



**SRHS**

**College Application Guide:**

**UC and CSU**

**2020 – 2021**

September 2020

Dear Senior,

Welcome to your senior year! Remember, good organization will help make the college application process easier. College applications are really just a way for you to share the great work you have done over the last four years. Do not allow it to bog you down or stress you out. Celebrate your accomplishments...you've come a long way!

This packet includes information needed to help support you in applying to college. Carefully review all contents of this packet and share the information with your parents. Hopefully, this will answer most of your questions. At Kick-off you were given an Unofficial Transcript. You will need your unofficial transcript to use when completing applications.

Visit the [Counseling Website](#) for valuable information, reminders, and updates. Also, please join the **Senior Page on Instagram**; srhsseniorvision\_2021 for important messages from counseling.

Every senior needs to go on Naviance and under the **"About Me"** section, click on **"My Account"** and add your personal email. Click **"Edit Contact"** to add your email so that counselors may contact you with important information if needed.

We are here to help you. Good luck!

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# Upcoming Dates

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Please join us for "The Wednesday College and Career Series." Every Wednesday College Admissions Counselors present via Zoom from 1-1:25pm. Registration is required. To see the Wednesday College Series' Fall Schedule and register to attend the series, please go to the SRHS Foundation College Corner located at: <https://srhsfoundation.org/college-corner> Using this same link, you can also access information about testing, college fairs, and scholarships as well as the SRHS Virtual College Fair featuring 2-minute presentations given by our local admissions counselors.

**College Application Labs:** Every Monday and Wednesday from **October 5 – November 21** via Zoom from 1:45 - 3:00p.m. Get help with your applications and essays. Work at a dedicated time weekly. All seniors welcome. *\*Please have each type of application (i.e., CSU, UC, Common App, etc.) reviewed by an SRHS counselor PRIOR to submitting!*

## Application Workshops:

**Cal State Apply Workshop**, SDSU admissions advisor will walk you through the CSU application. Date: TBD

**UC Application Workshop**, UCSD admissions advisor will walk you through the UC application. Date: TBD

**Cal SOAP Application Workshop, 10/4 and 10/5 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.** – Register at [calsoapsandiego.org](http://calsoapsandiego.org)

**Cal SOAP Application Workshop, 11/23 and 11/24 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.** – Register at [calsoapsandiego.org](http://calsoapsandiego.org)

**Know your deadlines for everything! Be organized and prepared.**

## September:

- 1**            **The University of California (UC) application is open.**
- 24**            **Open House**
- 22**            **Senior Presentation at 3:30 p.m. Presentation taped to watch when convenient.**
- 24 – Oct. 7**    **Individual post-high school counseling meeting with your counselor**

## October:

- 1**            **California State University Application opens.** Apply on-line at <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>. Filing period 10/1 - 11/30/2019.
- 1**            **FAFSA Filing Period Opens:** File through 6/30/2021 at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- 5**            **College Application Lab opens today**
- 13**            **Financial Aid Night, 6 – 7:30 p.m.** – Register at [calsoapsandiego.org](http://calsoapsandiego.org)
- 15**            **FAFSA ID, 4 – 7:00 p.m. Time slots available at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00.** Register at [calsoapsandiego.org](http://calsoapsandiego.org)
- 17**            **FAFSA Cash 4 College, 9 – 12:00 p.m.** – Register at [calsoapsandiego.org](http://calsoapsandiego.org)
- 28**            **Cal-SOAP/SDUSD College Fair, 4 – 6:00 p.m.** – Register at [calsoapsandiego.org](http://calsoapsandiego.org)

**November:**

- 1**            **UC Application Filing Period Opens:** Filing period 11/1 – 11/30/2020
- 11**            **Vetran’s Day Observed**
- 23 – 27**       **Thanksgiving Break**
- 30**            ***DEADLINE to Submit UC and CSU Applications!!!***

