



Administrative details for applying to overseas universities (US)

Temasek Junior College

Application to US universities



Most US universities are on
CommonApp (e.g. the 8 Ivy Leagues,
Stanford, NYU, Johns Hopkins)

Universities **NOT** on CommonApp:
MIT, UC (University of California),
Georgetown and more



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Each year the Common App opens up to students on **August 1st** and closes on **January 1st**.

You may **create an account and fill out general information prior to August 1st** and send in your application after August 1st.



Application process

Decision Plan	Submit Application Early	Receive Admissions Decision Early	Binding (expected to enroll if admitted)	Can apply to other schools under this decision plan
Early Action	✓	✓		✓
Early Decision	✓	✓	✓	
Regular Decision	Optional			✓

Application process

Apply by 1 Nov,
receive offer in
Jan/Feb 2024

Apply by 1 Nov,
receive offer in
Dec 2023

Apply by 1 Jan
2024, receive
offer in Feb/Mar
2024

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Early Action/ Early Decision?

Early Action Plans:

- You can apply early action to multiple colleges.
- If you're accepted, you can say “yes” right away or wait until spring to decide.
- You can also decline the offer.

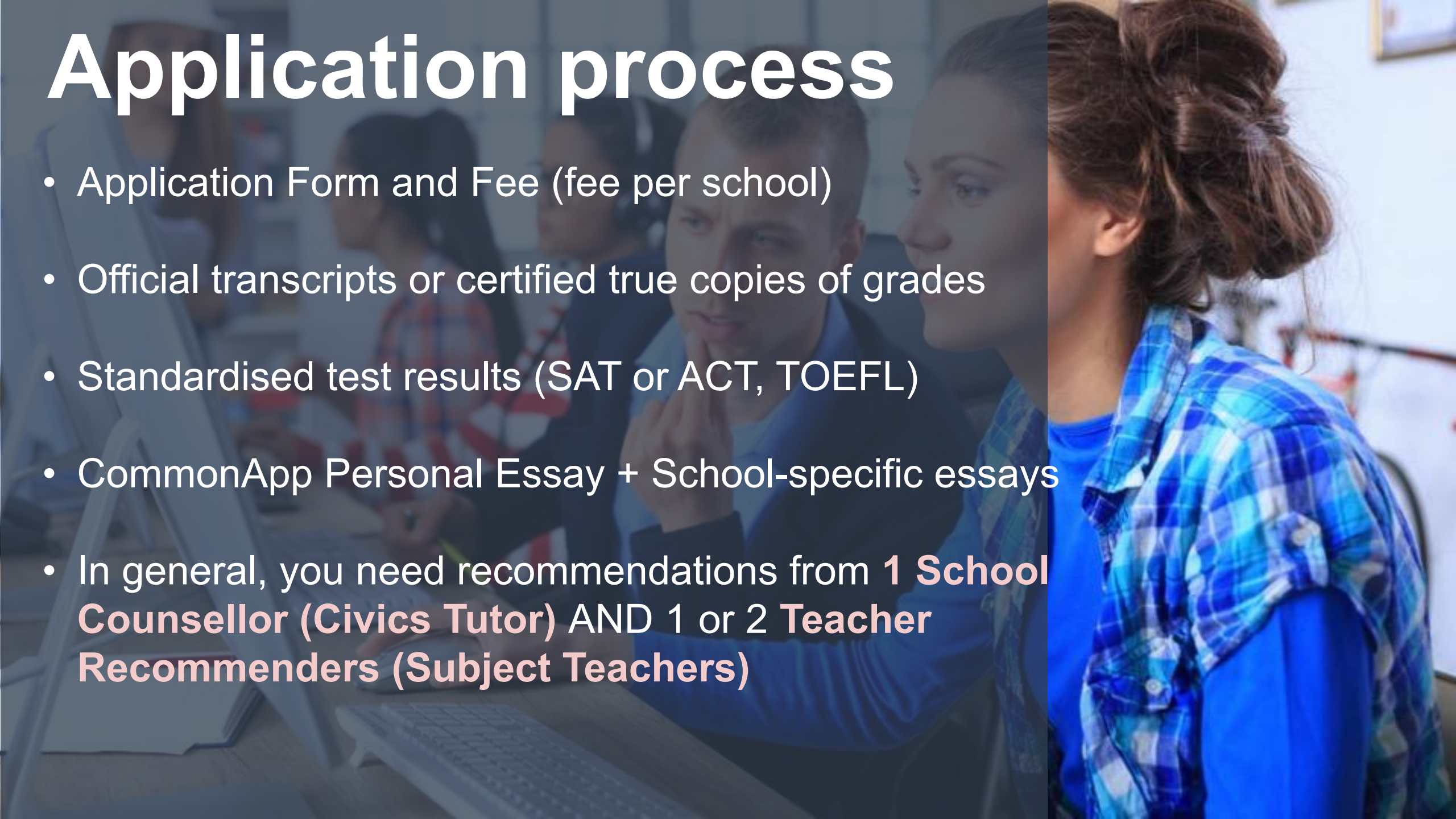
Early Decision Plans:

