



## --- APPLYING TO COLLEGE -----

### CSU – California State University

Cal State Apply website: <a href="http://www2.calstate.edu/apply">www2.calstate.edu/apply</a>
Application submission window: October 1 – <b>December 4, 2020</b>
Self-report your grades on application. Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA to qualify. <i>However, “Any California high school graduate or resident of California earning a GPA between 2.00 and 2.49 may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors such as number of courses exceeding minimum “a-g” requirements, household income, extracurricular involvement, and other available information that would inform the campus admission decision.”</i>
Supplemental Questions
<u>No</u> Transcripts at the time you apply → Tip: Check college web portals to see if they ask for a transcript
<u>No</u> Test Scores
<u>No</u> Letters of Recommendation and <u>No</u> Essays
Student sends test scores (*optional) from testing agency / * CSU Mentor code for SAT is 3594
Test score clarification: ACT/SAT scores will NOT be used for the purpose of determining admission eligibility. <i>In no case will standardized test scores be utilized in making admissions decisions for applicants during the 2021-2022 academic year. → TIP: “If you are accepted to a CSU campus, and you chose to submit test scores, the scores will be used as one of the measures to place you in the proper mathematics and English courses. You can visit the CSU Student Success site for further information on course placement.</i>

### UC – University of California

UC Application website: <a href="http://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu">apply.universityofcalifornia.edu</a>
You may begin completing the application in August
Application submission window: November 1 – <b>November 30</b>
Self-report Grades, Test Scores (optional), Activities, Short Answers (Personal Insight Questions)
<u>No</u> Transcripts at the time you apply → Tip: Check college web portals to see if they ask for a transcript
<u>No</u> Letters of Recommendation
Student sends test scores (*optional) from testing agency by DECEMBER. → Tip: Send scores to only one UC campus
*Test score clarification: UC is “Test Optional” for the class of 2021. You choose whether or not to submit SAT/ACT scores with your application. If you are unable or chose not to submit test scores, your application will still receive full consideration. → TIP: <b>SAT/ACT scores may be used for admissions.</b> <i>Some campuses may choose to consider your test scores as part of their application review process. Remember, no admission decision is based on a single factor. Scores may also be used for scholarship consideration and course placement after you enroll.</i>

### Common Application / Coalition Application

Common Application website: <a href="http://www.commonapp.org">www.commonapp.org</a> / Coalition App Website: <a href="http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org">www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org</a>
<b>Deadlines vary</b>
Early Decision (Binding) / Early Action / Regular Decision
Grades, *Test Scores, Essay, Activities
Secondary School Report (SSR): Letters of Recommendation (1-2 Teachers <b>and</b> Counselor)
Transcript uploaded by Counselor
Student sends test scores from testing agency (*test score requirements will vary by campus)
*Test score clarification: You will need to refer to the websites for the colleges on your list. You may find that many colleges are test optional. Learn the requirements for each college. WUE scholarship may ask for test scores.

### All Other Colleges (ex: out-of-state schools not found on Common App)

Application websites vary. Check the college websites for application instructions.
<b>Deadlines vary</b>
Student must complete and turn in the ORHS Transcript Request Form (Go to ORHS website – Counseling tab)
*Test score clarification: You will need to refer to the websites for the colleges on your list. You may find that many colleges are test optional. Learn the requirements for each college. WUE scholarship may ask for test scores.

## Community College

For California Community Colleges, apply in early Spring (rolling admission). Step 1) Create an account on [openccc.net](https://openccc.net), then go the website of the college you want to apply to. Review the steps for enrollment and carefully follow directions.

No Transcripts at the time you apply

No Test Scores

For out-of-state community colleges, the application websites, deadlines, and processes will vary.

## --- FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS -----

### FAFSA (For all students, no matter the college)

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) website: [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

FAFSA is the way you apply for Pel Grant, Cal Grant, Loans, & sometimes institutional scholarships

Submission Window October 1 – **March 2** (although you can technically submit a FAFSA after March 2<sup>nd</sup>, this is the deadline for Cal Grant, so this is the deadline you should use)

→ Tip: Create a FSA (Federal Student Aid ID) [fsaid.edu.gov](https://fsaid.edu.gov) DO THIS FIRST! Do this before you log in to your FAFSA. A FSA ID is needed for the student and also a parent (just 1 parent).

→ Tip: Submit the FAFSA as soon as possible

→ Tip: List all of the colleges you're applying to (include 1 California college, for Cal Grant consideration, just in case)

FAFSA Helpline: 800-433-3243 or go to the FAFSA YouTube Channel

### CSS Profile (Required by some private colleges)

CSS (College Scholarship Service) Profile website: [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org)

Submit this in addition to the FAFSA, if it's required by any of your colleges.

→ Tip: See if your colleges require the CSS profile at the website listed above

Opens October 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadline determined by colleges.

→ Tip: If you have a college board account, use that username and password

### Applying for Scholarships

**Institutional Scholarships or Merit Aid** – Visit your college websites to learn about application processes for possible institutional scholarships (money that comes from the school if you meet certain criteria)

**WUE** - Are you applying out-of-state? Check out WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange): [wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/](https://wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/)

**Local Scholarships** – El Dorado County organizations offer scholarships to students in El Dorado County. That's you! Individual applications required. See if you qualify for any of these at [scholarships.edcoe.org](https://scholarships.edcoe.org)

→ Tip: Deadlines and details will be updated throughout the Fall. See Mrs. Rogers in the Career Center if you have questions.

**Other Online Scholarship Search Sites** to Explore: [Fastweb.com](https://fastweb.com) and/or [Scholarships.com](https://scholarships.com)

## --- REQUESTING SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS -----

When requesting your Oak Ridge transcript for college applications, the process is specific to the colleges where you are applying. Please follow the guidelines listed below to assist you with this process.

### UC/CSU

No transcript needed. The colleges will review your grades based on what you self-report on the application.

Note: We'll send your final high school transcript to your college of enrollment after you graduate

→ Tip: Check college web portals often in case the admissions office makes a special request to see your transcript early.

### Common Application / Coalition Application

Your counselor will send your transcript electronically. Please invite your counselor to fill out the recommender section by providing their email address on the application.

### Out of State Colleges (those not found on Common App or Coalition)

Complete an ORHS Transcript Request Form. Download this form on the Oak Ridge website, under the Counseling tab.