

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS & TIMELINE

Common Application: (CA) 700+ Private Universities and Out-of-State Colleges → Application Requires: Letters of Recommendation, Essays, Supplements, *Standardized Test Scores (ACT/SAT)*, *if required by the colleges on your list*

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

- Common Application (rolls over to new application): August 1
- Submit Common Application: August 1 – see school specific deadlines

Common Black College Application (CBCA) 67 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) → Application Requires: Letters of Recommendation, Essays, Supplements, *Standardized Test Scores (ACT/SAT)*, *if required by the colleges on your list*

<https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

- Application due date varies by institution, between November 1st and January 1st
- Apply to up to 67 HBCUs for only one application fee of \$20

University of California: (UC) System-Wide Application – 9 campuses → Application Requires: Personal Insight Questions (4 Short Essays). No Test Scores!

<https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

- UC Application Opens: August 1
- Submit UC Application: Oct. 1 – Nov. 30

California State University: (CSU) System-Wide Application – 23 Campuses → Application Requires: No Test Scores! No Essays!

www.calstate.edu/Apply

- CSU Application Opens: Oct. 1
- Submit CSU Application: Oct. 1 – Nov. 30

California Community Colleges: CCC Apply Application – 112 campuses → Application Only Required. No Test Scores! No Essays!

<http://home.cccapply.org/>

- Submit CCC Application(s): December 1 - March

Summer & Senior Year College Application Process Timeline:

Spring or Summer → *If required, take the college entrance test of your choice: ACT or SAT* **May-June** → Draft your college essays and continue editing over the summer **July** → Narrow down and finalize your Balanced College List

August 1 → Begin college applications for UC & Common Application

October 1 → Begin/Submit CSU applications & UC applications

October 1 → Begin either your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): www.fafsa.gov or your California Dream Act Application (CADAA): <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>, depending on eligibility

November 1 → Submit UC/CSU Applications and the Common Application for any “Early Action” (non-binding) or “Early Decision” (binding) application deadlines

December → *Last time to take or re-take the ACT or SAT, if required by a college on your list!*

December-January → Submit Common App for any “Regular Admission” deadlines **Winter Break** → Early Action & Early Decision notifications released

January – March → Submit Community College Applications

March-April → Admissions decisions released for UC/CSU & Common App Regular Decision Admissions

May 1 → College Decision Day: Last day to commit to your college!