

College Application Reference Sheet 2013-2014

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University of California (UC)

Deadline: November 30

Your application period is the month of November. Complete one application online and indicate all of your UC campus choices. You must take the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT With Writing Test. SAT Subject Tests are no longer required, but certain programs on some campuses recommend them. You also need a personal statement/essay. You do not need letters of recommendation.

1. Log onto www.universityofcalifornia.edu
2. Use your transcript (from the OUSD Student Portal) to enter your courses/grades on your online application. Do not send your transcript unless requested.
3. After saving your personal statement/essay as a Word document, copy and paste it onto your online application.
4. Official SAT or ACT scores must be sent. Log onto www.collegeboard.com and/or www.act.org for directions.

California State University (CSU)

Deadline: November 30

Your application period is October 1 through November 30. An online tutorial will help you complete your application. You must take the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT to apply. (The CSU's do not require a score from the ACT With Writing Test for admissions purposes.) You do not need a personal statement/essay or letters of recommendation.

1. Log onto www.csumentor.org
2. Use your transcript (from the OUSD Student Portal) to enter your courses/grades on your online application. Do not send your transcript unless requested.
3. Official SAT or ACT scores must be sent. Log onto www.collegeboard.com and/or www.act.org for directions.

Common Application Colleges and Universities

Deadline: Varies

Once completed, copies of the Application for Undergraduate Admission and associated secondary school forms may be sent to any of the *participating* colleges and universities. Carefully review the list on the website to see if your college choices are there. You must take the SAT or ACT and, in some cases, SAT Subject Tests. You need letters of recommendation, so be sure your counselor has your Senior Resume.

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1. Log onto www.commonapp.org
2. Select your college(s) and follow instructions *exactly*. Use your transcript (from the OUSD Student Portal) to enter your courses/grades on your online application.
3. Official SAT or ACT scores must be sent. Log onto www.collegeboard.com and/or www.act.org for directions.
4. After semester grades are posted in February, you will need to request that a Midyear Report be sent from your counselor. *This is not automatic*. Be sure to email the report to your counselor at the end of the fall semester.

All Other Four-Year Colleges and Universities

Deadline: Varies

Your application period varies greatly, so pay attention to deadlines. Test requirements also vary by school. You may need letters of recommendation, so be sure your counselor has your Senior Resume.

1. Log onto the websites for the college(s) to which you intend to apply. Look for key words like *Undergraduate*, *Admissions*, or *Application* on the Homepage, and click onto the link.
2. Admission requirements vary greatly, so be sure to follow instructions carefully.
3. For colleges that require letters of recommendation, please provide necessary forms or written instructions along with pre-addressed stamped envelope(s).

California Community Colleges

Deadline: Varies

Your application period begins in March-April. Because many community colleges have special deadlines for priority registration or summer coursework, check individual college websites for application dates. Community colleges use scores from their own placement tests, so the SAT and the ACT are not required to determine your eligibility for admission. You do not need a personal statement/essay or letters of recommendation.

1. **To apply to one particular community college**, log onto its website. Look for key words like *Admissions* or *Application* on the Homepage, and click onto the link.
2. **To apply to several community colleges**, log onto www.cccco.edu. Complete the statewide online application for your initial college choice, and then select additional college(s). The information from your first application will automatically populate into your next application.

Official Transcripts

Order your official transcripts online at www.parchment.com. Parchment (formerly Docufile) will send your high school transcript to the colleges and scholarship providers that you choose. You may track your request online, and you will receive an email notification when your transcript has been electronically delivered.

General Information

If you are not sure which college or university you want to attend, or if you need help targeting the schools that can prepare you for your chosen career, visit www.californiacolleges.edu. This website also provides additional information regarding admission requirements, how to apply, and how to meet the costs of a college education.