

COLLEGE APPLICATION OVERVIEW

California Community Colleges: www.cccco.edu

- You must be 18 or a high school graduate
- No SAT/ACT required
- Transfer to UC or CSU upon completion of 54-60 transferable units
- Apply online in senior year to individual campuses
- Take placement tests for math and English; complete online orientation, counseling class before class registration

California State University: www.calstateapply.edu

- Apply online Oct.1-Nov. 30.
- Admission is based on an index for all campuses except Cal Poly, SLO who admits by major
- Admission Index based on "A-G" 10-12 GPA and SAT or ACT
**Some campuses and some majors are impacted and require more than minimum qualifications*
(10-12 GPA x 800)+ SAT Math score + SAT Reading score = > 2900
Or
(10-12 GPA x 200) + (ACT comprehensive score x 10) = > 694
- SAT or ACT required. No essay or letters of recommendation required.
- Students self-report all grades on application; official transcripts not required until admission

University of California: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

- Submit online Nov.1-30; Application opens Aug 1
- SAT or ACT (with Writing) required
- SAT Subject Tests recommended for some majors, especially math, science, engineering
- Application requires four short essays, list of extra-curricular activities & awards
- Selective admission based on Comprehensive Review
- No letters of recommendation required with application
- Students self-report all grades on application; official transcripts not required until admission

Private Colleges:

- Many use the Common Application: www.commonapp.org
- SAT or ACT (with Writing) usually required;
- SAT Subject Tests may be required, especially at highly selective colleges
- Most require essays, letters of recommendation from counselor and teachers, and official transcript
- Include extracurricular activities and honors/awards
- Many have Early Decision or Early Action option.
- Requirements, selectivity and deadlines can vary widely. Research each college carefully.

Out-of-State Public Colleges:

- SAT or ACT (with Writing) usually required
- May require essay(s) and a counselor recommendation
- Official transcript is usually required with the application
- Many have rolling admission policies. Some offer Early Action or Early Decision options.
- Admissions criteria and selectivity vary widely; check college websites

Testing

- Students typically take the SAT and/or ACT in spring of junior year and possibly again in fall of senior year.
- For students applying early action or early decision, finish all testing by October of senior year.
- Many colleges accept tests dates through Dec/Jan of senior year for regular decision applicants
- **SAT** and **SAT Subject Tests** sign up at www.collegeboard.com
- **ACT** sign up at www.actstudent.org