

SENIOR News/ Important Dates

Class of 2027

- Double check college websites to be sure you are taking, or have taken the courses that meet their entrance requirements (check GSHS website - counseling/academic counseling - for a-g college requirements for UC or CSU). This is your **LAST** chance to make a change if it is necessary!!
- Sign up for S.A.T. (www.collegeboard.com) or A.C.T. (www.actstudent.org) if you intend to apply to a University, State College, Private College, out-of-state school or some scholarships. (the **December test date is the last test date accepted for seniors**). See registration Deadlines below. **These tests are NOT required for the graduating class of 2027 for the CSU and UC System.** Please look at individual out of state and private university requirements (Or, ask Mrs. White for help)

SAT DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2026	August 28, 2026	September 25, 2026
October 3, 2026	September 18, 2026	October 16, 2026
November 7, 2026	October 23, 2026	November 20, 2026
December 5, 2026	November 20, 2026	December 18, 2026

ACT DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 17, 2026	September 11, 2026	September 29, 2026
December 12, 2026	November 6, 2026	November 29, 2026

- Watch for opportunities to visit college open houses.
- Research scholarships using the internet, contacting specific colleges, and checking the complete list of scholarships on the GSHS website (under Counseling/Scholarships <https://scholarships.edcoe.org>). Scholarship information will be given throughout this year, (workshops will be held in November/December for local El Dorado County scholarships). GSHS specific scholarship portfolios will be due to Mrs. White & Mrs. Altavilla by **January 29th**. You may want to look at the instructions on how to build your portfolio at this link [Resources - Scholarships.edcoe.org](https://scholarships.edcoe.org). EDCOE site scholarship applications for the class of 2027 open on **November 1st**! Scholarship awards night is May 12th @ 6:00 p.m. in the GSHS Gymnasium.

- Applications for the University of California and the California State University systems are due **BY Nov. 30th**. Apply through your CCGI Portal [CCGI Login](#) and login with your school google account. Or, apply online at www2.calstate.edu/apply to CSU campuses **starting October 1st!!! The deadline for CSU Applications is Nov. 30th**. UC applications [Apply now | UC Admissions](#) are open August 1st, the filing period is Oct. 1st – Dec. 1, 2026.
- **The Community College** application process varies by College, please research on Community College Websites or ask in the Counseling Office for help. We will have local Community Colleges visiting us throughout this school year. You must complete the matriculation process: 1. Apply online. 2. Meet Assessment requirements . 3. Meet with a college counselor and complete orientation. 4. Register for classes.
- Fill out Letters of Recommendation Personal Data Form (see GSHS website on the bottom of the counseling home page). Choose carefully who you ask and **ASK EARLY!!!** You will want at least 3 letters of recommendation.
- Begin filling out the **FAFSA starting October 1, 2026** ([complete and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA ® \) form](#)). Both Parents and students must apply for a PIN #. Applications for the 2027-2028 college school year can be filled out starting **October 1st** and are due by **March 2nd**. **Submit your FAFSA early in October!** You can start by downloading a FAFSA worksheet to make sure that you have all the info needed. The FAFSA you fill out is **not** available until **October 1, 2026**. You will refer to your 2025 income tax information.
FAFSA Application open October 1, 2026!
Annual FAFSA workshops: [Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops | California Student Aid Commission](#)
 How to Create an Account and Username (FSA ID) for StudentAid.gov
Filling out the FAFSA [FAFSA® Help | Federal Student Aid](#)
- Reply promptly to colleges asking you to notify them of your decisions to attend college. **MEET DEADLINES OR YOU MAY LOSE THE ACCEPTANCE YOU HAVE GAINED.** You will fill out a [Senior's transcript request form for colleges](#) in May before you leave, telling Cat where you need your final transcript sent to.
- If you are interested in the Military, please contact a recruiter. Many recruiters will visit campus throughout the school year. See Mrs. White if you need help with a contact.