



# TAG to Historically Black Colleges & Universities

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# 104 HBCU'S

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# What is an HBCU?

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- HBCU: Historically Black Colleges & Universities
- 1st HBCU was established in 1837
- Most HBCU's were founded after the Civil War and in Southern states
- Came from a need to create access to education when African Americans were not allowed admissions to other colleges and universities. -Human right!
- The principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans
- In 2015, a combination of Latinx, Asian or Pacific Islander, Native American and white students made up 22% of total enrollment at HBCU's
  - At SMC Black students make up roughly 8% of the student population



# Why Consider an HBCU?

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- Support & Mentorship:
  - Black graduates from HBCUs are **more likely to have a mentor** who encouraged their goal and a professor who cared about them as a person.
- Jobs and Internships
  - Alumni are **more likely to have a job or an internship** where they apply what they learned
- Higher Grad Rates for Engineering
  - HBCU's **graduate African Americans engineering majors at a rate of 62% to 94%**, while PWI's graduate African American engineering majors at a rate of 4% to 8%
- Small Class Sizes
  - Better teacher to student ratio
- Most classes are taught by professors not teaching assistants
- Diversity
  - students from all over the US and the world
- Community & Culture
  - Students report a strong sense of community and feel they are encouraged to support each other rather than compete. They all go up together.

Video: <https://youtu.be/H2nGCBDB3rU>

Video: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/the-next-generation-of-african-american-doctors-finds-success-and-support-at-this-university>

# HBCU'S Can Be Affordable!


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- Competitive Tuition Costs
  - Average Cost for Partner Schools is **\$13,500**
    - Private Partner Schools cost is the same for all students regardless of state residency
    - Public or State Schools add a fee for non-state residence
- HBCUs Offering in-state tuition & fees - the average cost to attend these partner schools is \$9,000:
  - Lincoln University of MO
  - Grambling State University, LA\*
  - Alcorn State University, MS
  - Harris-Stowe State University, MO
  - Mississippi Valley State University
  - Southern University at New Orleans, LA \*
  - Southern University and A&M College, LA\*
  - West Virginia State University

\* certain requirements may apply



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A pair of black-rimmed glasses is resting on a stack of books. The top book is open, and a red bookmark is visible. The background is blurred, showing more books and a wooden surface.

Which College is Best For You?

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# HBCU Hub App

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- ✓ Download the **HBCU Hub App** on your phone today!
- ✓ Explore different options
- ✓ Connect & chat with university reps
- ✓ Athletes can connect with HBCU coaches
- ✓ Get Information on housing, finances and student life
- ✓ Apply directly to the school!

# TAG STEM & Nursing HBCU's

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## STEM:

- ✓ Alabama State University
- ✓ Fort Valley State University
- ✓ Hampton University
- ✓ Tuskegee University
- ✓ Virginia State University

## Nursing:

- ✓ Alcorn State University
- ✓ Bowie State University
- ✓ Dillard University
- ✓ Fisk University
- ✓ Kentucky State
- ✓ North Carolina Central
- ✓ Southern University

<http://www.thehundred-seven.org/matchme.php>



# TAG Arts & Business HBCU's

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## Arts:

- ✓ Alabama State University
- ✓ Bowie State University
- ✓ Clark Atlanta University
- ✓ Hampton University
- ✓ Tennessee State University
- ✓ Texas Southern University
- ✓ Tougaloo College
- ✓ Xavier University of Louisiana

## Business:

- ✓ Bowie State University
- ✓ Hampton University
- ✓ North Carolina Central
- ✓ Tuskegee University
- ✓ Xavier University of Louisiana

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# TAG Psychology & Liberal Arts HBCU's

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## Psychology:

- ✓ Bowie State University
- ✓ Grambling State University
- ✓ Hampton University
- ✓ North Carolina Central
- ✓ Tennessee State University
- ✓ Virginia State University
- ✓ Xavier University of Louisiana

## Liberal Arts/ Education:

- ✓ Alcorn State University
- ✓ Fisk University
- ✓ Kentucky State University
- ✓ Tougaloo College
- ✓ Virginia State University

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# US News: Top 10 Rated HBCU's

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1. Spelman College
2. Howard University
3. Xavier University of Louisiana\*
4. Tuskegee University\*
5. Hampton University
6. Morehouse College
7. Florida A&M University
8. North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
9. Claflin University\*
10. Fisk University\*



\* Has a TAG Agreement with SMC



Transfer  
Admissions  
Guaranteed  
(TAG)

