

Senior Cheat Sheet

<p><u>Community College Steps</u> To apply to and explore the California Community College click on the link to start:</p> <p>CCCApply : Follow the steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See meet with your counselor at least once a semester to stay on track and get updated. <p>To schedule a meeting with me, please use this: https://calendly.com/tpamintuan</p>	<p><u>Webgrants</u> Do this: After your FAFSA/CA Dream Act application is processed,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a Web Grants account on: WebGrants 4 Students • Resource for Cal Grant: Understanding My CalGrant <p>GPA's are uploaded by the district. No need to submit a paper form.</p>
<p><u>Financial Aid - Apply for this first then WebGrants</u> Free Application for Federal Student Aid: Create a FSA ID first, then, you will be redirected to FAFSA to complete the application. Dream Act: CA Dream Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember you need to apply for financial aid <u>every year</u> you are in college. • Deadline is March 2nd every year • Keep grades up to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress and keep your financial aid • Financial aid you receive is supposed to last the ENTIRE semester or quarter, so use it wisely! <p>California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth: Apply Here</p> <p>Application opens: Oct. 1</p>	<p><u>Finances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Get a checking account</u>, most universities will disburse your financial aid to your checking account so you will have immediate access your money • <u>Options for buying books</u>- try not to buy books at the bookstore, they are much cheaper online (ex: Chegg.com, Amazon.com, Half.com)- you can also rent and borrow books

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<p><u>University of California</u> Nine campuses, one application. Apply here: UC Application Application date: Oct. 1- Nov. 30</p> <p>Continue to check your portal for deadlines!</p>	<p><u>Right After Graduation</u> Make sure to send your final transcripts out to your university of choice by July 1st NO EXCEPTIONS. You can request them from the registrar's office. -Log on to your web grants account and click the icon to confirm that you have graduated with your graduation date.</p>
<p><u>California State University</u> Apply here for CSU (there are 23 CSU's) CSU Application Application date: Oct. 1- Nov. 30</p> <p>Continue to check the portal for deadlines!</p>	<p><u>Ask for HELP!</u> --First semester will be difficult. Many campuses offer free tutoring through their Student Support Services office. --Talk to your professors during their office hours. They are paid to be there for you, so use them!</p>
<p><u>For Other Colleges:</u> Apply here using the Common App</p>	<p><u>Collegeboard:</u> Check this site for SAT, College and Scholarship Search. Collegeboard</p>

Scholarship Search Engines:

- Fastweb: www.fastweb.com
- Going Merry : [Going Merry](#)
- College Board: [Bigfuture scholarships](#)
- QuestBridge: [Questbridge scholarship](#)
- Cappex: [Find Scholarships](#)
- Niche: [Niche College/Scholarship Search](#)
- Peterson's: [Petersons Scholarship Search](#)
- Undocumented Students and DACA
 - Immigrants Rising: www.e4fc.org
 - Mexican American Legal Defense Fund: www.maldef.org

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- The Dream US: www.thedream.us
- Golden Door Scholars: [Golden Door Scholarship](#)

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