

## Completing College Applications: Coalition Application

### The Coalition Application

The Coalition Application is a newer application that aims to ease technological difficulties associated with college applications and to make college counseling more accessible. Over 140 schools accept Coalition, including UF, FSU, and other Florida schools (a full list of schools can be found [here](#), but keep in mind that this list will continue to grow).

### Benefits of the Coalition App

- The Coalition Application can be started as early as the ninth grade.
- It has a “Locker” - a private, digital space where students can organize documents, photos, and videos as part of their online portfolio.
- It has a collaboration space - a virtual area in which students can connect with trusted adults, like counselors, teachers, and family members, and ask for their input on their college applications
- Allows you to directly qualify for Application Fee Waivers

### How to Apply Using the Coalition App

- Step 1: Make an Account
  - Create a login using an email and password
  - Add general information to your profile (personal information, contact details, family background/education, and test scores).
- Step 2: Add Colleges to your College List
  - Use the “College Search” tab to search for institutions based on name.
  - Schools that you are interested in can be added to your “My Colleges” tab.
- Step 3: The Application
  - You only submit one general application. It consists of your high school courses, grades, activities, exam scores and dates, parental information, etc. You will also need to complete a coalition essay that will be sent to all the colleges listed.

- Step 4: Supplement Material
  - Each school may have their own additional requirements such as letters of recommendation, additional essays, financial aid documents, SARs, etc.
  - Review all requirements and deadlines carefully.

#### Quick Tip

You can begin the application anytime, including before your senior year. It is a good idea to fill it out throughout high school to include all activities you have participated in. Take advantage of its interface that is developed to help low-income, first generation college students. Sometimes they even offer counselor services for free.