

Students must [REGISTER](#) with Guidance for EACH SCHOOL by Dec 3, 3pm

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND **SUBMITTED ONLY BETWEEN DEC 4th-10th**

All admissions decisions are **NON-BINDING** (you do not have to attend a school simply because you are admitted).

[COMMON APP CHEAT SHEET](#)

School Name	Requirements and Information for IDD
Berkeley College Woodland Park, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION: SCHOOL WEBSITE (Berkeleycollege.edu/apply) between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: Application payment and put in a personal check/Cash. Application Fees will be waived when we meet them REQUIRED MATERIALS: - Completed Application, Transcript SPECIAL NOTES: Students with a 2.6* GPA will be accepted with no testing requirement. If GPA is lower than a 2.59, they must take our Entrance exam or provide SAT scores of 480 or above in each section or ACT 20 on all sections. - Nursing students are not allowed to participate in immediate decisions because they have a higher admissions requirement.
Bloomfield College of Montclair State University Bloomfield, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: FALL2MSU REQUIRED MATERIALS: - Completed Application, Transcript OPTIONAL MATERIALS: - Essay, letters of recommendation are highly encouraged. - Test scores NOTES: When students create their application on the Common App or the Montclair State University application, they will be prompted to select their campus location. Students must select whether they would like to apply to Montclair State University or Bloomfield College of Montclair State University. Students who apply to Bloomfield College of Montclair State University will be reviewed at the IDD. Most programs require a minimum GPA of 2.7 (unweighted, 4.0 scale). Exceptions are listed below: Business - 3.0 unweighted GPA Infomatics & Biology – 2.8 unweighted GPA Students who select Nursing as their intended major and have an unweighted GPA of 2.7 would be admitted as a pre-nursing student during their freshman year. Students must complete their pre-requisite courses and successfully complete of ATI TEAS exam during their first year and apply into the Nursing program which will then be reviewed by the Nursing faculty. Conditional Admits Students with unweighted GPAs between 2.4 to 2.6 may be considered for conditional admission with successful completion of one of our Summer Bridge programs. EOF Applicants: Applicant requirements for students interested in EOF can be found here

Caldwell University Caldwell, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: No application fee REQUIRED MATERIALS: - Completed Application, Transcript OPTIONAL MATERIALS: - Appx. 2.5 GPA to participate - Essay, letters of recommendation are highly encouraged. - Test scores optional NOTES: Nursing Applicants -4 Units Math, 3 Units Lab Science (must include Bio + Chem)--All math and science grades must be B or higher - Test Optional--3.0+ GPA and 3.0 average in Math & Science courses - With Test-- 2.75+ GPA, 1080+ SAT or 21+ ACT (Composite)
Dominican University Orangeburg, NY	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: waiveug REQUIRED MATERIALS: Completed Application, Transcript (GPA Minimum to participate: 2.0) OPTIONAL MATERIALS: - Letters of recommendation - SAT/ACT scores - Personal Essay
Drew University Madison, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: DREW30 REQUIRED MATERIALS: - Completed Application - Transcript - GPA of 3.0 or higher - Counselor letter of recommendation - Personal Essay OPTIONAL MATERIALS: SAT/ACT Scores NOTES: The only programs we cannot provide instant decisions for are the EOF program and the Accelerated Bachelor's/MD Program. We can of course still meet with these students and provide traditional admissions decisions

Fairleigh Dickinson University Madison, NJ Hackensack, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: Application is free REQUIRED MATERIALS: • Completed Application • Transcript • minimum unweighted GPA of 2.70 OPTIONAL MATERIALS • Letters of Recommendation • Personal Essay • SAT / ACT test optional NOTES: An Instant Decision does not guarantee that all students will receive an admission decision. An official letter of admission is contingent on the review of the student's application, including all official documentation indicating continued academic success and good standing. In some cases, a student's application will need to be submitted for further evaluation, particularly if the academic credentials do not qualify for a student's first choice major or if a student has indicated any history of misconduct.
Felician University Lodi, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: IDD2026 REQUIRED MATERIALS: Completed Application, Transcript OPTIONAL MATERIALS: • Letter of Recommendation • Personal Essay • SAT/ACT scores NOTES: • For Nursing (BSN) Admission: • C+ or higher in Biology, Chemistry, and Algebra • Letter of Recommendation • Personal Statement • Test Scores • 1040 SAT, 20 ACT or Basic TEAS Score • Students with a 3.4 GPA or higher do not have to submit test scores! • *Students interested in Nursing that do not meet these requirements are still encouraged to apply and your admissions counselor will be happy to discuss the alternative routes to a BSN that we have to offer!

