updated 9-14 2021 Cal State Apps: <u>Deadline Nov. 30</u>

1. Apply online at **<u>Cal State Apply</u>** & have a professional (appropriate) e-mail. APPLY to ONE college ONLY at first. In case you make errors, the next 3+ Cal State applications will be easy because the information will roll over!
2. Create a web account (username and password). **<u>Keep this in your notebook</u>**
3. Complete every page and every item of the application & **<u>save your pages AS YOU GO—and before logging off</u>**!
4. **<u>Have a copy of your TRANSCRIPT at all times</u>**. Remember, you are registering for **<u>Fall, 2022 !</u>** Memorize your social security number (alien registration number). The Statewide Student ID number is **<u>optional</u>**! It's there for those who do not have a SS#.
5. YOU are applying for a bachelors degree as an undergraduate!
6. **<u>Select "Yes" for your parent's California residency</u>**. EVEN IF YOUR PARENTS are non-residents (or illegally in America), YOU STILL LIVE in California! If you are 18, you select "Yes" for yourself. *Undocumented students ALSO need to select none for USA citizenship.*
7. There are 2 Ramona High Schools—**Ramona Rams in the city of Riverside** and Ramona Bulldogs in the city of Ramona. Be sure to specify **RIVERSIDE**! Ramona term type is **SEMESTER**! Select **HS GRADUATE**!
8. Know your parents' current annual income and last year's income—**<u>tax or untaxed = everything they earned!</u>** Income is from last year's tax filing—LOOK AT LAST YEAR'S TAXES! When typing in the amount, **<u>do not use a comma!</u>** **DO NOT put the same value on both—Most if not ALL your families have TAXED income! USE THE IRS RETRIEVAL TOOL!**
9. **Warning messages**: A-G submission; Social Security #; Date of Birth; Dependent & Income, Degree
10. Know the number of people living in your household the past 2 years—**<u>How many people will your head of household claim on their latest tax form</u>**?
11. If you answer yes to a **<u>future teacher credential</u>**, pick "multiple subject" for elementary and "single subject" for secondary (M.S. or H.S.) teaching.
12. **<u>College transferable units</u>** refer to classes taken at a college, such as Riverside Community College or UC Riverside or Cal Baptist, etc. **<u>This does not apply to AP classes</u>**—colleges will decide which classes you get to waive, depending on your AP test scores.
13. Have all of your test scores available (SAT or ACT). **<u>Any tests TO BE TAKEN in Oct., Nov., or Dec. need to have the test date (month, year) entered.</u>** Allows 2 scores—keep your highest one. **ENTER** your **CollegeBoard ID#** for the SAT test **AND** the **ACT ID#** for the ACT test!
14. Impacted Cal States (Cal Poly SLO, Fullerton, San Diego, San Jose, Fresno, Cal State LA and Long Beach) means that they expect high competition for **EVERY MAJOR**, including undeclared (if offered). Impacted majors at the other 17 Cal State colleges mean those specific majors expect high competition. Check the current Cal State impacted majors matrix for your college freshman years.
15. GPA of your A-G courses (calculated using only 8 honors or AP extra credit grade points) is listed under **<u>academic A-G (10-12) weighted</u>** on your transcript. **Click A-G matching to CHECK!**
16. List ALL of your grades, including the "Ds" and "Fs"; UC application readers receive your transcript in July and can still rescind an acceptance for dishonesty! BE HONEST! **<u>Senior classes, put "prog" for 1st semester grades & "plan" for 2nd semester grades.</u>**
17. **<u>Economics</u>** is labeled "Econ" under "College Preparatory Electives" and put "prog" or "no grade" depending on which semester you are taking economics. Leave the other semester as "click here" or **SELECT GRADE!** Vice versa for **<u>American Government</u>** under "Social Studies." AVID classes will go under College Prep Elective.
18. **<u>If you passed the SAT Spanish Subj. test (460-higher)</u>**, then do the following: Enter 4 semesters of foreign language. For example, enter 2 semesters at grade 10, 2 at grade 11. When asked for course name, select "Other/specify" and then type in "SAT ST/Spanish." Select "Pass" for their grade. If you received a "D" or "F" in Spanish prior, replace those grades with "Pass."
19. CS application fee is **<u>$70 per school</u>** (pay with credit card or check). **<u>BE PREPARED TO PAY</u>**! 40% of our AVID seniors DO NOT qualify for the fee waiver! If paying by credit card, do not use dashes when typing in credit card #. The fee waiver income cut-off is unknown—the CS administrators keep it secretive. If you do qualify for the fee waiver, **<u>it allows you to apply to only 4 schools for free</u>**!
20. Have a counselor or AVID teacher review your CSU application **<u>before</u>** you submit it.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

