

The College Application Process



TN College and Career Center: College Counseling Support



- Support researching 2-year/4 year Colleges and Universities
- Application, Essay, Financial Aid, Scholarship Support
- Stop by the College and Career Center, Rm 209 during brunch and lunch for application support. Email questions to dspasic@jeffersonunion.net
- College and Career Google Classroom: Lots of Information, links, presentations, etc. posted on the google classroom.

Classcode: **4p7mnkc**

College Search Engines and DataBases



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- **California Colleges** <https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/>
All TN students have an account. Sign in with school email and password then under the College tab, click on the college search tool.
- **Big Future by Collegeboard** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search> Use select filters to narrow down college search
- **UC System** <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/>
Explore the 9 UC campuses
- **CSU System** <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/choosing-a-campus>
Explore CSU campuses from San Diego to Humboldt
- **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)** <https://wuesavingsfinder.wiche.edu/search-results.php>
Through WUE, eligible students can choose from hundreds of undergraduate programs outside their home state, and pay no more than 150 percent of that institution's resident tuition rate.
- **Colleges That Change Lives** <https://ctcl.org/category/college-profiles/> Their Mission: Colleges That Change Lives, Inc. (CTCL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement and support of a student-centered college search process. We support the goal of every student finding a college that develops a lifelong love of learning and provides the foundation for a successful and fulfilling life beyond college.
- **Fair Test** <https://www.fairtest.org/> On right side of website, click on searchable database of schools to learn about schools that are standard test optional

College Admission Glossary



- **Early Action (EA)** an option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. When you apply early action, you get admission decisions from colleges earlier than usual. Early action plans are not binding, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action.
- **Early Decision (ED)** An option to submit an application to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. When you apply early decision, you get an admission decision earlier than usual. **Early decision plans are binding.** You agree to enroll in the college immediately if admitted and offered a financial aid package that meets your needs.
- **(RD)** Regular Decision
- **Rolling Admissions** An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly.
- **Need Blind Admissions** A policy of making admission decisions without considering the financial circumstances of applicants. Colleges that use this policy may not offer enough financial aid to meet a student's full need.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/college-admission-glossary>

Application Portals



- UC: 9 campuses 1 application. Application opens up August 1st, Submit application October 1st -30th, click link to apply: [UC application](#)
- CalState Apply : 23 campuses 1 application. Application Filing Period October 1st - November 30th, click link to apply: [CalState Apply](#) We recommend launching your CSU application through California Colleges
- Common Application: over 900 college/universities : [Common App](#)
- Private/Out-of -State Colleges/Universities- apply directly through school's website

Changes in Standardized Testing in this Application Cycle



- **UC will not consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admissions decisions or awarding scholarships.** If you choose to submit test scores as part of your application, they may be used as an alternative method of fulfilling minimum requirements for eligibility or for course placement after you enroll.

[UC Exam requirement](#)

- **The California State University (CSU) no longer uses ACT or SAT examinations in determining admission eligibility for all CSU campuses.** If accepted to a CSU campus, ACT or SAT test scores can be used as one of the measures to place students in the proper mathematics and written communication courses.

[CSU Test Requirements](#)

- If you are applying to private or out of state schools, please check their application requirements to determine if SAT/ACT is required

College Essays



Begin working on College Essays:

[UC Personal Insight Questions](#)

1. You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions.
2. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.
3. Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you. However, you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.

[Common App Essay Prompts 2022-23](#)

1. 7 essay prompts- choose 1
2. There are no strict word limits. The Common App suggests that for the first essay (where you choose one of the seven prompts), the extended essay stay around 650 words. [How to Approach the Common App Personal Statement Prompts](#)
3. [How to Approach the Common App Personal Statement Prompts](#)

Community College Information



There are 116 community colleges in California. Below is information on 4 local schools.

- [Skyline College | San Bruno CA , Degrees and Certificates | Academics , Transfer Center | Transfer Center](#)
- [College of San Mateo , Degrees & Certificates , Transfer Services at College of San Mateo - Overview](#)
- [Cañada College , Transfer | Cañada College Overview | Transfer Center | Cañada College](#)
- [CCSF Home | CCSF , CCSF Home Degrees, Certificates & Transfer](#)

**The Community College Matriculation process usually has 7 steps.
(Check individual Community Colleges Website for Matriculation Steps)**

- Apply Online
- Sign Up for Financial Aid -Submit the FAFSA or California Dream Act
- Complete Orientation -Attend New Student Orientation -have been held in-person and virtually
- Complete Assessment- Use assessment measure to determine English, Math or ESOL placement
- Meet with a Counselor - Create a Student Educational Plan
- Register and Pay for Classes
- Send Transcripts to school

(Fall 2022-23 application will open up in the Fall of 2022)

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)



[FAFSA® Application](#) - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2022-23 academic year opens up on October 1, 2022.

[Create an FSA ID Account](#) - The Student and Parent/Guardian will need to create an FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID) before beginning the FAFSA Application.

[FAFSA and FSA ID Tips for Parents](#) - A valid social security number is needed to create a FSA ID...this video clip includes information towards end of video about parents/guardians who do not have a social security number and to sign the FAFSA

[Understand Financial Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) - Learn about the different types of federal financial aid.

- [Grants](#) are a form of financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid
- [Loans](#) - When you receive a student loan, you are borrowing money to attend a college or career school. You must repay the loan as well as interest that accrues.
- [Work Study](#) - The Federal Work-Study Program allows you to earn money to pay for school by working part-time.

[Help Center-FAFSA](#)

California Dream Act



[CA Dream Act Application](#)

Completion of the California Dream Act Application is required to determine financial aid for California AB540 eligible students. Your application will be processed by the California Student Aid Commission. The CA Dream Act application for the 2022-23 academic year opens up on October 1, 2022

Ways to Support Student during College research and application cycle



- Help student keep track of deadlines and applications organized
- Supporting your student in filing for Financial Aid: FAFSA or CADAA
- Extra -curricular activities: Virtual volunteer experience (Pacifica School Volunteer) (See college and career google classroom)
- Creating school list towards end of Junior year, during summer before senior year (help make process more seamless)

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- College Information
- Upcoming Events
- Financial Aid Information
- Trade/Vocational/CTE
- Volunteer/Internship Opportunities
- Work permits
- Job Listing
- Scholarships
- TN Student/Family Workshops
- And more!

Any Questions?



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