Georgian Court University Lakewood, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: No App Fee REQUIRED MATERIALS: Completed Application, Transcript, Two Recommendation Letters. Need to have a minimum 2.5 GPA SPECIAL NOTES Nursing applicants need further review from Nursing
Iona University New Rochelle, NY	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: Iona30 REQUIRED MATERIALS: - Completed Application - Transcript (2.8 or higher GPA) 2 Letters of Recommendation - Personal statement OPTIONAL MATERIALS: - SAT or ACT Scores
Kean University Union, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: GO2KEAN REQUIRED MATERIALS: - Completed Application, Transcript, Personal Essay, Letter of Recommendation OPTIONAL MATERIALS: - SAT/ACT Scores recommended but not required—Students should have official copies of their scores printed out or emailed to me (ryalston@kean.edu) prior to the appointment. NOTES: 3.0 is our preferred minimum for Instant Decision Day registrants. However, Kean University has various admissions programs, so we do accept students with lower academic profiles (GPA and standardized test scores). - Students who are interested in the EOF Program can participate in our Instant Decision Days. However, they will receive a conditional or preliminary acceptance, as they have to meet financial qualifications as well. - Standardized test scores are NOT required for applicants for the Spanish Speaking Program (SUPERA). SUPERA preferred GPA minimum: 2.5. Submission of a personal statement and letters of recommendation are highly - Encouraged. A personal statement can be in English or Spanish. - Students who are applying to our Design, Fine Arts and Music programs will also receive a conditional or preliminary admissions decision. These academic programs require additional review by the Department which requires a portfolio review or an audition. - Students who qualify for the Dream Act can self-identify on our application.

Lycoming College Williamsport, PA	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: NO FEE TO APPLY! REQUIRED MATERIALS: Application: Common App, Official Transcript 3.0 or higher GPA preferred (2.5 and higher can be considered) OPTIONAL MATERIALS: SAT/ ACT Scores, Personal Essay, Letter of Rec
Manhattan University Riverdale, NY	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: INSIDER2026 REQUIRED MATERIALS: Completed Application, Transcript, 1 Teacher Evaluation 3.0 GPA or higher to participate OPTIONAL MATERIALS: • SAT/ACT test scores • 2 additional Teacher Evaluations • 1 other Evaluation SPECIAL NOTES: • Pre-Calculus required for Engineering majors
Mercy University Dobbs Ferry, NY	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: MAVS2026 REQUIRED MATERIALS: Application, Transcript (80+ GPA for all Majors (Nursing & Vet Tech will require 85+ GPA)) OPTIONAL MATERIALS: SAT or ACT scores, Letters of Recommendation, Personal Statement NOTES: • Test Optional - SAT or ACT not required for any Major (Business Honors will require score) • Effective Educator Statement - Required for Education Majors only • C+ or higher in English, Math & Science for 3 years - Nursing & Vet Tech Only • Personal Statement - Nursing & Vet Tech Only (200-500 words on why you're interested in that career) • 60 second Demo Video - Music Production Major Only (Briefly explaining students knowledge & experience in this area prior to college)
Monmouth University West Long Branch, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: Submit the app and do not pay the fee; we will waive it internally REQUIRED MATERIALS: • Completed Application, Transcript, Letter of Recommendation, Personal Statement, Minimum GPA: 3.0 (85 numerical) OPTIONAL MATERIALS: • Official SAT/ACT scores ◦ SAT score: No less than 1050* /ACT score: No less than 21* *If applying with test scores SPECIAL NOTES: Not able to provide an admission decision in Instant Decision Days for applicants to the following programs: • Nursing (BSN) program, 3+3 B.S. in Health Studies/Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD), 3+3 Physician Assistant Program, 4+2 Speech Language Pathology

SUBMIT APPLICATION: COMMON APP (need to submit application and create MSU account with the email they received so it integrates into our system)

Submit Application: Dec-4 - Dec 11, 2025

FEE WAIVER INFO: Application fees are waived based on demonstrated financial need

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Completed Application, Transcript, Letter of Recommendation, **2.8 GPA (SEE NOTES BELOW)**

OPTIONAL MATERIALS:

- SAT/ACT (scores can be submitted for consideration, may help but cannot hurt students in the admissions process.)

