

College in a Nutshell

Junior/Community Colleges:

- No entrance requirements
- Application Online in Fall or Spring, depending on the campus
- Apply at www.cccapply.org
- Facts:
 - May earn Associates Degree (2 years) or Vocational Ed Certificate.
 - Designed as the first half of a 4 year education path. (2 years at CC, then transfer to finish 2 years at CSU or UC to earn a bachelor's degree)
 - Some campuses may become impacted (longer waitlists/harder to get classes)
 - Students must be self-motivated and plan to get through in 2 years. If a student needs remedial classes, goes to school part time, or has to retake classes due to poor grades it will take more than two years to transfer.
 - It is crucial if a student decides to start at Community College, that they are motivated. We encourage students to take math all four years of high school and to do well in English to avoid having to take remedial classes.
 - Lower cost; Financial Aid available.

California State Universities (CSU's)

- Minimum 2.0 GPA, SAT or ACT, met A-G requirements
- Online Application Only- Oct 1-Nov 30
- Apply at www2.calstate.edu/apply
- Separate ADDITIONAL application for EOP students (for students who are 1st generation college student and qualify for free/reduced lunch)
- Facts:
 - May earn a bachelor's degree (4 year degree).
 - Bachelor's degrees are required for most professional careers for your students' generation.
 - Smaller waitlists than CC's (easier to get classes that you need).
 - Costs vary by school but extensive financial aid is available for those who qualify.
 - Higher percentage of students who START at a CSU will FINISH and earn their degree!

Universities of California (UC's)

- Minimum 3.0 GPA, SAT or ACT with writing, met A-G Requirements
- Online Application—Nov 1-Nov 30 (Opens Oct 1 but cannot start submitting until November 1)
- Apply at www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- Personal Statement required
- Facts:
 - Similar to CSU's but more research based majors/ more competitive.
 - More expensive than CSU's/JC's but more financial aid is available.
 - Example: the Blue & Gold grant pays student's entire tuition & cost of school if family earns less than \$80,000 and student meets academic qualifications (3.0, a-g, qualifying SAT/ACT scores).

OTHER/PRIVATE

- Do your own research and check with your Counselor for specific requirements for Private/out of state schools!
- Applications and deadlines VARY