- You can apply early decision to only 1 college.
- If the college accepts you and offers enough financial aid, you must go to that college. That’s why these plans are referred to as “binding.”
- Some colleges have 2 early deadlines, called early decision deadline I and early decision deadline II. They both work the same way, but the second deadline gives you more time to decide to apply early.
- Although you may apply to additional colleges through the regular admission process, **you must withdraw all other applications if this college accepts you.**

Refer to this page for more FAQs: [Facts About Applying Early Decision or Early Action – BigFuture \(collegeboard.org\)](https://collegeboard.org/facts-about-applying-early-decision-or-early-action)

Application process

- Application Form and Fee (fee per school)
- Official transcripts or certified true copies of grades
- Standardised test results (SAT or ACT, TOEFL)
- CommonApp Personal Essay + School-specific essays
- In general, you need recommendations from **1 School Counsellor (Civics Tutor) AND 1 or 2 Teacher Recommenders (Subject Teachers)**



What are **US** Universities looking for?

An **All-rounder**: a combination of leadership, intelligence, creativity, and initiative.

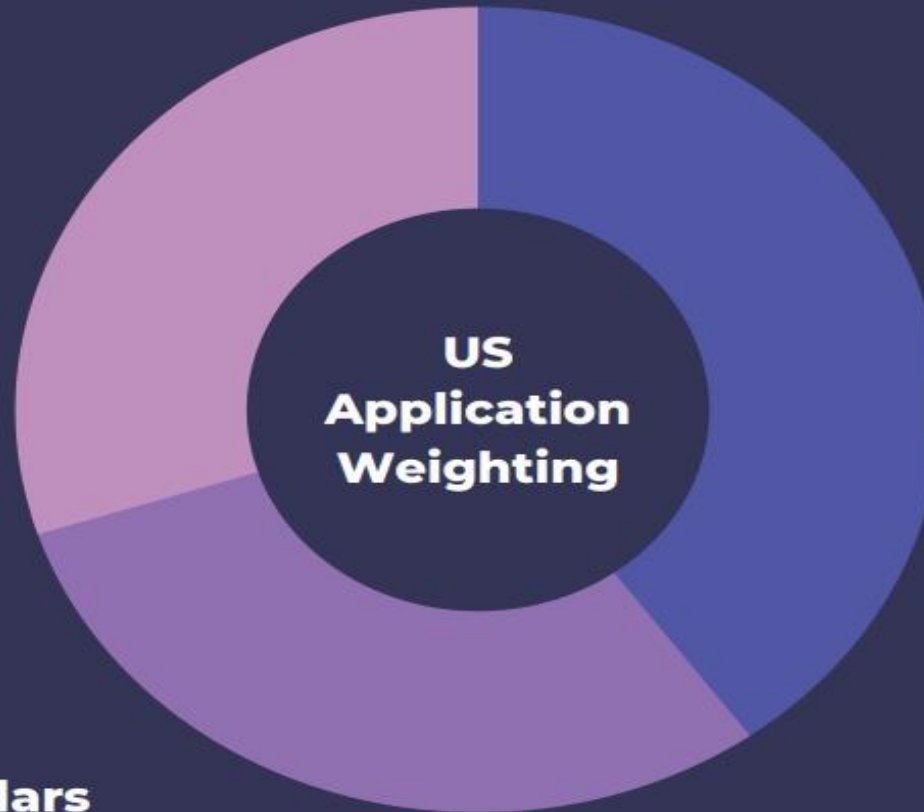


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**Common App,
Essays, and
Interview**

