

College Timeline 2023-2024

Please note that these are general guidelines, and students should verify the specific deadlines and requirements for each college they are applying to. This doc is live and will make changes when needed! For updates please make sure you are on the Seniors CCC Google Classroom:

August:

August 1st:

- [University of California \(UC\) application](#) opens (can not submit the application but can begin to start application).
- [Common Application](#) opens for submission.

Mid-August:

- Continue/begin researching potential colleges of interest.
- Begin drafting your personal statement/college essay (if intending to apply to a UC or a private institution).

September:

- Finalize your college list.
- Check the CSU website for scholarships
- Attend college rep visits in the College and Career Center (CCC).
- Attend the different college-related presentations and workshops in the CCC.
- [Request letters of recommendation](#) from teachers and/or counselors for any schools, scholarships, or awards that require one.
- Begin filling out college applications (UC and Common App).
- Register for any standardized tests ([SAT](#) or [ACT](#)) if needed, and plan your test dates
 - UCs and CSUs no longer require SAT or ACT scores to determine admissions eligibility. If accepted to a UC or CSU campus, ACT or SAT test scores can be used as one of the measures for course placement.
- Continue working on your personal statement/PIQs/college essay.
- Start looking into [scholarships](#).

October:

October 1st:

- [UC Fall 2024 admission application](#) filing period is open for submissions.
- [CSU Fall 2024](#) admission application filing period open

Early October:

- Continue attending [college rep visits](#) in the CCC.
- Continue attending the different [college-related presentations and workshops](#) in the CCC.
- Continue working on college applications and essays (if applicable).

November:

Early November:

- Submit Early Decision/Early Action applications (if applicable)
- Continue attending [college rep visits](#) in the CCC.
- Continue attending the different [college-related presentations and workshops](#) in the CCC.
- Wrap up submitting your college applications.

November 30th:

- [Cal State University \(CSU\) application](#) deadline.
- [University of California \(CSU\) application](#) deadline.

December:

December 1st:

- [Common Application](#) deadline.
- **December** – [FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#) and [CADAA \(California Deam Act Application\)](#) open. (we have not received a definitive date for the opening of FAFSA/CADAA yet but we know it will for sure open up sometime in December. I will update when we know more)
 - All California seniors must complete the FAFSA to fulfill their graduation requirements!!

Mid-December:

- Submit [FAFSA/CADAA](#) and [CSS Profile](#) if you haven't already.
 - I.e. creating FSA ID

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- CSS Profile (if required by colleges) opens.
- Continue looking and applying for scholarships.

January:

January 1st:

- Continue looking and applying for scholarships.
- Continue to monitor your email and application portals for updates from colleges

February:

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- Continue looking and applying for scholarships.
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March:

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April:

April 1st:

- **The priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA for California state aid.**
 - It is a graduate state requirement that ALL seniors fill out the FAFSA
- Admission decisions for UC schools are typically released.

April 15th:

- Many colleges' regular decision notification dates.
- Continue looking and applying for scholarships.
- Continue to monitor your email and application portals for updates from colleges

May:

May 1st:

- **National College Decision Day** - the deadline for accepting an offer of admission and submitting enrollment deposits.

Late May:

- Waitlist decisions may be announced.

End of May:

- Notify your chosen college of any external scholarships or grants received.
- Continue to monitor your email and application portals for updates from colleges

June:

June 1st:

- Deadline for submitting the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) for UC schools.

June 7th:

- Last Day of School! Graduation!
- Students must request official transcripts to submit to their colleges after graduation (SRJC or 4-year)

June 30th:

- Final deadline for submitting the FAFSA for California state aid.

Throughout the Year:

- **Continue to monitor your email and application portals for updates from colleges.**
- **Notify your chosen college of any external scholarships or grants received.**

It's also crucial for students to stay organized, manage their time effectively, and seek guidance from the college and career counselor. Additionally, students should prepare for any required standardized tests well in advance and consider retaking them if necessary to improve their scores.