

## Common Application Workshop: FAQ

### “Dashboard” Tab:

The Dashboard will show you all colleges you’re including on your Common Application and their deadlines, and your progress on each college’s supplement.

### “My Colleges” Tab:

This is what you’ll use to access the supplemental application for each college or university you have added to your Common Application. This is also where you’ll go to submit your Common App to each school.

“Common App” Tab: This is where you’ll fill out the bulk of the actual Common Application. Each school will receive this section in addition to the supplement you’ll complete under “My Colleges”.

<i>Section</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Information</i>
Profile	Address	If you are a boarding student, use your home address as your permanent home address, and your Baylor address as your “temporary or alternate address.”
	Common App Fee Waiver	If you aren’t sure, click ‘yes’ and read the options below. If you still aren’t sure, just speak with your college counselor.
Family	Parent 1 or 2: Indicate the Number of Colleges	The “Number of Colleges” includes each college or university your parents attended for any degree. So if your parent earned a Bachelor’s degree from a four-year college and a law degree, the number of colleges will be 2. If your parent earned a Bachelor’s degree from one school, a Master’s from another, and a PhD from a third, the number of colleges will be 3.
Education	Date of Entry	The date you entered Baylor <i>as a high school student</i> . If you started Baylor as a 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , or 8 <sup>th</sup> grader, you will still use 2013 as that is the date you began at the upper school.
	Graduation Date	June 2, 2017

	Counselor Contact Info	<p>Stephen Jackson, Director of College Counseling,  <a href="mailto:sjackson@baylorschool.org">sjackson@baylorschool.org</a> 423-757-2540</p> <p>Ann Katherine Taylor, Associate Director of College Counseling, <a href="mailto:ataylor@baylorschool.org">ataylor@baylorschool.org</a> 423-757-2847</p> <p>Michael Richardson, Associate Director of College Counseling, <a href="mailto:mrichardson@baylorschool.org">mrichardson@baylorschool.org</a> 423-757-2845</p>
	Community Based Organizations	The answer is most likely no, unless you received college counseling assistance from a non-profit organization outside of Baylor. If you're not sure, ask your counselor.
	Education Interruption	If you changed schools between 9th and 12th grade, took time off between grades, repeated a year, or had any other unusual circumstance during high school, here is where you indicate that.
	Grades	<p>Class Rank Reporting: None</p> <p>Graduating Class Size: 175</p> <p>GPA Scale: 4</p> <p>GPA Weighting: If you have taken AP or honors courses (or will take this year), your GPA is weighted</p>
	Current Year Courses	<p>-- Course "level": Baylor does not offer International Baccalaureate (IB), or Regents <i>Regular Baylor courses are Accelerated; otherwise it will be Honors or AP.</i></p> <p>--Course "credit value": A one-semester course (typically an elective) is worth .5 credits. A full-year course is worth 1 credit.</p>
	Honors	<p>'Honors' are recognition bestowed on a small number of students each year, related to academic achievement</p> <p>Examples of Baylor Honors are:</p> <p>National Honor Society</p> <p>Academic awards received at Recognition Day (English Award, History Award, etc.)</p> <p>Cum Laude Society</p> <p>You can also include Honors from outside Baylor, for example:</p> <p>Science Fair Awards</p>
Testing	Tests Taken	Do you wish to self-report standardized test scores?: No (you will be sending official score reports once you have completed your testing this Fall).

		Is promotion within your educational system based upon standard leaving examinations given at the end of lower and/or senior secondary school by a state or national leaving examinations board?: No
Activities	Listing Activities	<p>-The Common App gives you room to list 10 activities</p> <p>-List in order of importance to you or from largest time commitment to least.</p> <p>-Speak with your college counselor if you have questions about this section.</p>
	Activities vs. Honors	<p>Activities are ongoing things in which you've participated at Baylor or outside of school.</p> <p>Examples are:</p> <p>Baylor Athletics</p> <p>Club/Select Athletics</p> <p>School Publications (Tower, Baylor Notes, Periaktoi, etc.)</p> <p>Debate Teams, Model UN</p> <p>Community Service Activities through Baylor or through church or organizations</p> <p>Theater</p> <p>Musical Ensembles: Choir, Band</p> <p>Inner Circle</p> <p>Round Table</p> <p>Honor Council</p> <p>Red Circle</p> <p>Paid Work</p> <p>Internships</p> <p>Summer Camps, Camp Counseling</p> <p>Dance</p> <p>FCA, Young Life, or other Religious Groups</p> <p>Student Government</p> <p>Walkabout</p> <p>You can also include non-academic honors here, like:</p> <p>Joe Key, Abshire, Jamaica trippers</p>
	Details, honors, accomplishments	Here you can offer a brief description of a program or group that might not be clear to someone outside of our community, i.e., a one sentence description of what Walkabout or Red Circle are, or you can indicate whether

		you had different leadership positions over different years (for example, Assistant Editor 11 <sup>th</sup> grade, Editor 12 <sup>th</sup> grade), or you can note honors achieved in that activity (MVP, Most Improved, Committee Head, etc.)
Writing	Additional Information	Activities or Honors which you did not have space for in the preceding sections can be listed here.  Academic or personal circumstances that have affected your transcript or application can also go here.  We recommend speaking with your counselor about this section.

Some Obscure Activities You Might Wish to Clarify:

Abshire Civic Leadership Trip (12 students selected by school community to travel to D. C.)

Asheville Trip (A community service trip to work with the homeless in NC)

Baylor Notes (Campus Newspaper)

Baylor Players (Baylor's theater club)

Concert Dance (Baylor's after-school dance program)

Deans' Advisory Council (a council of students and faculty who advise the deans on academic matters at Baylor)

High Energy (dance team)

Inner Circle (Film Discussion Group; by Faculty Nominaton)

Jamaica Trip (A community service trip to Jamaica; chosen via rigorous application process)

Joe Key Leadership Trip (An outdoor adventure trip; 9 students selected via faculty nomination based on quiet leadership in the school community)

Learning Center Tutor (assisting other students in Baylor's Learning Center)

Liz Aplin Memorial Trip (a trip abroad to study art)

Organic Gardening (Maintaining Baylor's Campus Garden)

Periaktoi (Baylor Literary Journal)

Prefect (student leader in residential life)

Red Circle (Student Admissions Ambassador)

Round Table (Literary Discussion Group; by Faculty Nomination)

Spirit Committee (promote school spirit at Baylor through planning pep rallies and other spirit events)

STEAM ((Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics)

Tech Crew (tech specialists in the theater and dance programs)

The Tower (Yearbook)

Verve (Baylor's performing dance company)

Walkabout (Outdoor education and recreation organization)