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NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1 GETTING STARTED

✓ **Create a QuestBridge account and open a National College Match application.**
  > Go to apply.questbridge.org and log in or click on "Create an account."
  > Register with an email address you check regularly, and keep your password secure.
  > After opening an application, make note of your QuestBridge ID at the top of the Manage page.

✓ **Ask your teachers and counselor to write recommendations for you.**
  > Be sure to provide them plenty of time (we suggest at least three weeks).
  > Register your teachers on the Recommendations page of your application and your counselor on the Academic page (you will first need to enter your high school in the Institution section).
  > If your educators do not receive an email from QuestBridge with instructions, ask them to contact us at questions@questbridge.org with your full name and QuestBridge ID number.

✓ **Pay attention to the required application materials below.**

National College Match 101	• A section of the application that helps you understand the National College Match.
Two teacher recommendations	• Preferably teachers at your school who have taught you during your junior year in core academic subjects (English, History/Social Studies, Math, Science, Foreign Language). • Submitted by your teachers through the unique link sent in an email from QuestBridge.
School Report *(counselor recommendation)*	• A recommendation and evaluation from your counselor at your current high school. • Your counselor may also submit your transcript, standardized test score reports, and School Profile *(see below)* through the School Report. • Submitted by your counselor through the unique link sent in an email from QuestBridge.
Current high school transcript*	• The transcript should reflect the most recent information possible. • Can be uploaded through the Academic page of your application or by your counselor through the School Report. • You are also required to enter 12th grade coursework on the Academic page.
Standardized test score reports* *(if taken)*	• DO NOT send any official reports from the College Board or ACT to QuestBridge. • Can be uploaded through the Testing and Honors page of your application or by your counselor through the School Report. • You may also indicate any upcoming testing dates in your application.
School Profile *(if available)*	• A document that provides academic and other information about your high school. • This document is optional, but is strongly recommended if available. • Can be uploaded through the Academic page of your application, but is usually submitted by your counselor through the School Report.

*Unofficial transcripts and test score reports are accepted for the National College Match application.

Financial information	• You do not have to submit any financial documents with your application, but they are necessary to have on-hand when filling out financial information. • Documents could include tax returns from the previous year or any other financial documentation for your parent(s)/guardian(s) or yourself.

② SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

✓ **Check the Review and Submit page of your application frequently.**
  › Resolve remaining errors or missing information before submitting your application.
  › The Review and Submit page may also alert you to take a final look at certain sections before submission.

✓ **Review your Application Proof (available on the Manage or Review and Submit pages of your application).**
  › Check the proof thoroughly to ensure your application is accurate and error-free.

✓ **Submit early to ensure you do not run into last-minute difficulties.**
  › Submit your application even if your recommendations are not yet received, and encourage your teachers and counselor to submit their recommendations as soon as possible.
  › *Note:* The submission date on your Application Checklist will be based on Eastern Time. As long as you see a green checkmark, your application was successfully received on time!

③ AFTER THE APPLICATION DEADLINE

October
  › Submit your **Match Rankings** and **Match Agreement Form**.*
  › Review and begin preparing **Match Requirements** for the schools you ranked.*
  › **Finalist Notification**: Receive an email when Finalist decisions are released. Log in to your application and look for the status update on the Manage page.

November
  › Submit **Match Requirements** to the schools you ranked.*

December
  › **Match Day**: Receive an email when Match decisions are released. Log in to your application and look for the status update on the Manage page.
  › If not matched, review potential admission opportunities and next steps from ranked colleges.
  › Submit the **QuestBridge Regular Decision Form** to apply to additional college partners for free.

January–March
  › Submit **Regular Decision Requirements** to college partners by their individual deadlines.

For Finalists who rank colleges for the Match.

QUICK TIPS

Writing
Draft and save your essays and short answer responses outside of the application. Your session may time out after an extended period or you may want to use your responses in other applications.

Checklist
Review the Application Checklist on the Manage page of your application. You can keep track of your submitted materials there. Please note that it may take time for your checklist to update.

Questions
Visit AskQB for answers to frequently asked questions or to submit one of your own. AskQB can also help you with any application errors you are having difficulty with.