



# AXS COMPANION

## AXS Companion to Common App

The **AXS Companion to Common App** is a free, open online resource with the goal of helping students achieve greater success in completing their applications. **Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA)** volunteers created the content, and **Oregon State University's Ecampus** developed the platform.

The **AXS Companion** and **Common App** can be opened side-by-side on a phone, tablet, or laptop. The AXS Companion contains **50+ step-by-step tutorial videos**, walking students through Common App questions. Our financial aid experts provide videos to explain how to find affordable colleges and apply for merit & need-based aid.

### AXS Companion Topics Include:

- How to Create a Common App Account
- How to Complete Demographics
- How to Complete Education
- Submitting Test Scores
- Completing Activities List
- Writing the Personal Essay
- Completing Courses & Grades & SRAR/SSAR
- Writing Supplemental Essays including the "Why Us?" Essay
- Explaining FERPA Waiver
- Requesting Letters of Recommendation
- Submitting the Application
- Student Follow-up after Submitting Applications
- How Colleges Review Applications

### Financial Aid

(English & Espanol)

- Sticker Price v. Net Price
- Understanding Need-based Aid
- Understanding Loans and Merit Aid
- Building a Smart College List

### 2023 Updates

- **Demographic Updates**
- Links with videos- How to fill in Courses & Grades & **SRAR/SSAR**
- **Videos Only** section
- **Chatbot!**

