APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Ready?

GO!

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Senior Timeline

Important Deadlines broken down by Month!

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE: COLLEGE

01

OCTOBER

Work on and Submit 4-year College & Financial Aid Applications

02

NOVEMBER

Submit UC/CSU Applications

Nov. 30th

03

DECEMBER

Set up Admissions Portals for every campus applied to

04

JANUARY

End of Sem 1

Maintain GPA

Scholarships

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE: COLLEGE

05

FEBRUARY

Scholarships &
Begin Community
College Registration

MARCH

FAFSA/CADA
Deadline: **Mar. 2nd.**
Receive Decisions!

06

07

APRIL

Compare Financial
Aid Awards.
Register for
Community College

MAY

Decision Day: **May 1st.**
Enrollment/Housing
Deposits due

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College Options

Universities & Community Colleges

4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES IN CALIFORNIA

CSU

California State University
Public University System
23 throughout the state

UC

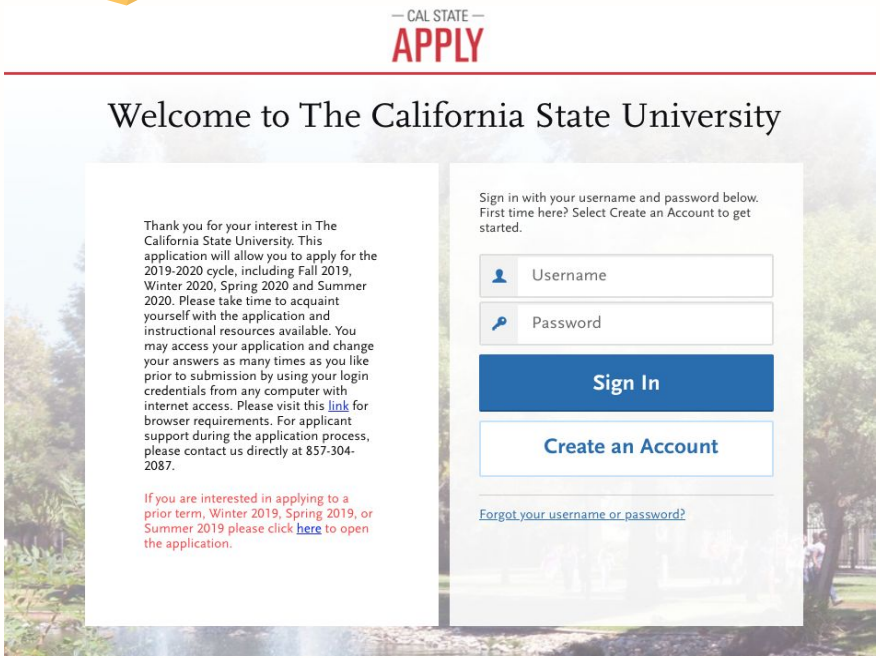
University of California
Public University System
9 throughout the state

