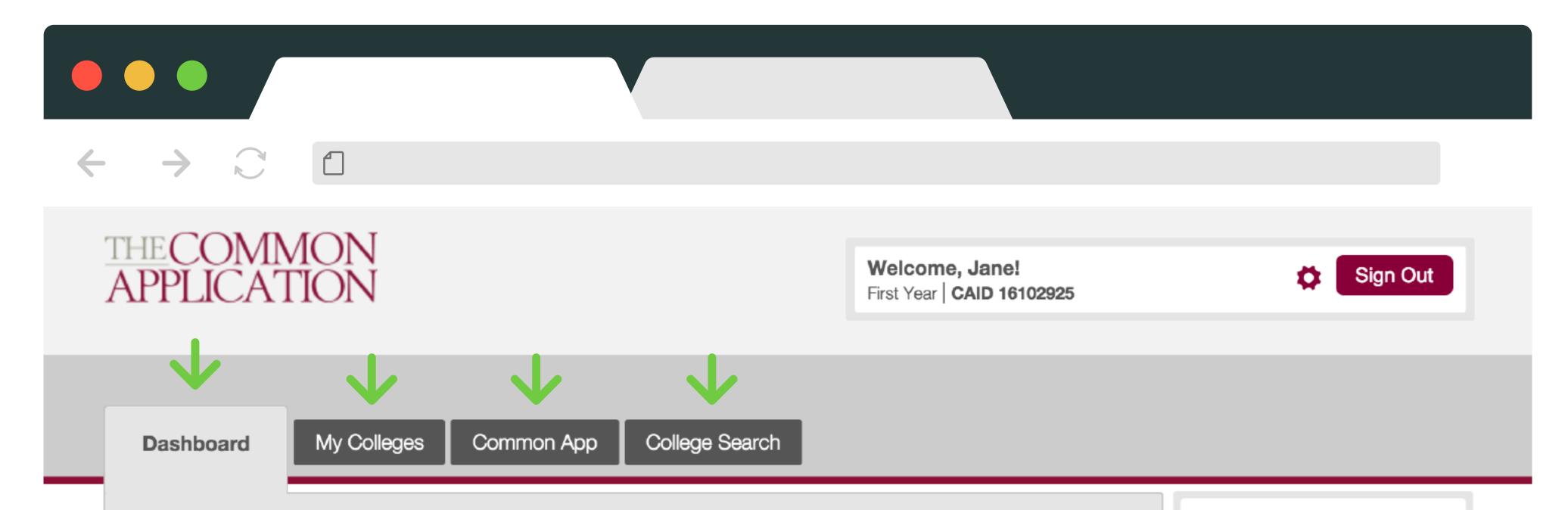
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Please check the requirements for each school on their specific page. Click on the name of the s ... [+]