**December:**

- 21 – Jan. 1**    **Winter Break**

**January:**

- 18**            **Martin Luther King Day Observed**

**February:**

- 12 & 15**       **President’s Day Observed**

**March:**

- 29 – April 2**   **Spring Break**

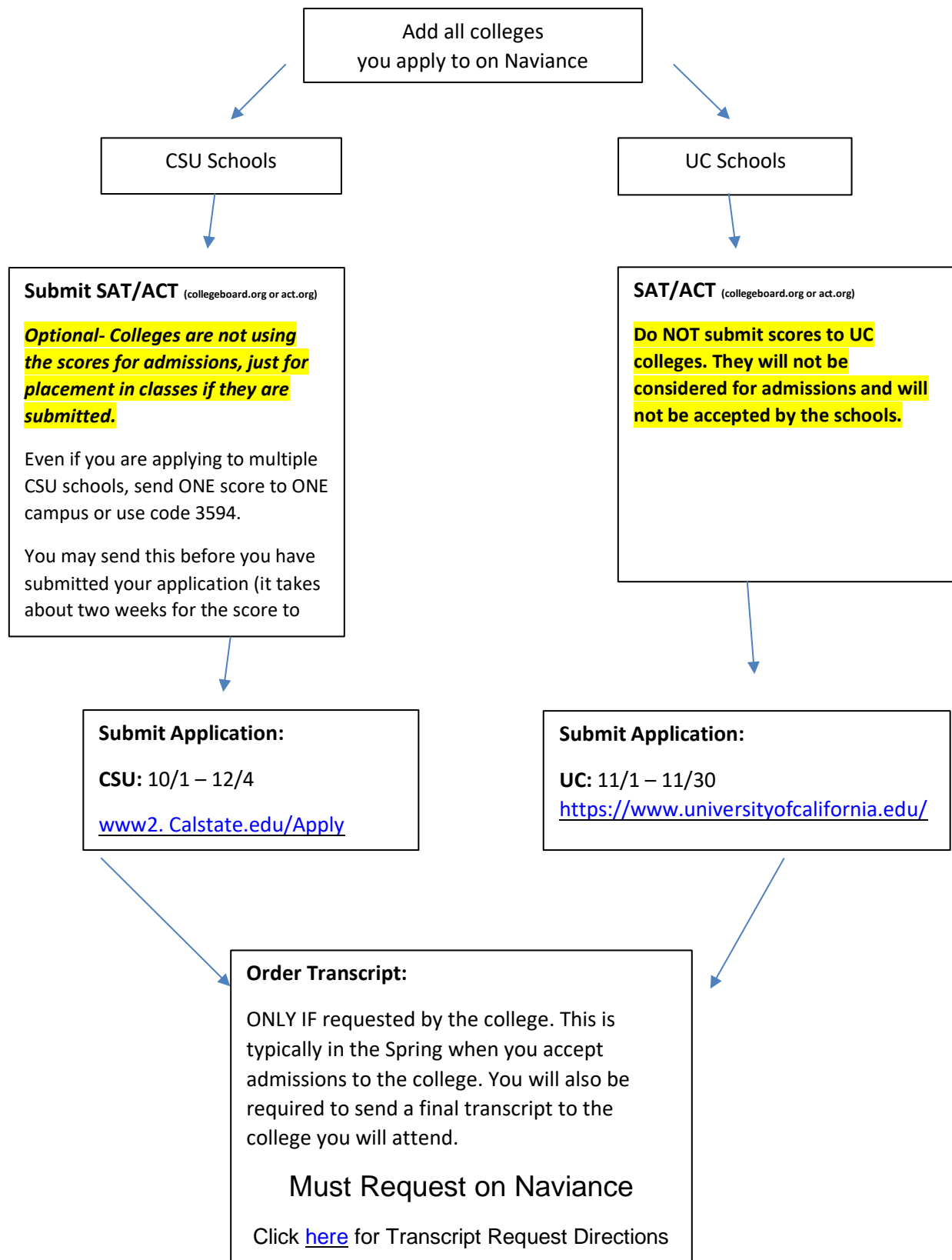
**May :**

- 1**            **National College Decision Day!** Complete your SIR (Statement of Intent to Register). This is the deadline to sign your attendance commitment. For many schools it is also the day to pay the down payment for housing deposits. Some schools may have different dates before or after May 1<sup>st</sup> so make sure to check each individual college’s policy. **For UC and CSU this is the deadline for the mid-year transcript along with the SIR. \*Make sure you have requested your transcript with the registrar and add your school on Naviance.**
- 3 – 14**        **AP Test Window**
- 28 & 31**       **Memorial Day Observed**

**June:**

- 15**            **Graduation Day!**
- 30**            **FAFSA Filing Period Closes**

# College Application Chart



**Do NOT REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS for CSU's or UC's (unless requested on your portal) until you have been accepted and you select the school!!!**

# California State Universities (CSU)

October 1 – December 4

You will need your grades (use your **unofficial transcript**. Do not guess!). If you have taken the SAT or ACT, you may provide your score but your score will not have any impact on the admission decision. This year, CSU will ask questions about your work experience, etc. It is important that you answer these questions accurately as you may be asked to provide validation of your answers.