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Most programs require a minimum GPA of 2.8 (unweighted, 4.0 scale). Exceptions are
 - Nursing – 3.6 GPA (to move forward with second nursing review) Deadline to apply is February 1st.
 - Jurisprudence – 3.0 GPA

For programs listed above, if student does not have minimum GPA at time of applying but does have a 2.8 GPA they will be accepted to Montclair State University but not to the specific major. Students are accepted Undeclared and have the option to attend Undeclared or switch to a different major. Once enrolled, students then have the opportunity to reapply to these academic programs listed above as Montclair State University students. **Students who are denied for Nursing cannot reapply.**

The following programs (listed below) require a dual review process. I review applicants in these majors for minimum academic qualifications for general admission to the University. Once I complete my review, the application is then forwarded to the academic department. The academic department then decides to admit/deny/waitlist an applicant to that major.

These majors require additional materials to be considered for their academic major. Students will not be considered for these majors without having submitted these additional materials. I have listed these majors by school/department and have included by the school/department name a link to an outline of these materials.

On the day of the IDD I can only admit the following majors to the University (and not the specific academic program)

- Art & Design (<https://www.montclair.edu/art-and-design/admission/portfolio-preparation-guidelines/>)
- Animation and Visual Effects (BFA)
- Illustration (BFA)
- Visual Communication Design (BFA, Formerly Graphic Design)
- Music, Theatre & Dance <https://www.montclair.edu/theatre-and-dance/admission/>
- Acting (BFA)
- Musical Theatre (BFA)
- Theatre Design, Technology and Management (BFA)
- Dance (BFA)
- Dance (BA, Concentrations in Studio Teaching; and Dance Education with P-12 Teacher Certification)
- Music (Bmus)
- Music Therapy
- Music Composition and Theory
- Recording Arts and Production
- School of Nursing <https://www.montclair.edu/nursing/4-year-bsn/>
 - Nursing (4 year BSN)

	Other populations that cannot be decisioned during IDD: • EOF https://www.montclair.edu/educational-opportunity-fund/admission-policies-eligibility/ All Joint Articulation Program Applicants • 8 YR BS/MD Medical Program with Rutgers University • BS/PharmD Doctor of Pharmacy Program with Rutgers University • BS/MS Mechanical Engineering with Stevens Institute of Technology • Applicant requirements for these programs: https://www.montclair.edu/admissions/apply-and-check-status/articulation-agreements/ • Montclair combined degree (Bx/Mx) programs- 3.0 GPA												
New Jersey City University Jersey City, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: GOKNIGHTS REQUIRED MATERIALS: • Completed Application • Transcript OPTIONAL MATERIALS: • SAT/ACT scores • Letters of Recommendation NOTES: 2.0 minimum GPA to participate in the IDD and a 2.7 GPA to qualify for scholarships												
New Jersey Institute of Technology Newark, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: NJ26 REQUIRED MATERIALS: • Completed Application, Transcript, Letter(s) of Recommendation, Portfolio (if applying to the College of Architecture and Design) • See GPA Requirements below SPECIAL NOTES: Please note that students are required to take either Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry for any STEM-based major at NJIT. This includes all programs with the <u>exception of the following:</u> <table><tr><td>B.S. in Business</td><td>B.S. in Financial Technology</td><td>B. Arch in Architecture</td></tr><tr><td>B.S. in Architecture</td><td>B.A. in Digital Design</td><td>B.S. in Industrial Design</td></tr><tr><td>B.A. in Interior Design</td><td>B.A. and B.S. in Communication and Media</td><td>B.A. in History</td></tr><tr><td>B.A. in Law, Technology & Culture</td><td>B.S. in Science, Technology and Society</td><td>B.A. in Theatre Arts and Technology</td></tr></table> Criteria for majors that are in the Newark College of Engineering, College of Science & Liberal Arts, and Martin Tuchman School of Management: GPA: 3.4+ Criteria for majors that are in the Ying Wu College of Computing: GPA: 3.6+ I will not be able to make decisions for students interested in the Hillier College of Architecture and Design unless their portfolios have been submitted 2-3 weeks prior to the IDD and the faculty has reviewed them and given them a score. If any student is applying to the Honors College or the Educational Opportunity Program, the IDD is only for University admission and they will learn more about those particular programs at a later date	B.S. in Business	B.S. in Financial Technology	B. Arch in Architecture	B.S. in Architecture	B.A. in Digital Design	B.S. in Industrial Design	B.A. in Interior Design	B.A. and B.S. in Communication and Media	B.A. in History	B.A. in Law, Technology & Culture	B.S. in Science, Technology and Society	B.A. in Theatre Arts and Technology
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B.A. in Law, Technology & Culture	B.S. in Science, Technology and Society	B.A. in Theatre Arts and Technology											