# Search for and add colleges to your My Colleges list in the College Search tab.

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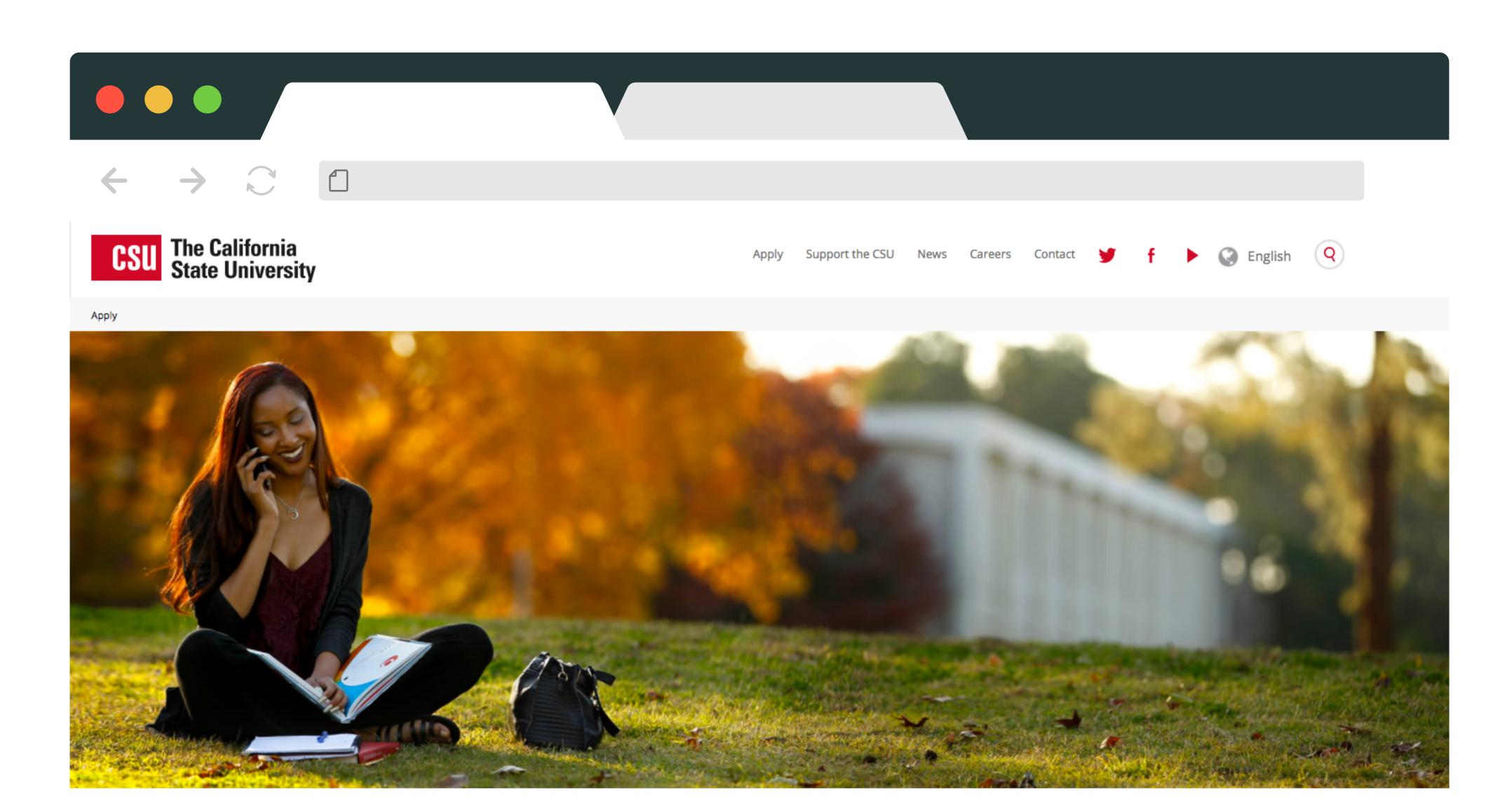
### Check out our Common App Tour video for more info!

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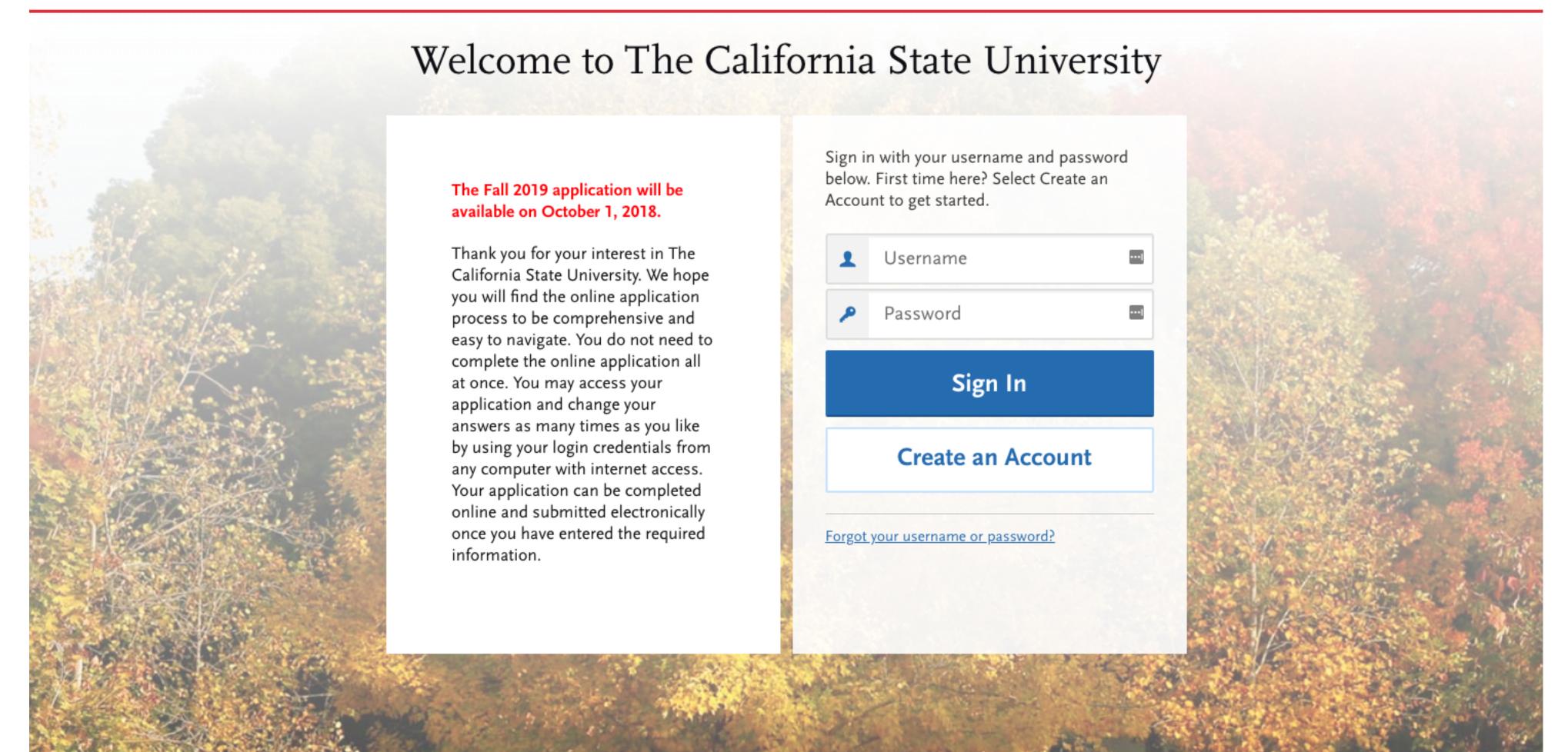


