



# COLLEGE APPLICATION & FINANCIAL AID LINKS & TIMELINES



OPEN DATE / DEADLINE

UC Application: Opened August 1.

You MUST submit your application by November 30, 2020.

All of you are applying as Freshmen, however; when it comes to inputting your high school and college classes you will need my help as it will be very confusing. You can start working on the Personal Insight Questions (PIQs) now as they usually take the longest. You MUST answer 4 of the 8 questions and you have a 350 word limit for each one.

CSU Application: the application does NOT open until October 1, 2020 as you are applying as first time freshmen. If you go the site you will see that Fall 2021 is not offered yet. The deadline to submit your CSU application is November 30, 2020.

As with the UC application, it will be very confusing and again, I will help you with how to input coursework when it comes time for that. There are not questions they will ask, it's just coursework since you do not need a test score to apply this year, due to COVID-19.

Common Application: You can start your application now if you choose to. You need to research the private colleges for their specific deadlines. Please use my email: [vistacounscommonapp@wccusd.net](mailto:vistacounscommonapp@wccusd.net) for common apps ONLY.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) & California Dream Act Application (CADAA):

You are applying for the 2021-2022 school year as that is when you will be starting college. The application does not open until October 1, 2020. The deadline to submit your FAFSA/CADAA is March 2, 2021. **YOU MUST APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID EVERY YEAR YOU ARE IN COLLEGE!** This means next year in October you will need to remember to file for FAFSA/CADAA when you're in college to get funds for the following school year.

CADAA is for any undocumented student. Reach out to me if this is your current status so I can help you and explain what this means.

All of you will need to start by creating an FSA ID. YOU will need one and one of your PARENTS will need a separate FSA ID to sign the documents when you finish applying for aid.

**REMINDERS:** There are application fees when you're applying to various colleges. I suggest you keep your list of colleges to no more than 6-8. Choose colleges you truly see yourself being at, not ones you really don't want to attend but you want to see if you can get into. In order to receive a fee waiver, you should've already filled out your School Lunch Application. That's how I can see if you qualify for fee waivers!



AUG 1 / NOV 30

Link to the PIQs (read the how-to tips):  
<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/personal-insight-questions.html>

Link to the How to apply for the UC Application:  
<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/>

CAL STATE APPLY OCT 1 / NOV 30

Link to CSU Apply  
<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/freshman>

Link to EOP Application (low income/1<sup>st</sup> generation)  
<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/freshman> (DUE: DEC 11)



AUG 1 / varies by college

Link to the Common Application:  
<https://www.commonapp.org/>



OCT 1 / MAR 2

*FAFSA/CADAA applications have NO FEES!! You should not be paying any money to apply for financial aid, ever.*

Link to create FSA IDs:  
<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Link to the FAFSA application:  
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>

Link to CADAA application:  
<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>



Link to the School Lunch Application:  
<https://www.applyforlunch.com/>