1. **EOP: Look under Supporting Information. Check YES if you are eligible income-wise! Look at the eligibility index** on the calstate.edu website. **<u>Fill out EOP application online—it's part of the Cal State application—if eligible</u>**. The Education Opportunity Program is a college assistance program similar to AVID. **For EOP, you will need to fill out the application questions online + get 2 teacher recommendations sent to them, using their email**—The EOP application is imbedded into the Cal State application, so it is recommended to apply for EOP at the same time as you apply for your Cal State colleges.
   —EOP consists of 5 biographical short essay questions
   —You need 2 teacher recommendations—SEND message to your 2 recommenders immediately!
   Could also be a counselor, employer, pastor, BUT, NOT a family member!
   These recommenders should be educators who can write about 2 things:
   A) Your obstacles to education, such as poor income, no educational support at home.
   B) Your ability to achieve and go past these obstacles.
   TALK to your recommenders IN PERSON before you message them—it's common courtesy!
   —You get up to **<u>$750 in college financing</u>** when you get accepted to this program!—NOT A CLASS—it's a resource center
   —Can provide internships, has a separate, additional, EOP graduation celebration, social gatherings to get involved and meet people!
   —Deadlines range from Nov. 30 to Jan. 15—check specific colleges for details!
2. Print out a receipt that you successfully submitted your Cal State and your EOP applications, and turn it in to Mr. Lockman or to Mr. Jung.
3. **<u>If you made any mistakes, you will need to contact the college you submitted to for any corrections</u>**.
4. Apply early—Do not procrastinate to the Nov. 30 deadline—There will be no one to help you during the Thanksgiving break, either at Ramona or at the colleges!
5. Acceptances come out as early as Nov. (sometimes Oct. for schools such as Chico, East Bay, etc). **SENIOR GRADES matter—NO F or D grades in any A-G classes!**

UC Apps: <u>Deadline Nov. 30</u>

1. Apply online at **www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply**
2. Create a web account (username and password). **Keep this in your notebook**!
3. Complete every page and every item of the application. Be prepared with all of your info!
4. **Have a copy of your transcript at all times**. Have a professional (appropriate) e-mail.
5. Know your social security number (alien registration number). Not required, though.
6. ELC (Eligibility in the Local Context) gives you automatic admission into at least one of the UC schools. ELC is calculated after you apply, differing from high school to high school.
7. There are 2 Ramona High Schools—**Ramona Rams in the city of Riverside** and Ramona Bulldogs in the city of Ramona.
8. When asked if you are going to WORK while you are in college, **ANSWER YES**! You may be eligible for **work study**—this DOES NOT obligate you for any work if you choose not to work.
9. List ALL of your grades, including the "Ds" and "Fs"; UC application readers receive your transcript in July and can still rescind an acceptance for dishonesty! BE HONEST!
10. Where you are allowed to list and describe activities, awards, etc., observe the following:
    A) You are allowed 160-word descriptions—no need for complete sentences; but, DO NOT use slang.
    B) When using abbreviations, make sure they are clear—everyone does not know that ASU means Asian Student Union.
    C) DO NOT use texting lingo—inappropriate!
    D) Be specific—DO NOT just say "I've won lots of awards"—describe specifically what they are—quality is better than quantity!
    E) You're given 5 spaces per category, choose well—DO NOT wait and update **important** activities, awards, etc., for later—sometimes application readers do not have time to look at updates!

