TYPES OF COLLEGES AND COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Community College	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Private Colleges & Universities

❖ 114 campuses
❖ Apply directly on College Website
❖ Variety of Options: General Ed, Transfer, & Certificate Programs
❖ T.A.G (Transfer Admission Guarantee) Program: for some UC's and CSU's pending GPA and pre-reqs
❖ Students that attend CC and later transfer, typically save more $$$
	❖ 23 campuses
	❖ One application for all campuses
	❖ 2.0 min GPA (10th and 11th)
	❖ SAT/ACT scores **required**
	❖ Personal Statement & Letters of Rec. **not required**
	❖ Most tuition cheaper option than UC
		❖ 9 campuses
		❖ One application for all campuses
		❖ 3.0 min GPA (10th and 11th)
		❖ SAT/ACT scores **required**
		❖ Personal Statement/ Personal Insight Questions **required**
		❖ Letters of rec. Usually **not required, but certain programs may require**
			❖ 100< in California
			❖ Most private school application on Common APP or on School's Website
			❖ Grades from 9th-12th grades are considered, but there is no minimum GPA requirement
			❖ SAT/ACT scores required
			  ➢ SAT Subject test required
			❖ Personal Statement & Letters of Rec. Required
			  ➢ 2 letters of rec. from teachers & 1 from counselor

Things to Remember:
- ❖ SAT/ACT registration deadlines and test dates: There are only 2 test dates left this year for both the SAT and the ACT. Certain colleges may require test scores by a certain date. *see page 3
- ❖ Keep in mind application deadlines: CSU and UC due by **November 30th**; Private Colleges early admission application due **November 1st**, regular decision **January 3rd.**
- ❖ Application fees: Community College, Free; CSU $55/each, UC $70/each, Private College, prices vary.
    - ➢ Certain students may qualify for application fee waivers if they currently qualify for free or reduced lunch. To complete the school lunch form for free/reduced lunch apply at: **https://secure.ezmealapp.com/Default.aspx**

$$$ FINANCIAL AID $$$

What is federal student aid? It's money from the federal government that helps you pay for college, career school, or graduate school expenses. Aid is available through grants, work-study, and loans. Every student who meets certain eligibility requirements can get some type of federal student aid, regardless of age or family income. Before you apply, get an estimate of how much aid you could get at StudentAid.gov/fafsa/estimate.

How do I apply for aid? You need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form at fafsa.gov. **Students and parents will need an FSA ID to sign the form online**. You'll also use your FSA ID to access information about your financial aid on U.S. Department of Education websites. You can create an FSA ID in advance or while you fill out the FAFSA form. To find out more about the FSA ID, visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid.

When should I apply? Each October, the FAFSA form is available for the next school year. You'll need to reapply for aid every year you are in school. Here's a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA form depending on when you plan to go to school:

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU WILL SUBMIT FAFSA FORM	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FORM FROM
JULY 1, 2020–JUNE 30, 2021	2020–21 FAFSA FORM	OCT. 1, 2019–MARCH 2, 2021

* **THE FAFSA IS FREE!** Completing and submitting the FAFSA form is free and quick, and it gives you access to the largest sources of financial aid to pay for college or career school—federal, state, and school resources.*

Who gets federal student aid? Some of the most basic eligibility requirements for students are that you must
• demonstrate financial need (for most programs);
• be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen (students who may not qualify for FAFSA due to residential status, may quality for the DREAM Act and apply at **https://dream.csac.ca.gov**);
• have a valid Social Security number;
• be registered with Selective Service if you're a male between the ages of 18 and 25;
• be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible degree or certificate program;
• be enrolled at least half-time (for most programs); and
• maintain satisfactory academic progress in college, career school, or graduate school; show you're qualified to obtain a college or career school education by
>> having a high school diploma or a state recognized equivalent (for example the General Educational Development [GED] certificate); or
>> completing a high school education in a home-school setting approved under state law; or
>> enrolling in an eligible career pathways program

SAT/ACT Registration Deadlines and Test Dates

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
~~August 24, 2019~~	~~July 26, 2019~~
~~October 5, 2019~~	~~September 6, 2019~~
November 5, 2019	October 3, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
~~September 14, 2019~~	~~August 16, 2019~~
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019

CSU/UC Application Dates

UC Online Application:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html
Filing Period: November 1, 2019-November 30, 2019

CSU Online Application:
https://www2.calstate.edu/apply
Filing Period: October 1, 2019-November 30, 2019

*Applying earlier is NOT better. It has no bearing on the admissions process. However, don't wait until the last minute. Waiting until the last hour of November 30 deadline can be treacherous as the servers always crash.