
College Applications

University of California (UC)

- **Apply November 1st – November 30th**
- Must answer 4 (out of 8) Personal Insight Questions
- Self-report grades, activities and awards (do not need to send transcripts when applying)
- **Enter coursework as Semester (NOT trimester)**
- Letters of Recommendation not required
- SAT/ACT - Test optional
- Use 1 application to apply to all UC's
- **Cost - \$70 per school**
- To apply: [UC Application](#)

California State University (CSU)

- **Apply October 1st – December 4th**
- No essays or Letters of Recommendation required
- Self-report grades (do not need to send transcripts when applying)
- **Enter coursework as Semester (NOT trimester)**
- Use 1 application to apply to all CSU's
- **Cost - \$70 per school**
- To apply: [Cal State Application](#)

Direct to Institution

- Apply directly to institution
- Deadlines/fees depend on college
- May require essays or other supplemental materials

Common Application (CommonApp)

- One application for more than 750 colleges.
- 7 essay prompts, you choose 1
- Usually need at least 1 Letter of Recommendation
- Deadlines/application fees vary by college
- Many colleges require supplemental materials (additional essay questions, academic resume, etc.)
- Usually need to send transcript
- To apply: [CommonApp](#)

Community College

- Applications accepted year-round, however students should apply by March to be eligible for priority class registration
- No essays, SAT/ACT scores necessary
- Free to apply
- For more information & to apply: [Ventura County Community Colleges](#)

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:

Systems have been known to slow down or crash near deadline dates.

College Applications Tips:

UC/CSU:

Enter coursework as **SEMESTER**, *not* Trimester or your classes will not calculate correctly to meet A-G requirements.

- On UC application, check box "Semester -- 2 final grades per year"
- On CSU application, select Semester as "Term Type"
- Make sure you enter the high school correctly on the applications so that the classes auto-populate. Both UC and CSU use this site when looking at courses offered at RCHS:
[RCHS A-G Course List](#)
- All courses and grades are self-reported. **DO NOT send transcripts** when submitting the applications (unless specifically requested.)

CommonApp:

- Counselors can electronically send transcripts through CommonApp. Be sure to add your counselor to your CommonApp, then follow up with an email to the counselor that includes the school's deadline.

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