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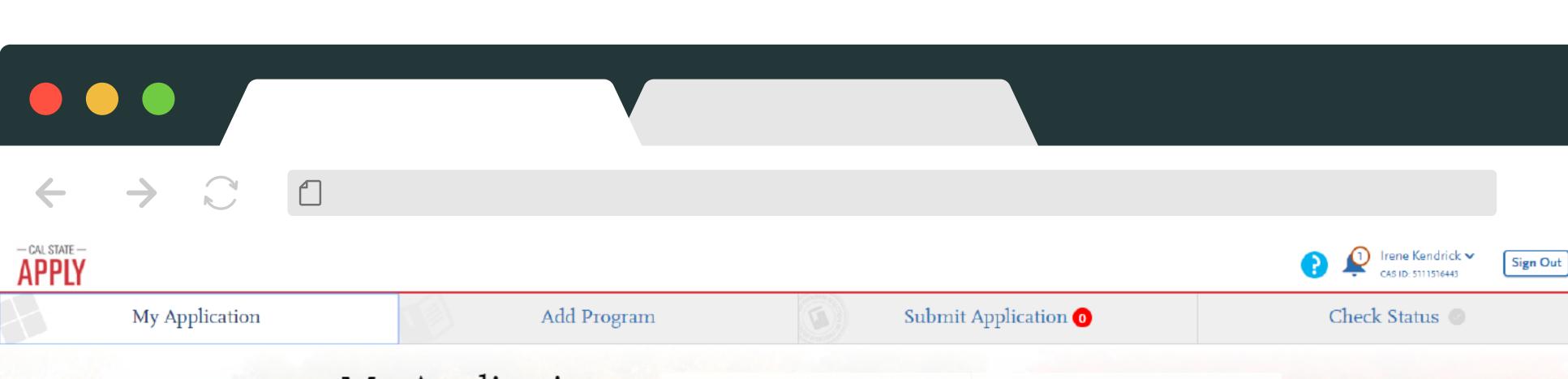


