

# CUNY Application 2.0

## The Great

- One Account- (Application → CUNYFirst)
- Colleges get information faster → Students get decision faster
- Students pick their email + get an email confirmation
- Students check app status + recommendation status
- No hour-long lockouts for passwords- and can update online!
- No more curricular codes- just drop downs
- RANK DOES NOT MATTER; on the transfer application students will now hear from all schools they select
- Mobile friendly

## In Progress

- Moving towards “Holistic Review”
- Essays and letters of recommendation are more “integrated”

# Navigating the New CUNY Application

## Key Things to Know

1. Use Firefox or Internet Explorer - **NOT Chrome**
2. Students can **only hit submit once**. Afterwards they can add Supplemental Materials but not change choices, email or contact info.
3. The **hardest question is the first one**: *Have you attended any College, University and/or Post-Secondary School since graduating from High School/Secondary School?*  
→ NO (even with College Now, ECI, College Credit)
4. **Supplemental Materials** should be included if it's required by the school/major **OR** if the student is “on the bubble” and it might nudge them towards acceptance.
5. **Optional Sections are OPTIONAL**- ONLY pick things you want clearly highlighted
  - a. Don't need to include Military Status, Ethnicity, Languages, Family Information
  - b. Don't need to include all HS and College Courses - they'll get the transcripts
  - c. Don't need to include Extracurricular Activities
6. **Get to know your CUNYFirst**
  - a. Login and scroll down to Admissions → View details → List of to-dos or acceptance
  - b. Financial Aid will be there too

# Tips by Application Section

## 1. Personal Information

- a. Student does not need to identify as undocumented (can pick other)
- b. Skip SSN and come back to add it later (BEFORE submission) if don't know it

## 2. Background Information

- a. Optional: Military Status, Ethnicity, Languages, Family Information
- b. Residency: Select the 2 NYC options (or all 4)

## 3. Academic Interest

- a. CHANGE: Student can only list each college once with one major, can't select liberal arts as well as engineering.

## 4. Educational Experience

- a. Optional: High School Courses / College Courses
  - Colleges will get the transcript but can highlight AP/College Now/College Courses

## 5. Supplemental Information

- a. Optional: SAT Scores (they'll need the score report)
- b. Optional: Extracurricular Activities - highlight the best one
- c. Depends: Recommendations
  - Include when required for school or program (see [CUNY list](#))
  - Community Colleges do not require recommendation letters
  - Include when student is "on the bubble" and might need the nudge into acceptance.
  - One recommendation is enough.
  - Recommendations are triggered when students submit. So don't wait to submit Macaulay until the deadline because then Letters of Recommendation are rushed. Can submit and then add your essays.
- d. Depends: Supplemental Materials
  - Include resume, personal statement if required or if on the bubble