**IMPORTANT** : Be sure to have an appropriate email address. You do not want information going to SPAM! You cannot use your school address because it only communicates with other sandi.net email addresses.

Go to Cal State Apply at [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply).

**Create an account and complete your profile.** (Please note that the 2021 application has not been released so the questions may appear differently than what is shared here).

- ✓ Choose the link that says “**Undergraduate Admission Applications**”
- ✓ Choose Term “Fall 2021”
- ✓ For High School Term Type, choose **Two Grades per course per academic year** and **Semester**
- ✓ Degree Goal: **Bachelor’s Degree**, “Graduating High School Senior of equivalent
- ✓ Use drop-downs to add classes. **For 9<sup>th</sup> grade English, the ONLY option is English 1-2 (No Cluster or Seminar)**
- ✓ When done adding a class, click on the green check mark
- ✓ When done with a grade level, use the (+) to add a new grade level
- ✓ Only input A – G classes (no PE, Yearbook, Peer Tutoring, ASB, AFJROTC, etc.)
- ✓ Double check the A – G Matching when you have complete adding all courses. Make sure it is correct. **If you add college classes, you must manually enter on A – G Matching.**

**OPTIONAL:** If you choose to send your scores you may follow the information below. Remember, your score will not impact the admission decision.

- SAT Scores - Must be sent from *collegeboard.org*. If you list a CSU campus(es) as an SAT score report recipient, your scores will automatically be sent to all campuses to which you've applied. You can also use the CSU systemwide institution code (3594) on *Collegboard.com* to ensure that all CSU campuses to which you apply receive your scores.
- ACT Scores – Must be sent from *act.org* If you list a CSU campus as an ACT score report recipient, your scores will automatically be sent to all campuses to which you submit an application.

**\*No Letter of Recommendation** needed

**\*DO NOT SEND TRANSCRIPT** until it is requested by the college. Typically this is in the spring, and again at the end of the year.

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| <b>Grades</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Use your unofficial transcript to fill in each section</b></li><li>• Do NOT use plus (+) or minus (–) marks! SRHS does NOT use + or – marks!</li></ul>  |
| <b>Senior Classes</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For classes you are currently taking, under <i>Fall</i> put <u>Progress</u> and for <i>Spring</i> put <u>Planned</u></li></ul>   |
| <b>Government (Area A)</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Social Science area, <u>Government</u> should only be indicated as Progress if you are taking it this semester. If you are taking it in the <i>Spring</i>, leave the <i>Fall</i> blank (do not select anything) and then put Planned for <i>Spring</i></li></ul>                          |
| <b>Principles of Economics (Area G)</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Principles of Economics</u> goes in the area of College Prep Electives (area G). If taking in the <i>Fall</i> put Progress and leave <i>Spring</i> empty and if taking in the <i>Spring</i>, leave <i>Fall</i> empty and put <u>Planned</u> in Spring</li></ul>                               |
| <b>Other College Prep Electives (AREA G)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use the drop-down menu. Select a course if you are currently in it OR have taken it in the past. <b>Do NOT add any course unless it is in the drop down</b> (do NOT type in course names)! <i>PE, Yearbook, Student Government, Journalism 3-4 are not G courses! Do not add them.</i></li></ul> |

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| <b>College Courses</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You <b>MUST</b> add the college (i.e., Miramar College) and indicate all classes completed and currently taking in the “College Coursework” section. Regardless of how many college courses you take, your academic status is still designated as a Freshman. You must indicate what a-g category each course fulfills.</li></ul> |
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**Have a SRHS counselor review your application prior to submitting. It is difficult and time consuming to correct applications after they have been submitted.**

**After you submit...**

**Check email** and college web portal sites often for information and messages. This is very important as this is how the college will contact you for various reasons; missing information, scores, etc.

**Know due dates and follow them.** Colleges will NOT accept late applications, test scores, transcripts, etc. If you have taken a community college class, you must send in your transcript from the community college when sending in your high school transcript.

If you make any changes to your senior schedule, make sure all colleges are updated.

No D's or F's in ANY of your senior classes!!! D's/F's in any prior A-G classes **MUST** be made up or in progress when applying.

**Check your college  
portals and email  
weekly!!!!**



# University of California (UC)

November 1 – November 30

Application period for UC's is November 1 – November 30. However, you can start working on your application 8/1

Go to [admission.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu), on the top right of the page click on the link that says, "Apply now". Create your account.