4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES IN CALIFORNIA

CSU

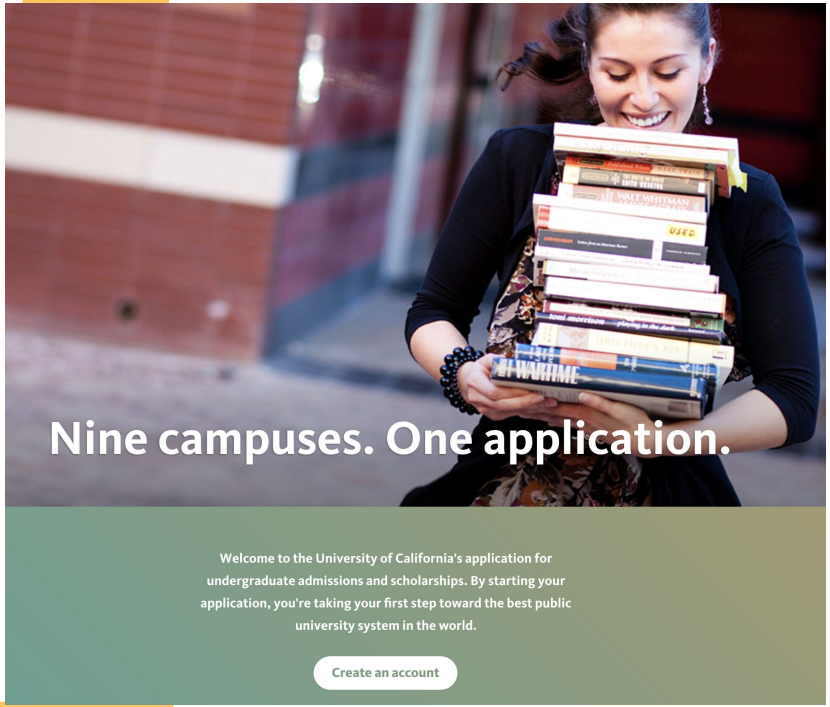
UC

CAL STATE APPLY



- $75 per campus
  - Internal fee waiver may be used for 4 campuses (if you qualify)
- **Opens: 10/1**
- **Deadline: 11/30**
- https://www2.calstate.edu/apply

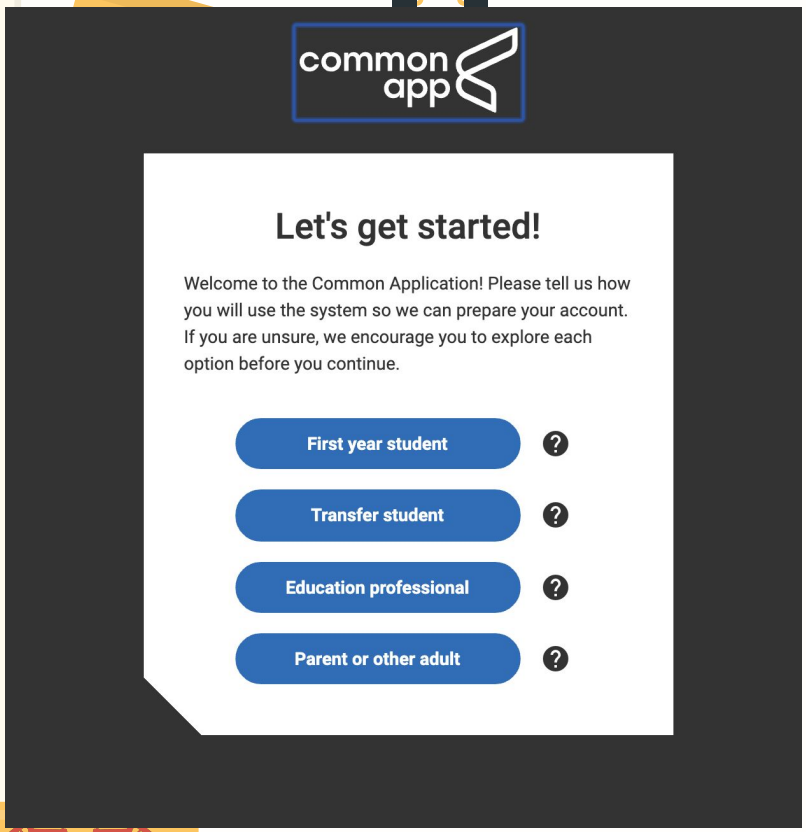
UC PORTAL



- $70 per campus
  - Internal fee waiver may be used for 4 campuses (if you qualify)
- **Application opens: 9/1**
- **Submission opens: 11/1**
- **Deadline: 11/30**
- http://www.admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu