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# 39 HBCU TAG Participants

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Alabama State University

Alcorn State University

Arkansas Baptist College

Benedict College

Bennett College

Bethune-Cookman University

Bowie State University

Central State University

Claflin University

Clark-Atlanta University

Dillard University

Edward Waters College

\*Fisk University

Florida Memorial University

Fort Valley State University

Grambling State University

Harris-Stowe State University

Huston-Tillotson University

Lane College

Lincoln University of MO

\*\*Lincoln University of PA

Mississippi Valley State University

\*\*North Carolina Central University

Philander Smith College

Shaw University

Southern University and A&M College

Stillman College

Talladega College

Tennessee State University

\*\*Texas Southern University

Tougaloo College

Tuskegee University

Virginia State University

West Virginia State University

Willey College

\*\*Xavier University of Louisiana

\*Not On Common Black College Application—Use Common Application Or University Website Application

\*\*Not On Common Black College Application—Use Application On University Website Only

# Two Routes for HBCU TAG Eligibility:



## ROUTE 1: ADT

- ✓ The following must be completed by the end of the application term:
  - ✓ 60 CSU transferable units
  - ✓ 2.0 GPA
  - ✓ Completed IGETC or CSU GE
  - ✓ Petition for the ADT
- ✓ This route ensures you enter at jr. level and your completed major courses will be applied towards the HBCU major and degree.

## ROUTE 2: 30 UNITS

- ✓ 30 units or more completed at the time of application
  - ✓ Courses in progress do not count towards the min 30 units
- ✓ 2.0 GPA
  - ✓ Some schools will ask for a higher GPA
    - ✓ e.g. 2.2 or 2.5
- ✓ This route does not guarantee your completed major courses will be applied towards your HBCU major and degree. It is at the discretion of the institution.

# HBCU TAG Benefits

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Guaranteed Admissions!

Priority Consideration for Housing

Pre-Transfer Advising

Specific Grant & Scholarship Opportunities

Support from Application → Graduation

# When To Apply:

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**Fall**

Apply:

October - March



**Spring**

Apply:

September - November



# Application

- ✓ There are 3 different applications
  - ✓ [Common Black College Application](#)
  - ✓ [Common Application](#)
  - ✓ University Website
- ✓ See slide 13 to find out which application you should use.
  - ✓ You can also find this information on our [SMC HBCU website](#).
- ✓ Counselors can give you an application Fee Waiver for schools that use the Common Black College Application
  - ✓ Fee waiver is for 4 participating schools
  - ✓ You must meet with a counselor to receive this waiver
- ✓ After you complete the application, **send all transcripts** to universities immediately
  
- ✓\*\* TAGging will grant you priority consideration for housing!

# Common Black College Application

The screenshot shows the 'Submit New Application' page. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, My Application, Application Payment, Member Institutions, and Account Settings. The main content area has a breadcrumb 'Home • Application' and a title 'Submit New Application'. A 'Save For Later' button is in the top right. Below the title is a horizontal menu with tabs: About You, High School, Enrollment, Transfer, Family, and Final Details. The 'About You' tab is selected and circled in blue. The form is divided into sections: Personal Information, High School Information, and Extracurricular Activities. The 'Personal Information' section has fields for First Name (Erika), Middle Name, and Last Name (Knox). The 'High School Information' section has fields for Graduation Year (1992), Grade Point Average (GPA) (3.2), School Counselor First Name (Erika), School Counselor Last Name (Knox), and School Counselor Email (knox\_erika@smc.edu). The 'Extracurricular Activities' section has a text area with 'blah blah'. At the bottom, there are two questions: 'Have you taken the SAT?' and 'Have you taken the ACT?', both with 'Yes' and 'No' radio buttons. The 'No' buttons are selected and circled in blue. A note at the bottom of the form reads: '(Do not copy and paste from Microsoft Word or any other text editor)'. A large blue oval is drawn around the bottom of the form, encompassing the SAT and ACT questions.

Dashboard

Home • Application

Submit New Application

Save For Later

About You High School Enrollment Transfer Family Final Details

Personal Information

First Name \*  
Erika

Middle Name  
Middle Name

Last Name \*  
Knox

High School Information

Graduation Year \*  
1992

Grade Point Average (GPA) \*  
3.2

School Counselor First Name  
Erika

School Counselor Last Name  
Knox

School Counselor Email  
knox\_erika@smc.edu

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular Activities  
blah blah

(Do not copy and paste from Microsoft Word or any other text editor)

Have you taken the SAT? \*  
Yes No

Have you taken the ACT? \*  
Yes No

- Takes approximately **20 minutes** to complete.
- You **do not have to enter**:
  - Most high school information
  - SAT/ACT scores
  - HS Counselor name or email
  - Extracurricular Activities
- Your high school **GPA will not be used** to determine admissions
- If you graduated HS after 1992, **select 1992** as your graduation year.

