



COLLEGE APP RESOURCE GUIDE

Scan the QR codes next to each of the applications to access more details on successfully completing each application! Scan the QR on the right to access the home page, which include a calendar of college visits and deadlines.



PHS COLLEGE APP GUIDE
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

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- Starting August 1: Create your UC Application account and start inputting your information (apply.universityofcalifornia.edu)
- Work on drafts of your UC Personal Insight Questions (answer 4 out of 8 short answer essays)
- October 1-December 2: Submit your UC Application

Reminders

Use 1 application to apply to any of the 9 campuses

- \$70 fee per campus, but students who qualify for fee waivers due to family income can apply to up to 4 UC's for free

No need to submit official transcripts or AP exam scores when applying

- You must self-report your grades and AP scores, and you will be required to submit your final transcript and AP scores once you commit to the school

PRIVATE/OUT-OF-STATE

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- Determine which application you need to complete by referencing the colleges' websites.
 - Many colleges utilize either the Common Application (commonapp.org) or Coalition Application (coalitionforcollegeaccess.org), while others have individual applications.
- Check to see if letters of recommendation are needed from your counselor and teachers.
- Complete any essays (including supplemental essays) for colleges that require them.
- Submit your official transcript along with your application if necessary
- Submit your standardized test scores (SAT/ACT) for colleges that still require them

CAL STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

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- Create and input information in your CSU Application Account (Starting October 1)
- October 1-December 2: Submit CSU Application

Reminders

Use 1 application to apply to any of the 23 campuses

- \$70 fee per campus, but students who qualify for fee waivers due to family income can apply to up to 4 CSU's for free

No need to submit official transcripts or AP exam scores when applying

- You must self-report your grades and AP scores, and you will be required to submit your final transcript and AP scores once you commit to the school

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Reminders

Admissions criteria

- High School Diploma or equivalent or be 18 years of age or older. There is no application fee.

Complete the admissions steps listed on the community college websites

Apply by priority registration deadline

- Priority registration allows students to enroll in courses early before classes become full



**Considering alternative options (gap year, trade school, military, etc)?
Contact our College and Career Coordinator Mrs. Yang for information!**

REQUESTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

In order to request letters of recommendation, you will first need to match your Common App Account with Naviance



- Log onto Naviance
- Click on Colleges > Colleges I'm Applying To Click the "Match Accounts" button
- Log on to your Common App account to complete the matching process

Requesting a Teacher Recommendation

Request as soon as 1st day of school (August 20)

- Request a letter of recommendation from your teacher (either in-person or email)
- Complete the letter of recommendation Google Form (see below to create a copy) or other method that the teacher requests

Requesting a Counselor Recommendation

Window to request letter: August 26-September 30

- Finalize your college list by adding them to "Colleges I'm Applying To" and include which deadlines you plan to meet on Naviance
- Update your resume with your activities, awards, and accomplishments on Naviance
- Complete your "PHS Letter of Recommendation Survey" on Naviance
- Make your letter of rec request with Counseling Clerk Ms. Phoebe in the Counseling Office

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

Please note that you will NOT need to request transcripts when applying to UC/CSU schools (send final transcript if you have committed to a UC/CSU school) or a college you are applying to via Naviance (your counselor will be submitting your transcript on your behalf).

You can submit your request electronically via **Portola's Parchment page: tiny.one/PHSTranscript**



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

December: You can start applying for federal financial aid via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (studentaid.gov) and private financial aid via CSS Profile (cssprofile.collegeboard.org)

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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