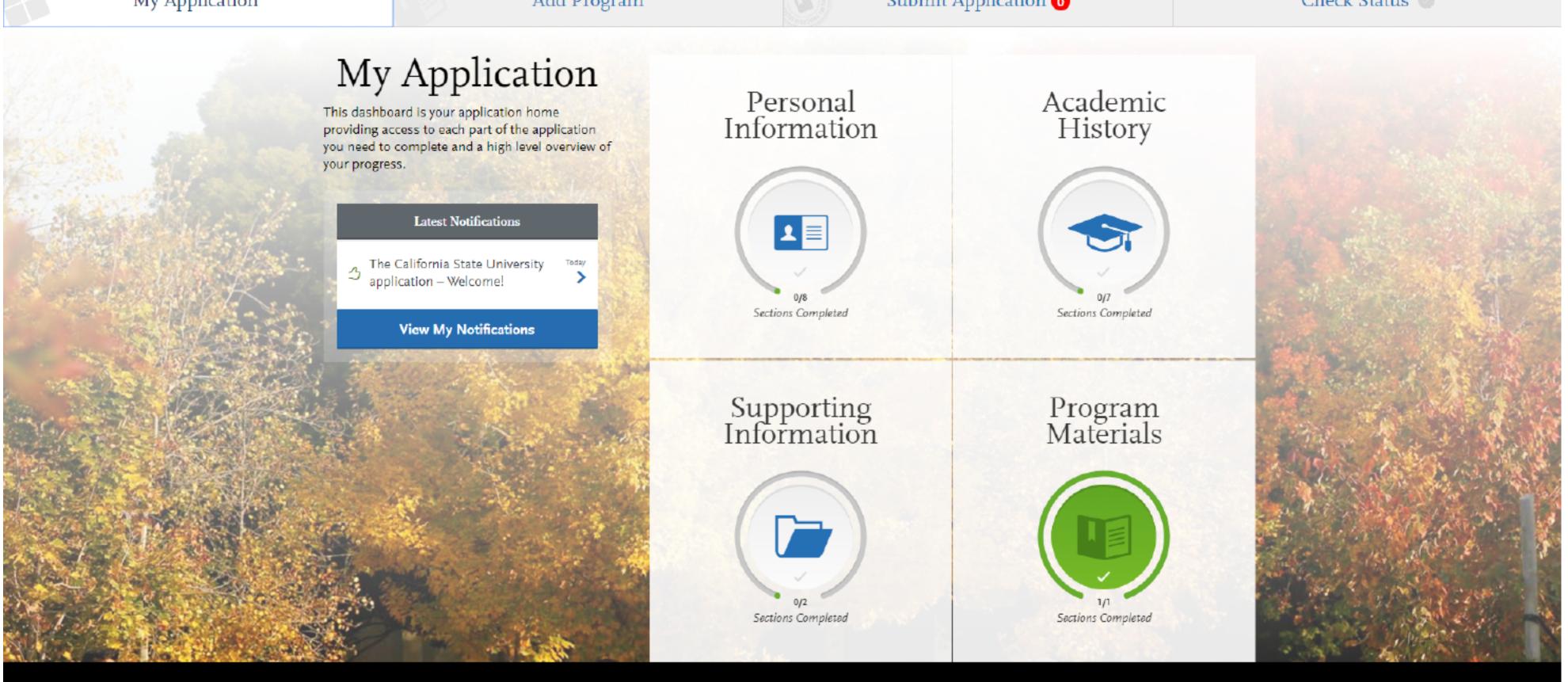


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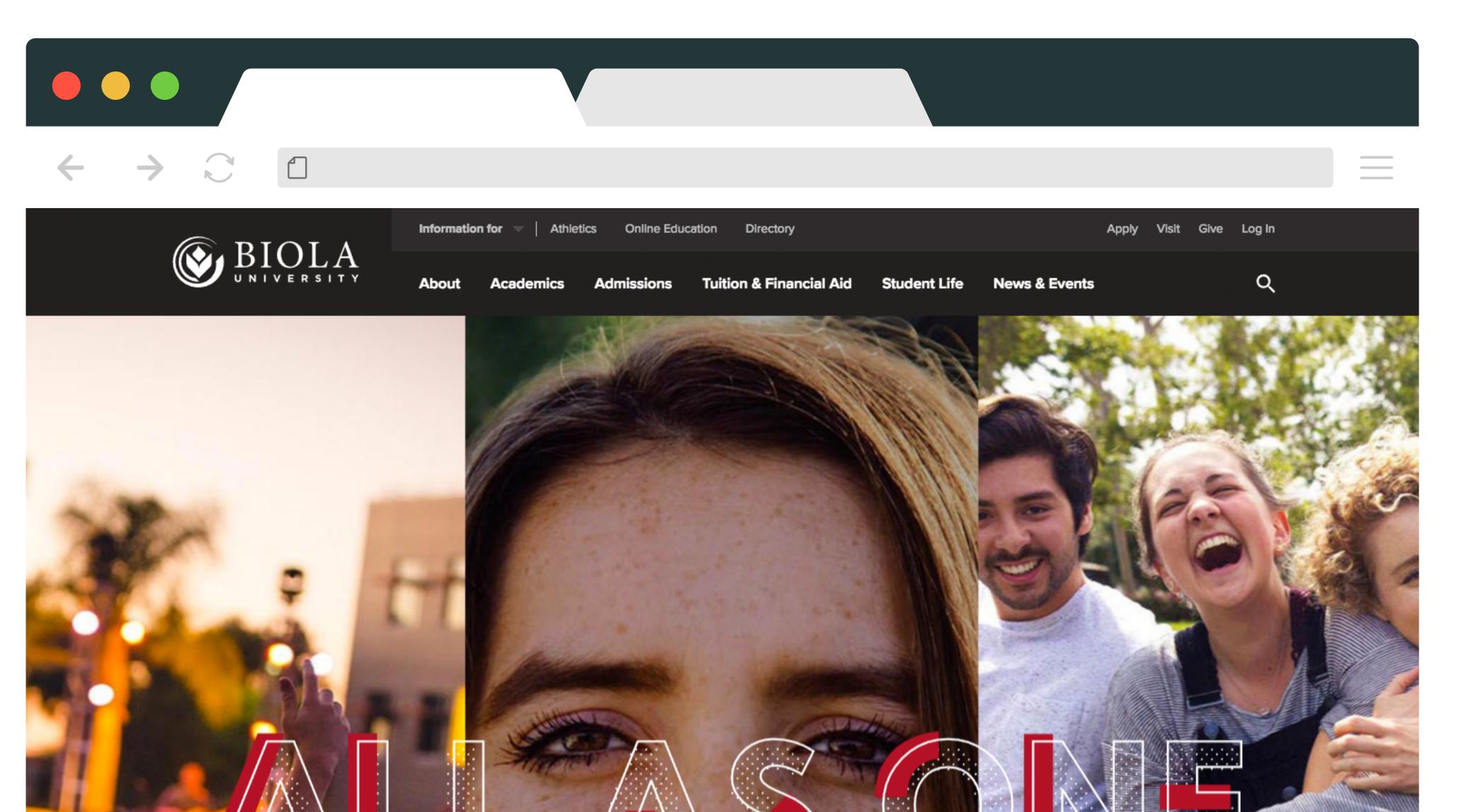








### OTHER UNIVERSITIES





# COME TO ONE OF OUR STUDENT APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

#### FOR UC APPLICATION, COMMON APPLICATION OR OTHER OPEN APPLICATIONS

September 11 & 12 | 3-4:30 p.m. | Room 143

or

September 12 | During High School Lunch

#### FOR CSU APPLICATIONS OR OTHER APPLICATIONS

October 3 & 4 | 3-4:30 p.m. | Room 143

or

October 4 | During High School Lunch in the Library



### RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

- Ask in person and include an information sheet if the person does not have access to Naviance
- At least 14 days notice is reasonable
- Follow up with a 'thank you' note to the person writing the recommendation.



### KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS!

- Keep Naviance Updated
- Copies of admission applications submitted
- Copies of scholarship applications submitted
- NCAA Initial Eligibility Center registration
- FAFSA
- Documentation of contact with schools (phone calls, emails, letters, Naviance journal etc.)
- Official & unofficial copies of transcripts



#### TRANSCRIPTS

You have been given a copy of your transcript.

- Please verify that all information is correct. Specifically, check that you have been given credit for any course taken off campus (required for graduation).
- VERY IMPORTANT 48 HOURS ARE REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS!
- Each college has specific requirements for transcript submission.
- Three transcripts for current students are free, additional transcripts will be processed at a cost of \$5 each. This will include reports sent with counselor forms, midyear reports and final transcripts. Mrs. Sykes handles all transcript requests for current college applications.



### PLAN TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

- Determine college costs
- Investigate ALL possible resources
  - Parents
  - Savings
  - Summer earnings
  - Financial aid: scholarships, grants, loans, work study
  - Other sources
- U.S. Department of Education website (http://studentaid.ed.gov)
  - Submit FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov
  - Apply for pin www.pin.ed.gov
  - Apply for financial aid as early as possible



### TIPS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Apply Early
- Follow Directions
- Be Organized
- Check your work
- Keep copies of everything



### TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS WHERE DO I FIND THEM?

- Academic Scholarships GPA, SAT, ACT, Leadership
- Athletic Scholarships
- Science and Math Scholarships
- Fine Arts and Performing Arts
- Essay Contests
- Colleges Additional Scholarships/Grants
- Corporations
- Foundations
- Employers

- Unions
- Service Organizations
- Business and Professional Organizations
- Religious and Social Organizations
- Disabilities
- Sallie Mae, Fastweb, College Board, etc.



### QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME

