

Important Dates for Seniors!

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The UC system application opened August 1st! You can submit Nov. 1st, and it is due Nov. 30th. Begin working on your Insight Questions (you must answer 4 of 8) and activity list now! (universityofcalifornia.edu/apply).

Early Action and Early Decision deadlines for **private colleges** are usually in Oct., Nov., or Dec. Apply at **CommonApp.org**. Explore test optional private colleges at FairTest.org.

Register for your **SAT and ACT with Writing** for admission to 4-year colleges. **You must take the optional essay or writing section if you're applying for the UC. Dec is the last test date for nearly all colleges**, but Nov is the last month for Cal Poly SLO. **The SAT Subject Tests are also recommended for the UC.** Subject Tests can help you get admitted to UC and private colleges. Register at sat.collegeboard.org and actstudent.org.

SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
Oct 6	Sept 7
Nov 3	Oct 5
Dec 1	Nov 2
ACT Test Dates	
Oct 27	Sept 28
Dec 8	Nov 2

IMPORTANT: When you first register for the SAT and ACT online, list your colleges as score recipients to have your scores sent to them automatically when available. IF YOU FORGET TO SEND YOUR SCORES, YOU WILL BE UNADMITTED!

- Send your SAT and ACT scores to only 1 UC - they will share with other campuses.
- For the SAT, use code 3594 to send your scores to ALL 23 CSU campuses. For the ACT, send scores to 1 UC and your favorite 3 CSU or private colleges.

A-G Eligibility: Most of the CSU application is about entering your A-G courses, including **in-progress** (Fall '18) and **planned** (Spring '19) courses. **You must complete all required classes in each A-G category by end of senior year.** Use a transcript to ensure accuracy on your applications. **Pay close attention to any application error messages stating that you do not meet the requirements.**

The Gates Scholarship for exceptional minority students is due Sept. 18th. Visit their web site for more information. Research other **scholarships** at fastweb.com!

October 2018

October 1st is the first day you can submit your **CSU Application**. Help is available in the College Center - visit and sign up to receive a summons. After completing your CSU application, make sure to open a web portal account for each CSU and review your to-do lists. Failing to check your account on a weekly basis and complete your to-do items in a timely manner will jeopardize your admissions. Also check your new CSU email accounts for each campus!

If neither of your parents have a Bachelor's degree, you can apply for the **CSU Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)**. You will get extra resources to help you succeed, and it could even help you get admitted!

The Coca Cola Scholarship is due Oct. 31st. Research other **scholarships** at fastweb.com!

The Financial Aid applications open Oct. 1st with a deadline of March 2nd. See more info in the December box.

November 2018

All UC & CSU Applications should be submitted by November 29th! Don't procrastinate - the system is known to crash on the 30th. The College Center will host UC application workshops during Per. 6 if you need extra assistance. Mr. Abarr is also available to read your UC Insight essays.

Applying to **private colleges** like USC or the Univ. of the Redlands? Most deadlines are in Jan., but check college websites for exact dates. Give teachers and your counselor at least two weeks to complete your recommendations!

Most private colleges use the Common Application (commonapp.org).