30%

**Extracurriculars
and Leadership**



40%

Academics:

- Academics: SAT or ACT
- AP/IB/A Levels/GPA
- Academic Transcripts

SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST(SAT)

- Digital SAT from 2023
- Register online at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital>
- Free and affordable practice at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital/digital-practice-preparation>
- Can re-take to improve your scores. Your score and information on number of attempts will be sent to the universities of your choice. The best score is submitted.



2023–24 School Year Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Deadline for Registration, Registration Changes, and Regular Cancellation
Aug 26, 2023	Aug 11, 2023 Register
Oct 7, 2023	Sep 22, 2023 Register
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 20, 2023 Register
Dec 2, 2023	Nov 17, 2023 Register

American College Testing (ACT)

- The ACT is an achievement test (only a few universities require this test)
- All 4-year US universities accept ACT results
- Four parts: English, Reading, Science, Math. Writing section is optional.
- Register online at www.act.org



Key dates

- **Before August:**
 - Find out admission test requirements (e.g., SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT...) for your choice of university/courses
 - Register, Prepare and Take the tests required by the deadlines

Key dates

- **Aug – Sep 2023:**
 - Set up **CommonApp account**. Start filling in application and drafting admission essays.
 - Retake SAT/ACT to raise your scores if needed.
 - **Complete and submit TJC US Form to Ms Jane Lin.**
 - Approach your tutors to request for Teacher Recommendations.
- **Oct 2023 – January 2024:** Revise and submit applications on CommonApp. **Deadlines for submission of application:**
 - 1 Nov 2023 (Early Decision, Early Action) *(for most schools)***
 - 1 Jan 2024 (Regular Decision) *(for most schools)***
- **December 2023 – March 2024:** Receive offer letters

TJC Internal deadlines

August - September

Download **TJC US Form** from USPO website.

Submit completed US Form to Ms Jane Lin and Ms Ng Lay Ling for approval.

Deadlines for TJC US form:

Early action/early decision (29 Sept)

Regular decision (20 Oct)

With your approved TJC US Form, approach ONE tutor to write your “School Counsellor Report” and TWO subject tutors to write your “Teacher Evaluation Report”.

DO NOT submit applications on CommonApp or pay online until approval has been given by Ms Jane Lin and Ms Ng Lay Ling

Before August 2023	Register, Prepare and Take the Admission tests required (eg SAT, ACT, other tests)
August – September 2023	<p>Set up CommonApp account. Start filling in application and drafting admission essays.</p> <p>Retake SAT/ACT to raise your scores if needed.</p> <p>Approach your tutors to request for Teacher Recommendations.</p>
29 Sep 2023	Deadline to Submit TJC US Form for Early action/early decision
20 Oct 2023	Deadline to Submit TJC US Form for Regular Decision
1 Nov 2023	Deadline for submission of application on CommonApp (Early Decision/ Early Action) (for most schools)
1 Jan 2024	Deadline for submission of application on CommonApp (Regular Decision) (for most schools)
December 2023 – March 2024	<p>Receive results of applications</p> <p>*After the A Level results are released in Feb 2024, your CT will submit the A Level results on CommonApp.</p>

CommonApp Account

- Set up CommonApp account (www.commonapp.org/)
- Refer to **Guide to setting up Common App** on USPO website
- Ensure that all sections are filled in, and application fees are paid.



Where to find out more?



- EducationUSA is a U.S. Department of State network of over 425 international student advising centers in 178 countries.
- The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited post-secondary institutions in the United States.
- www.educationusa.state.gov

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Compulsory for 2023 applications:
Please grant access to Ms Jane Lin and
Ms. Ng Lay Ling as **Teacher Advisor** on
CommonApp (under the
Recommenders/FERPA section)



Before you make any online submissions (on CommonApp or to the universities), you MUST email Ms Jane Lin and Ms Ng Lay Ling and submit the TJC US form.

