

# **COLLEGE APPLICATION OVERVIEW**

## **California Community Colleges:**

- No SAT/ACT required or GPA requirement
- Transfer to a four year school upon completion of 54-60 units
- <https://www.cccco.edu/>

## **California State University: [Cal State Apply](#)**

- Apply online October 1-December 1 of senior year
- SAT or ACT not required
- Eligibility and admission based on GPA in A-G requirements
- No transcript, essay, or recommendations required with application

## **University of California: [UC application](#)**

- Apply online October 1- December 1 of senior year
- SAT or ACT not required
- Eligibility based on GPA in A-G requirements
- Selective admission based on Comprehensive Review
- Review includes extracurricular activities, personal insight questions, and honors/awards
- No transcript or recommendations required with application

## **Private Colleges and Universities:**

- Check individual admission requirements
- SAT or ACT – may be required or optional
- Most require essays, recommendations, and a transcript at the time of application
- Include extracurricular activities and honors/awards
- Many have Early Decision or Early Action application option in Oct – Nov of senior year  
Regular Decision applications due Dec – Feb of senior year
- Many accept the Common Application: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

## **Out-of-State Public Colleges and Universities:**

- Check individual admission requirements
- SAT Reasoning Test or ACT may be required or optional
- May require essay(s) and a recommendation letter
- Official transcript is usually required with the application
- Many have rolling admission policies

## Testing

- Pick SAT [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [How to choose SAT or ACT](#)
- Take tests in spring of junior year and/or fall of senior year. Finish all tests by December of senior year.
- Send an official score reports to colleges you applied to