# Common Black College Application

- Enter all 4 TAG schools in the Enrollment screen
- Enter Transfer for Enrollment Status
- Enrollment semester is the semester you will be at the university

Common Black College Application

About You High School **Enrollment** Transfer Family Final Details

College Preference 1  
Claffin University

College Preference 2  
Clark Atlanta University

College Preference 3  
Tennessee State University

College Preference 4  
Virginia State University

Enrollment Type \*  
Full Time

Enrollment Status \*  
Transfer

Enrollment Semester \*  
Fall

Enrollment Year \*  
2023

Desired Major \*  
Business administration, management and operations

Will you be applying for Financial Aid? \*  Yes  No

Do you plan to live on campus? \*  Yes  No

Are you interested in a student job on campus? \*  Yes  No

← High School Save for Later Transfer Information →

# Common Black College Application

- If you attended more than one community college, list your most recent school first.
- You can enter up to 3 schools
- You do not have to enter your transcript information.
- Unfortunately, there is no section for notes on CBCA.

About You High School Enrollment Transfer Family [Final Details](#) >

## Final Steps

Have you ever been suspended from school? \*  Yes  No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \*  Yes  No

Are you interested in receiving additional college information from our member institutions beyond status updates on your application? \*  Yes  No

## Certification

I certify that all of the information I have given on this Common Black College Application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that by withholding information it can lead to the denial of admission or expulsion from school. I agree to allow the information I have given on this Common Black College Application is made available to all CBCA Member Institutions.  I Agree

I also understand by completing and submitting the Common Black College Application, I agree to allow my supplemental information (transcripts and test scores) to be made available to all Member Institutions of the Common Black College Application.  I Agree

The Common Black College Application is not authorized to offer admissions, scholarships/financial aid. Please contact the colleges directly to check on the admissions status of your application.  I Agree

Some Member Institutions may require additional information in order to complete process your application. Following the successful submission and payment of your application, you should navigate to the Requirements Section of the Common Black College Application Portal to check if schools that you are interested in attending require any additional documentation.  I Understand

[← Family Information](#)

[Save for Later](#) [Review & Submit Application →](#)

## Transfer Information

Did you transfer from another institution? \*

Yes  No

## Transfer Institution 1

Name of Institution

Santa Monica College

Institution CEEB Code

Institution CEEB

City

Santa Monica

State

Ca

Start Date

08/20/2004

MM/DD/YYYY

End Date

06/12/2023

MM/DD/YYYY

## Transfer Institution 2

Name of Institution

Institution Name



# After You Apply...

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SEND ALL OFFICIAL  
TRANSCRIPTS TO EACH  
UNIVERSITY YOU APPLIED TO



COMPLETE THE FAFSA AND  
INCLUDE ALL HBCUS ON YOUR  
APPLICATION



CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY  
FOR UPDATES, COMMUNICATION  
AND ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

If you are interested in tagging to an HBCU:

Visit	Visit <a href="http://thehundred-seven.org/matchme.php">http://thehundred-seven.org/matchme.php</a> to find an HBCU match!
Consult	Consult the CCC HBCU website to verify admission deadlines. <a href="https://www.californiacommunitycollegehbcutransfer.com/partner-hbcus">https://www.californiacommunitycollegehbcutransfer.com/partner-hbcus</a>
Submit	Submit a student contact form to have the CCC HBCU rep reach out to you and keep you informed. <a href="https://bit.ly/3IHUtwW">https://bit.ly/3IHUtwW</a>
Meet	Meet with a counselor to discuss and verify eligibility to receive the HBCU CCC fee waiver.

# Transfer Resources

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College Fair: Every Fall and Spring

Transfer Website: <https://www.smc.edu/student-support/academic-support/transfer-center/>

HBCU Transfer Website: <https://www.smc.edu/student-support/academic-support/transfer-center/transfer-admission-guarantee/historically-black-colleges-and-universities.php>

Black Common Application: <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

HBCU Fact Sheet: <https://ccctransfer.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/hbcu-fact-sheet.pdf>

HBCU Hub App: You can find it in any app store

Join  
[SMC's Transfer Services](#)  
[Canvas Shell](#)