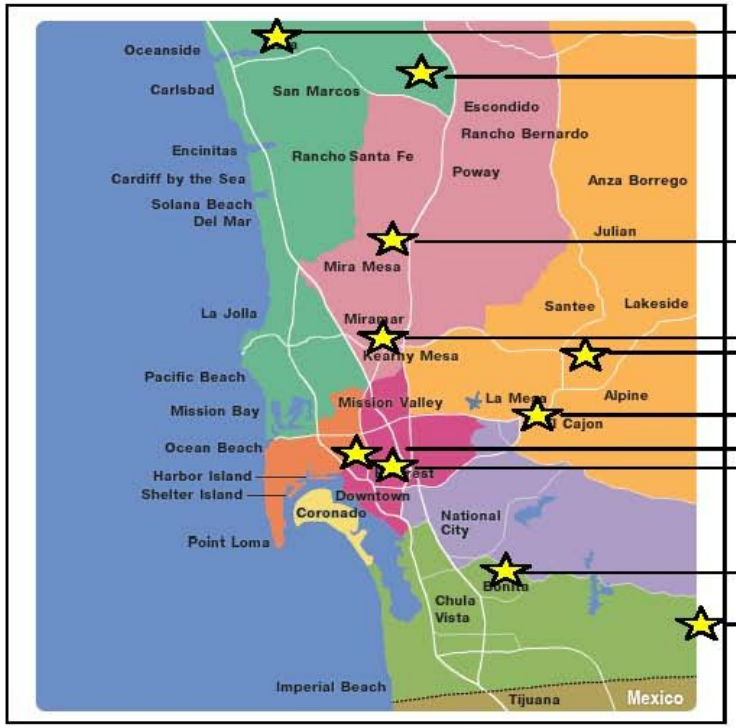
- More Holistic Review

COMMON APP



- Over 900 Colleges in one application
- $25-$90 per campus (varies by university)
- Deadlines vary by university
- http://www.commonapp.org

COMMUNITY COLLEGES



MiraCosta College

Palomar College

San Diego Miramar College

San Diego Mesa College

Grossmont College

Cuyamaca College

San Diego Continuing Education Center

San Diego City College

Southwestern College

Imperial Valley College

PARTS OF AN APPLICATION

- All college require different items
  - Tip: google Admission requirements for any school you are interested in attending
- The most common items you will need:
  - Transcripts
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Extracurricular Activities
  - Awards/Honors received
  - Resume/Work Experience

It's very important to UNDERSTAND what EACH college requires and submit by THEIR deadline

FACTORS TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPTION

- One size does not fit all!!
- Things to Consider
  - Majors/Career plans
  - Size
  - Cost
  - Admission criteria
  - Diversity
  - Athletics
  - Distance from home
  - In state/out of state
  - Public vs. Private
  - University vs. Community College

WHERE TO GO FROM HERE?

- Finalize college list
- Begin creating accounts for application portals
- Gather information:
  - Social Security Number
  - Parents' Tax Returns from 2020
  - Home address
  - Volunteer Hours
  - Extracurricular Activities
    - Log how many hours per week/how many weeks per year
  -

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Financial Aid

Brief overview of financial aid applications

How much does College Cost?

College	UCSD	SDSU	USD	City College
Tuition and Fees	$14,679	$7,720	$52,864	$0
On Campus Food & Housing	$13,749	$18,531	$13,848	San Diego Promise Program → 2 years FREE! (regardless of income)
Books, Supplies, Transportation, Personal Expenses	$3,942	$3,989	NA	
TOTAL CoA	$32,370	$30,240	$66,712	
Total w/o housing	**$18,621**	**$11,709**	**$52,864**	**$0**

How do we pay for this?

Financial Aid Applications

FAFSA

- FREE Application for Federal Student Aid
- Submit online EVERY year
- Opens October 1st
- Due March 2nd for CalGrants
- Apply: www.fafsa.gov

CA Dream Act

- No Social Security #
- Submit online EVERY year
- Opens October 1st
- Due March 2nd for CalGrants
- Apply: https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

Information Needed

- FSA ID for scholar & parent
- Social Security card for scholar & parent
- 2020 taxes
- Records of untaxed income
- Records of assets
- List of school(s) the scholars is interested in attending

How to get Started

- Visit fsaid.ed.gov and create an FSA ID for **both** the student and one parent
  - If the parent does not have a SSN, but the student does, the parent should **not** create an FSA ID
- Make sure you have all your financial information ready
- Go to https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa and begin the application and submit by March 2nd!
  - Select FAFSA 2022-2023

SCHOLARSHIPS

Freeeeee Moneyyyy!!!!

SCHOLARSHIPS!

- APPLY, APPLY, APPLY!!!
- Extra FREEEEEEE money toward college!
- Check Class of 2022 Google Classroom and XELLO
- Check scholarship websites!!
  - Fastweb
  - Unigo
  - Scholly
- More will be rolling out throughout the year so check often!

Tips when Applying for College

- Use legal name (on social security card) for ALL applications
- Use professional email that you will check often.
- Keep it organized; create folders
- Make sure to double check all applications for mistakes before submitting.
- Don’t procrastinate and MEET deadlines

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GET HELP

When to get help??

COLLEGE BOUND SYMPOSIUM

OCT. 20TH from 8:45am-11:30am
ALL seniors will attend!

LUNCH WORKSHOPS

Beginning in mid-October, counselors will host college application workshops during lunch 3 days a week! More info to come soon!

Cal-SOAP

We have a College Readiness Coach (CRC) on campus 2 days a week, beginning in October. They can assist with college applications, financial aid applications, and more!

THANKS!

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