APPLICATION OPTIONS
Coalition Application or Common Application

Stanford accepts either the Coalition Application (mycoalition.org) or the Common Application (commonapp.org). This set of instructions is for students applying to Stanford with the Coalition Application. For more information about each application component and our evaluation process, visit admission.stanford.edu.

DEADLINE OPTIONS
Restrictive Early Action or Regular Decision

Restrictive Early Action is a non-binding early application option for students who have completed a thorough college search and are confident Stanford is their first choice. Regular Decision is Stanford’s traditional option chosen by the majority of our applicants.

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*For 2017–18, Arts Portfolio applicants must use the Common Application to ensure access to SlideRoom.

HOW TO APPLY WITH THE COALITION APPLICATION

☐ Go to mycoalition.org, create a student account, and add Stanford University to your “Colleges” list.
☐ Invite your counselor and teacher recommenders to be contacts in your Coalition account.
☐ Complete all required components using the Required Components Checklist below.
☐ Use your full legal name on all testing and application documents.
☐ Submit your completed application by 11:59 p.m. on the application deadline.

AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR COALITION APPLICATION

☐ Confirm that you have successfully submitted your Coalition Application in the “Colleges” tab.
☐ Add admission@stanford.edu to your email address book or safe senders list. Double-check that your email address is valid to ensure you receive all Stanford University correspondence.
☐ Check your online application status regularly once we have sent you an email confirming receipt of your Coalition Application.
REQUIRED COMPONENTS CHECKLIST

☐ SAT WITH ESSAY or ACT WITH WRITING
  • You must report all scores from all high school sittings of either exam (or both if you took both). We do not accept test substitutions.
  • Students attending U.S. high schools may submit either official or self-reported scores. You may self-report scores in the Coalition Application. All official scores will be required if you are offered admission and choose to enroll.
  • Students attending high school outside the U.S. are required to send an official score report at the time of application.
  • To be considered official, scores must be sent to Stanford directly from the testing agency or reported on a transcript.
  • Stanford’s Test Codes: SAT - 4704; ACT - 0434

☐ OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT(S)
  • Ask your counselor to submit your official high school transcript.
  • Request official transcripts for any high school, college, university, or online courses not reported on your current high school transcript.

☐ SCHOOL REPORT and COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION
  • Ask your counselor to submit the Coalition Application Counselor Recommendation. This includes the School Report, Student Assessment, and a recommendation letter.

☐ TWO ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATIONS
  • Ask two of your teachers to submit a Coalition Application Academic Recommendation. This includes the Student Assessment and a recommendation letter.

☐ COALITION APPLICATION
  • Complete and submit the Coalition Application online at mycoalition.org. This includes completing the Coalition Profile and Stanford Application Questions, and uploading your personal statement. You can find personal statement essay prompts at www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/essays.html.

☐ APPLICATION FEE or FEE WAIVER
  • Submit the $90 nonrefundable application fee with the Coalition Application.
  • Fill out the Financial Aid section of the Coalition Profile to determine your eligibility for a fee waiver.

OPTIONAL COMPONENTS

+ OPTIONAL ARTS PORTFOLIO
Students who wish to highlight their extraordinary talent in the fine or performing arts—art practice, dance, music, and theater—may submit an Arts Portfolio. These materials are entirely optional and will be reviewed at the discretion of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the fine arts faculty.

For 2017–18, Arts Portfolio applicants must use the Common Application to ensure access to SlideRoom. Visit admission.stanford.edu/arts for detailed instructions.

+ OPTIONAL LETTER
You may submit up to one optional letter of recommendation if there is another person who knows you well and will provide new insights about you. Ask your recommender to note your full legal name, school name, and date of birth at the top of the letter. Your recommender may send the letter by email (credentials@stanford.edu), mail, or fax: (650) 723-6050.

+ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
If you would like to provide more detail about your academic program, activities, honors, or background, use the Additional Information section in the Stanford Application Questions. Please do not submit additional materials such as résumés, research papers, publications, or writing samples.