2023 First-Year Application Overview

When to Apply

**Early Action**
*November 1*
Applying by the Early Action (EA) deadline enables you to plan for college sooner and ensures that you will be considered for USC Merit Scholarships.

EA applicants will receive an admission decision or deferral to Regular Decision (RD) in mid-late January 2023.

EA is non-binding, non-restrictive, and is not available for majors requiring a portfolio or audition (refer to the December 1 deadline below).

**Regular Decision**

*For majors requiring a portfolio or audition | December 1*
Final deadline to apply for Iovine and Young Academy; School of Architecture; Roski School of Art & Design; School of Cinematic Arts; Kaufman School of Dance; School of Dramatic Arts; and Thornton School of Music.

*For all other majors | January 15*
Regular Decision applicants will receive an admission decision by April 1, 2023.

For more information about deadlines, visit admission.usc.edu/deadlines.

Application Requirements

- Common Application at admission.usc.edu/commonapp.
- Your application should include official high school and college transcripts, letters of recommendation, and any portfolio or resumé items required for certain programs. Visit admission.usc.edu/first-year-students for more information.
- Optional: SAT and/or ACT scores.
- **International students only:** Visit admission.usc.edu/international for specific requirements and more information.

Merit Scholarships

USC offers a robust merit scholarship program. EA applicants and RD applicants to majors requiring a portfolio or audition will be considered for most USC Merit Scholarships. Visit admission.usc.edu/scholarships for details and additional instructions.

Financial Aid

Unsure if you can afford a college education? USC might be more affordable than you think.

For an estimate of the aid you might receive, visit our Net Price Calculator at financialaid.usc.edu/npc.

USC is need-blind: Students are considered for admission without regard to their ability to pay.

Deadlines to apply for need-based financial aid:

- **Submit FAFSA:** studentaid.gov
- **Submit CSS Profile:** collegeboard.org/css-profile
  - **January 9:** Early Action applicants
  - **February 10:** Regular Decision applicants

Apply for a Cal Grant: csac.ca.gov
**California residents only**
- **March 2**

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Check out our *Introduction to USC* brochure!

Start your application today at admission.usc.edu/commonapp.