[Ramapo College](#)
Mahwah, NJ

SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025

FEE WAIVER INFO: arch2026

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Completed Application, Transcript, and Letter of Recommendation (2 is preferred)
- **Instant Decision Day GPA: Requirements for General First Year Admissions (non-Nursing or Joint Programs): Minimum GPA: 3.0**
- **Instant Decision Day Requirements for EOF First Year Admissions (non-Nursing or Joint Programs): Minimum GPA: 2.5**
- **Instant Decision Day GPA: Requirements for General First Year Admissions (Nursing or Joint Programs): Minimum GPA: 3.4**
- **Instant Decision Day Requirements for EOF First Year Admissions (Nursing or Joint Programs): Minimum GPA: 3.0**

SPECIAL NOTES:

Nursing and Joint Program decisions are made by committee and not finalized on Instant Decision Day.

For those students who are applying to Ramapo College's [Educational Opportunity Fund \(EOF\) Program](#), applicants will need to submit their Financial Aid Application ([FAFSA](#) or [HESAA NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application](#)) to Ramapo College to determine if the student is financially eligible for EOF. Students applying to Ramapo College's EOF Program have their application fee automatically waived so the fee waiver code is not required.

Students who choose to submit their SAT/ACT scores must do so before their interview. Please note that test scores are not required for any undergraduate major at Ramapo College but are required for all Joint Programs listed below:

- Optometry Program with SUNY College of Optometry (3+4 track)
- Dental Medicine Program with the Lake Erie College of Medicine (4+4 track)
- Pharmacy Program with the Lake Erie College of Medicine (3+4 track)
- Osteopathic Medicine with the Lake Erie College of Medicine (3+4 or 4+4 tracks)

[St. Elizabeth University](#)
Morristown, NJ

SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025

FEE WAIVER INFO: Application is free

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Completed Application, Transcript

OPTIONAL MATERIALS:

- Essay and Letters of Recommendation

[St. John's University](#)
Queens, NY

SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025. ALSO, students must submit a request to St. John's via [this form](#)

FEE WAIVER INFO: NO FEE TO APPLY

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Completed Application (see notes below for Test Optional and Test Score requirements)
- students must submit a request to St. John's via [this form](#) by De. 10th

OPTIONAL MATERIALS:

- SAT/ACT Scores

SPECIAL NOTES:

All onsite participants must meet the following admission criteria to receive an admission decision at the onsite program event.

With Test Scores:

Minimum GPA: 85

SAT: 1070 (minimum 500 in Math and 500 in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing)

ACT: 23 Composite (minimum 21 in Math and 21 in English)

ACT Science section is not required

Test Optional:

Minimum GPA: 85

Required:

1 essay (Common App accepted; no St. John's-specific topic required)

1 letter of recommendation

Majors Not Eligible for On-Site Decisions

- **Bio/Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Pathway (NYIT)**
- **Bio/Optomtry**
- **Test-Optional applicants to Nursing**
- **Test-Optional applicants to Biomedical Sciences**
- **Pharmacy**
- **Photography**

[St. Peter's University](#)
Jersey City, NJ

SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025

FEE WAIVER INFO: Free to Apply

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Completed Application, Transcript **(at least a 2.5 GPA to participate)**