Personal Insight Questions

11. Answer **Personal Insight Questions** (choose 4 of 8) before applying.
    A) Be Prepared! *Californiacolleges.edu* is a good website for reference.
    B) Essay length for EACH of the 4 essays is 250-350 words—DO NOT go over 350.
    C) UC schools are interested in the following:
       —**Leaders**, people who are going to take share in society.
       —**Research**, people who are going to take the time to donate back to the school.
       —**Academic Excellence**, people who are going to graduate.
    D) Talk about yourself—you are the STAR! You may reference other people, but in relation to how they have given you purpose!
    E) Divorce, disability, death are common themes—1 out of every 2 applicants write about these. If you do, so what? Explain how you grew from it or what you learned from it.
    F) Your example (1 good one suffices) needs to prove what you learned or how you grew.
    G) Be specific: "I can use my interest in science to develop healthcare for senior citizens."
    H) TRUE STORY: A UC Berkeley reader **rejected** an applicant who had a perfect 1600 SAT score because he simply wrote in his personal statement: "The rest speaks for itself."
12. Know your parents' current annual income and last year's income—**tax or untaxed = everything they earned!**
13. Know the number of people living in your household—**How many people did your head of household claim on their 2018 tax form?**
14. College transferable units refer to classes taken at a college, such as Riverside Community College or UC Riverside or Cal Baptist, etc. This does not apply to AP classes—colleges will decide which classes you get to waive, depending on your AP test scores.
15. ALL UC majors require the SAT I test. A rare few expect the SAT II Subj. tests. CHECK!
16. Make a list of all extra-curricular activities, work experience, volunteer or community service work, sports, etc.
17. Practice application available on: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/apptour.
18. EVERY AVID student is given 4 free UC campuses to apply. If you DO NOT automatically qualify for the fee waiver, YOU MUST use one of your 4 college board waivers. The UC application fee is **$70 per school**, have a credit card ready to pay for the fee for 5+ UC applications!
19. On the scholarship page, you can apply for up to 16 scholarships—take the time to DO THIS!
20. Apply early—Do not procrastinate—There will be no one to help you during the Thanksgiving break, either at Ramona or at the colleges!
21. Acceptances come out as early as March. For UC acceptance, **SENIOR GRADES matter—NO F or D grades!**

Common App: <u>Deadlines vary</u> 2020-2021 Common App went live on August 1

1. Take advantage of Common App Ready. This powerful advising tool—a series of **ready-to-use, downloadable materials**—was created with you and your students in mind. If you haven't taken a moment to look at the latest updates to **Common App Ready**, this is a great time to do so. We've made the interface easier to navigate to find the resources you need, and added **Spanish language resources** to meet the needs of students for whom Spanish is the primary language spoken at home.

2. Recommender Enhancements. We recognize that students seek and receive guidance on the college application process from a wide and diverse array of resources. This year, **advisors from community-based organizations** will be able to manage their caseload and view student progress within the Common App system.

3. Know what to expect from the Common App this year. In case you missed it, we have a detailed recorded webinar, **What's New With the Common App**, that walks you through the information you need to guide your students—including **Courses & Grades**, Google Drive integration, the Recommender invitation process, and more. The **slides** from the webinar are also available to you to use and share at your own pace.

4. Support is here. As always, the quality support you've come to expect is still available to you, **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. Reach out to us directly whenever you or your students need help. And don't forget to add **sfsupport@commonapp.net** to your email address book!

5. Connect with us using #CommonApp and follow us at **@CommonApp** on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

6. There are fee waivers for ALL of the college applications on the Common App