



SENIOR UPDATE

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CSU Applications are open for submission! Apply online at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

UC Applications are open at admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu but can't be submitted until Nov. 1

Reminder - You will use two numbers extensively this year:

1. **High School Code number** (otherwise known as the college board number, CEEB) - **050965**
2. **Your social security number.** Start memorizing it now! A SSN card is not easy to replace if lost.

Memorize your number and store your card somewhere safe (not your wallet or purse).

FAFSA is open!! You can submit your FAFSA any time between October 1st and March 2nd, but some of the reward money is first-come, first-served so you want to submit your application ASAP. Remember you can attend our **Cash for College workshop on the 10/3** from 1:00 to 4:00. (Students can only attend during 5th and 6th period with teacher permission.)

FSA ID website (you and one parent must each do this before FAFSA app): <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>

FAFSA application: <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

Dream Act Application (for AB540 students): <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

SAT/ACT : You need to have SATs or ACTs completed no later than December for colleges to accept your scores. SAT Subject Tests are not required by most colleges, but if you are applying to a private or very selective school or an impacted major at any school then the SAT Subject tests may be required. If you need fee waivers, see your counselor.

Website for SAT registration: sat.org/register

Website for ACT registration: www.actstudent.org

You need to send your Official SAT scores to the 4-year colleges you are applying to. Official scores come from College Board and go directly to the admissions offices of the colleges. In order to send official scores, sign in to your College Board SAT account and select the "Send Scores" option. You will have 4 free scores, and after that they will charge you for each additional score sent. **If you are**

applying to any CSU use the code: 3594. This code will send your SAT scores to ALL CSUs and save your other free choices for other colleges. If you are applying to multiple UCs, then only send your official SAT scores to one campus and they will share your scores with the other campuses. Student athletes who are registering for the NCAA Clearinghouse will also need official SAT scores sent from the College Board. The code used to send scores to the NCAA Clearinghouse is 9999. Plan to have your official scores sent as soon as possible.

College Planning – October is the month to narrow your college choices and gather final information to apply to schools. If you are planning to apply to a private college, tech school or junior college out of the area, be sure to contact them (check out each college website for admission, financial aid and housing information). **Always include a safe, financially reasonable “back up” school in your list of college choices.**

Private colleges either will have their own application online or let you use the online application called the “Common Application”. The Common Application is one application which can be used for many private colleges and can save you lots of time. It is at www.commonapp.org (*be sure to use this website and not commonap.org – notice the one “p”*). Private college applications generally consist of three parts: 1. Student information, including academic information submitted by the student and sometimes an essay. 2. A school report that needs to be submitted by your counselor 3. A recommendation form - generally filled out by a teacher who has already written you a letter of recommendation and knows you well. All parts will need to be submitted by the deadline date, so be sure to complete all of the parts or they will reject your application as incomplete.

UC applicants: The website is up and you can start your UC application, but you won’t be able to submit it until Nov. 1st. It’s a good idea to work on your UC essay ahead of time and check out their website. Their website is: admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu

CSU applicants: CSUs are accepting applications now beginning Oct 1 through Nov. 30. Fee waivers are built into the application. All you do is submit your family income (must be VERY low income to qualify – need help, see your counselor). **Website to apply:** <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

EOP applications are part of the CSU application. EOP stands for Equal Opportunity Program. They help first generation, low income students through college with lots of support and money! EOP is a good deal, so plan to apply if you think you may qualify. In order to apply, follow the instructions online at

the end of the CSU application. You will need to fill out another application, but it's worth the extra work if you get accepted. They are first come, first served, so the sooner you apply the better chance you have to get in. They also require two recommendations to be submitted before your file is "complete" and ready for review.

Priority Admission Days – Humboldt State will be offering Instant Admissions here at Fortuna High in November (date tbd). If you would like to be considered, you need to apply to HSU via the calstateapply website before that day, so get it done during October if you can.

Profile Financial Aid Application Forms: If you are applying to a selective private college, you may need to complete the Profile form. Profile financial aid applications are used by elite private colleges. To register with Profile, go to www.collegeboard.com and look for CSS/Profile.

NCAA Applications: If you are planning to play sports at a Div. I or II college, you need to register with the NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Also arrange to have your SAT scores sent to them using the code 9999. See Rebecca in the office to have your transcripts sent, and Mr. Sotomayor with any questions about clearance.