OPTIONAL MATERIALS: Letter of Recommendation, SAT/ACT Score

SPECIAL NOTES: **Nursing and Pre-Med students cannot be reviewed at IDD.**

St. Thomas Aquinas College Sparkill, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: directors fee wavier REQUIRED MATERIALS: • Completed Application • Transcript • 2 letters of recommendation • GPA requirement: Minimum 2.2 (scholarship consideration begins at 2.5) OPTIONAL MATERIALS: • SAT/ACT is optional for all majors
Stockton University Galloway, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: Select “I am requesting a fee waiver” in the Stockton question section of the Common Application. Answer “Yes” to the following question on the Stockton question section of Common App: “Instant Decision Days are by appointment only. Please select "Yes" only if you have an upcoming appointment scheduled.” REQUIRED MATERIALS: Completed Application, Transcript OPTIONAL MATERIALS: • Essay/writing sample • Letter(s) of recommendation • SAT/ACT scores – <u>SAT scores must include the Section scores (Evidence-Based Reading/Writing and Math) AND the Test Scores (Reading, Writing/Language, and Math)</u> – if possible, please provide your official Score Report; you can locate this report @ StudentScores.CollegeBoard.org. • Please note, some programs including the Nursing, Accelerated BS/DO and Pharmacy programs, require test scores for admission consideration. Please read more here. • The BS/DO and Pharmacy Programs require supplemental applications, as well. SPECIAL NOTES: • Student eligibility criteria: cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, AND hold a “B” average or better GPA based on academic courses and your school’s grading system. • <i>Please keep in mind: An offer of admission as a result of attending Instant Decision Day does not constitute admission to the following specialized major programs: Dance, Nursing, Dual-Degree Pharmacy, Dual-Degree Accelerated 7 yr. Pre-Med (BS/DO), Dual-Degree Business, Dual-Degree Criminal Justice, and Dual-Degree Environmental Science. A separate application and/or faculty review may be required for consideration. Also, a separate decision letter will be mailed at a later date. If admitted to one of these programs, an additional deposit may be required.</i> • Qualified applicants will receive a dated, general acceptance letter on the day of the onsite IDD, with the full acceptance package to come via email and mail following the IDD. • This year we launched a 3+3 DPT program. That program is also not eligible for an onsite decision. The best I can give is a general admission to Health Sciences and then they have to wait for the full decision.

Susquehanna University Selinsgrove, PA	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: NO FEE TO APPLY REQUIRED MATERIALS: Completed Application, Transcript, Letter of Recommendation from a Teacher or Counselor OPTIONAL MATERIALS: • Test Scores, Essay SPECIAL NOTES: Students applying to major in Music, Creative Writing, Studio Art, Graphic Design, Theatre: Acting, and Theatre: Management must apply to those majors by auditioning or submitting a portfolio for work in addition to the general requirements listed above. Learn more about the application process for these majors at susqu.edu or by emailing Lucia Garabo at garabo@susqu.edu
University of Mount Saint Vincent New York, NY	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: Application is Free REQUIRED MATERIALS: • Completed Application, Transcript OPTIONAL MATERIALS: • SAT/ACT Scores • Essay SPECIAL NOTES: 2.5 or higher to participate in IDD Nursing: GPA 3.0 with an B overall in math and sciences
University of New Haven West Haven, CT	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: IDD2026 REQUIRED MATERIALS: Completed Application, Transcript (2.8 GPA to participate in IDD), Personal Essay OPTIONAL MATERIALS: • SAT/ACT SCORES-scores are only required for students that select “consider my scores” on their application • Letters of Recommendation SPECIAL NOTES: • The following majors are most competitive and do have specific requirements for admission - Forensic Science, Dental Hygiene, Medical Laboratory Science, Nutrition Sciences, and all majors in the Tagliatela College of Engineering including Computer Science & Cybersecurity
William Paterson University Wayne, NJ	SUBMIT APPLICATION on Common App between Dec 4-10th, 2025 FEE WAIVER INFO: When completing the application, please have your students elect that they will be using an institutional fee waiver by attending an official campus visit. REQUIRED MATERIALS: • Completed Application

- Transcript
- GPA REQUIREMENT (General): only applicants with an unweighted 2.5 GPA or higher will be considered.
- GPA REQUIREMENT FOR Nursing applicants participating in IDD – 3.5 GPA
 - •Nursing applicants can be considered on a Test Optional review process if the following criteria is met; Student MUST have a minimum of a 3.5 weighted GPA, with no grades below a “B” in their lab sciences (notably: Biology, and Chemistry).

OPTIONAL MATERIALS:

- SAT/ACT optional for all majors but highly encouraged to submit for scholarship opportunities
- An essay and recommendation letter(s) are not required, but encouraged.
- Students applying with a GPA of less than a 3.0 are encouraged to submit at least one letter of recommendation from a counselor, teacher, or coach at the high school.

SPECIAL NOTES:

PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE MORE THAN AN APPLICATION REVIEW:

- Music and Art students are able to participate in the Instant Decision session. However, prospective Music applicants would receive an admissions decision based on an “Undeclared” major until an audition is completed. \
- Prospective Fine Art (BFA) applicants would receive an admissions decision based on the “(BA) Studio Art” major until a portfolio review is completed.
- EOF: Any students who apply for EOF or are interested in applying for EOF need to submit the online EOF application along with the required documentation.
 - These students can still participate in the instant decision if they meet the regular admissions criteria given above and will only be considered for regular admission.
- For those students with a 3.6 and above, I will also encourage them to submit an additional application to the Honors College. Upon being accepted, they will receive a \$5000 annual scholarship, in addition to the Merit scholarship