## Things you'll need:

- ✓ Household income & family information: You may need to ask your parents or legal guardians for help on these questions — that's OK!
- ✓ Transcripts: As you fill out the "Academic history" section, you should refer to your transcripts to help you accurately enter your grades. Complete your application using the information below!
- ✓ **Test Scores: The SAT and ACT are not being accepted... do not send scores.**
- ✓ UC requires responses to 4 Personal Insight Questions (See directions & tips below)

**\*No Letter of Recommendation** needed

**\*DO NOT SEND TRANSCRIPT** until it is requested by the college. Typically this is in the spring and again at the end of the year.

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| <b>Grading System</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semester (2 final grades per year)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>If you attended another high school</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add the high school</li> <li>• Use the title of classes and grades from the other high school's transcript - NOT SRHS (DO NOT use the course titles and grades from your SRHS transcript for classes taken at another school, w/ the exception of an approved language school)</li> </ul>               |
| <b>Community College</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add community college</li> <li>• Grading System: ABCDF (The classes taken on our campus are NOT Pass/Fail)</li> <li>• Terms: Fall &amp; Spring (NO Winter...leave Winter term blank)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Foreign Language School</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not need to add the foreign language school under other high schools attended</li> <li>• Check box next to "I don't see my courses"</li> <li>• Type in the title of the course you see on the SRHS transcript (Put the course under the corresponding year it was taken – see transcript)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Government (Area A)</b>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the Social Science area, <u>Government</u> should only be indicated as "IP" if you are taking it this semester. If you are taking it in the <i>Spring</i>, leave the <i>Fall</i> blank (do not select anything) and then put "PL" for <i>Spring</i></li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>Principles of Economics (Area G)</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Principles of Economics</u> goes in the area of College Prep Electives (area G). If taking in the <i>Fall</i> put "IP" and leave <i>Spring</i> empty and if taking in the <i>Spring</i>, leave <i>Fall</i> empty and put "PL" in <i>Spring</i></li> </ul>  |
| <b>Remediated Grades</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must add both grades, the original D or F and the new passing grade of C or better</li> <li>• If you have started the class but haven't finished select "IP" under grade</li> <li>• If you plan to make up class but have not started yet select "PL" under grade</li> </ul>                            |

**Go to the virtual college labs for help and to have a counselor to review your application before submitting!**

## Personal Insight Questions

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### Directions:

You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions.

Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words, so choose wisely.

Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you; but you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.

### Keep in Mind:

All questions are equal: All are given equal consideration in the application review process, which means there is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing certain questions over others.

There is no right or wrong way to answer these questions. It's about getting to know your personality, background, interests and achievements in your own unique voice.

Remember, the personal questions are just that – personal. Which means you should use your own good judgement. The important thing is expressing who you are, what matters to you and what you want to share with UC.

### Tips and techniques for writing UC prompts

**Start early.** Allow time for reflection, thoughtful preparation and revision.

**Compose personal insight question responses in a word-processing program.** Don't type it directly into the application. This way, you will have the opportunity to print copies for review.

**Write persuasively.** Making a list of accomplishments, activities, awards or work will lessen the impact of your words. Expand on a topic by using specific, concrete examples to support the points you want to make.

**Use "I" statements.** Talk about yourself so that we can get to know your personality, talents, accomplishments and potential for success on a UC campus. Use "I" and "my" statements in your responses.

**Proofread and Edit.** In addition to checking your spelling, be sure your grammar is correct and your essays flow smoothly. Grammatical and spelling errors can be distracting to the reader and get in the way of what you're trying to communicate.

**Solicit Feedback.** Your answers should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone, but others-family, teachers and friends-can offer valuable suggestions. Ask advice of whomever you like, but do not plagiarize from sources in print or online and do not use anyone's published words.

**Copy and paste.** Once you are satisfied with your essays, save them in a plain text (ASCII) and past them into the space provided. Proofread to make sure no odd characters or line breaks have appeared.

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No D's in ANY of your senior classes!!! D's in any prior A-G classes MUST be made up or in progress when applying.

# Transcript Request

**Important:** Do not request transcripts for CSU, UC until requested. This is usually in the spring when you have been offered admittance and accepted.

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## Unofficial Transcript:

One was provided at Kick-off in September for completing applications.

## Official Transcript:

Official transcripts should be ordered on Naviance when the university requests that you send the transcript.

- ✓ For California public schools (CSU and UC); **order transcripts when the college requests one, usually second semester after you have selected the university and sent in the SIR (Statement of Intent to Register). You will be required to send a transcript May 1 AND after final grades in June.**
- ✓ For the California Community Colleges; **after you complete your application, usually in the spring.**

Once you have requested a transcript, go to the “**Colleges I’m Applying To**” list and see if your transcript will be sent electronically or if it needs to be mailed.

