College Application Cheat Sheet 2024 - 2025

Private and Out of State Universities

Application portal
Common Application
Coalition Application
Or directly to the college's website

Deadline
Application platforms/deadlines vary, pay close attention and check individual college website, early, regular, rolling deadlines

Application
Comprehensive applications - academic history, activities, awards, generally one main essay, supplemental essays for each college, interview may be optional/required

Official transcripts needed, letters of recommendations from teacher(s) and counselor (submit brag sheet in Naviance to your counselor) Request letters of rec by appropriate deadlines

*SAT/ACT (accepted, optional, required, may vary) check each college

University of California

Application portal
UC Application

Deadline
Application open August 1
Submit October 1 - November 30

One deadline, no early application priority
Apply to any/all campuses - one application
(unless stated by specialized program)

Application
Comprehensive application - academic history, personal insight questions, activities and awards, additional information, choose campus/primary/alternate major

Official transcripts NOT required at time of application

Letters of recommendation NOT accepted*
*exception UC Berkeley MAY ask for a letter of recommendation AFTER you apply

No SAT/ACT

California State University

Application Portal
Cal State Application

Deadline
October 1 - November 30
One deadline, no early application priority (unless stated by specialized program)

Application
Straightforward application - need to report A-G coursework and grades, choose campus/major, no essay

Official transcripts NOT required at the time of application

Letters of recommendation NOT accepted

No SAT/ACT

Community College

Application Portal
California Community Colleges

Deadline
Applications begin opening January - February of Senior year, rolling deadline, earlier you apply, the earlier registration date for classes choice

Application
Application is straightforward and simple

Transcripts, SAT/ACT, recommendation letters and essays are NOT required

Look for honors/scholars programs within each community college at their website for additional opportunities and deadlines

There are over 100 community colleges in California

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International Universities	**Key Application Support Tips**
Application Application portals vary, check the country/university UK universities: UCAS **Helpful place to start!!** Guide to International Admissions **Deadline** Deadlines vary, pay close attention and organize, check individual college website, Med/Dental apps typically earlier **Application** Often more straightforward, test scores, SAT/ACT, AP exams utilized - typically very clear depending on the major (course) you're applying to, IF there is a personal statement the essay is more what you want to study and straightforward Admission counselors often recruit and help international students, reach out directly to the university you're interested in	**Apply** Average 5-10 colleges, balanced list, be realistic about time on each app, admission chances and selectivity **Attend** Senior meeting with counselor, college counselor meeting/drop-in College and Career Center Attend college essay workshops, application workshops in College and Career Center **Gather Information** Request information from the university, attend the college visits at Beverly to hear from your college Review majors/programs of EACH college **Naviance** Add your college list in Naviance Use scattergrams and admissions data to estimate chances of admission **Organize** Use an excel spreadsheet or notebook to keep track of dates and deadlines