A COMPUTER SCREEN means that the transcript will be/can be sent electronically.

A STAMP means that a pre-addressed, stamped envelope needs to be given to the Registrar.

Coordinate the drop off of your envelope/s with the registrar, [Solange Sachs](#).

For detailed instructions on how to request a transcript, go to the [Counseling Website](#) and look at the handouts listed on [Senior page](#).

## Transcript Request from San Diego Miramar College

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### **Official Transcript Request:**

1. Check individual colleges to see if they want an official transcript sent when the application is due, or if they want you to wait until you have completed your first semester grades. Each college will have a different preference.
2. Go to the San Diego Miramar Website. Go to Students, then to Transcripts.
3. Log onto mySDCCD and order a transcript to be sent to the college campus you are requesting it for.

# Financial Aid and Scholarships

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## Financial Aid

To apply for student financial aid from the federal government, including the Pell Grant, Perkins Loan, Stafford Loan and work-study, you will need to submit financial aid applications the most important of which is the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The FAFSA application is found at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

**FAFSA DEADLINES:** FAFSA can be submitted as early as October 1<sup>st</sup>. Financial aid applications, such as the FAFSA should be submitted as soon as possible after the date they open each year. To meet the deadlines for most states you should submit the form no later than June 30, 2021. NOTE: The deadline is midnight, central time. The earlier you file, the more grant money you are likely to receive (up to twice as much). Please be aware that for some colleges, the deadline is December 15 and March 1. Do not wait until your parents file their income tax returns with the IRS. You should estimate your income. You can change amounts later.

## Scholarships

Scholarships are listed on NAVIANCE, the counseling website and on SRHS Foundation Counseling College Corner located at: <https://srhsfoundation.org/college-corner> . Check regularly and APPLY!

Check each school's deadline for Merit Scholarships. Some schools may only offer special scholarships to those who applied early action etc. **Be aware of deadlines!**

Be aware of companies that charge money for scholarship information. We recommend that you check the sources before ever spending any money! See your counselor if you have any questions.

## Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

California is a member of WICHE (Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education). 145 schools participate in the West. WICHE states include: Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. Out-of-state tuition is reduced giving students from WICHE states affordable access to programs that may not be available in their home state. It also provides students with a more diverse array of institutions in which to enroll.

Colleges that participate set aside a limited number of spots for students with a WUE tuition so students should apply early. Visit the website to see which colleges and majors qualify for WUE tuition.

<http://www.wiche.edu/>

# Helpful Websites

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[act.org](http://act.org) – Sign up for ACT and send scores. Resource for college.

[collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) – Sign up for SAT and send scores. Also a resource for college, PSAT, AP and SAT.

[collegeweeklive.com](http://collegeweeklive.com) – Virtual tours and live chats with current students and admissions officers. Offers webinars about the application process and financial aid.

[californiacolleges.com](http://californiacolleges.com) – Source for college and career planning in CA.

[collegedata.com](http://collegedata.com) – On-line college advisor

[fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) – Free application for federal student aid

[fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) – Fastweb hosts more than 1.5 million scholarships that provide more than \$3.4 billion in funding. Once you create a profile, the site's search feature will help you find the most accurate matches that fit your needs.

[scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com) – Scholarships.com hosts one of the largest scholarship databases out there and it's updated on a daily basis.

[calstate.edu/apply](http://calstate.edu/apply) – Learn about and apply to the California State University.

[universityofcalifornia.edu](http://universityofcalifornia.edu) - Learn about and apply to the University of California.

[ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org) – Must sign-up if planning on playing Division I, II, III sports in college.

[wiche.edu/wue](http://wiche.edu/wue) – Find colleges and majors out-of-state that offer reduced tuition costs.

[instateangels.com](http://instateangels.com) – Learn how to get in-state tuition (out of state)

[edvisors.com](http://edvisors.com) – Education tax benefits.

[money4college.org](http://money4college.org) (**hefargroup**) – Higher education financial aid resources.

[cappex.com](http://cappex.com) – Search and compare colleges, get admission information and apply for scholarships.

[sdccd.edu](http://sdccd.edu) – The San Diego Community College District (Miramar, Mesa, City). Search "Promise" to learn about how to go to college for free!

[goingmerry.com](http://goingmerry.com) – Similar to the Common App platform, but used for Scholarships. Matches students.