



UNIVERSITY
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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TOGETHER

Senior/Junior Parent Night

Agenda

- Sober Grad Announcements
- Letters & Important Dates
- College application process
- Resources available to help
- Financial Aid



- Senior Letter
 - [Senior Letter- Class of 2025](#)
- Junior Letter
 - [Junior Letter- Class of 2026](#)
- Senior Transition
 - Scholarship List
 - Admissions/Applications
 - Career Assessment
 - Financial Aid- FSA ID
 - Senior Exit Presentation
 - Budget



Stay Connected!

- ★ *Information posted outside of the SSC and in 183*
- ★ *Bulletin*
- ★ *Check your emails- Parentsquare*
- ★ *Class of 2025 & 2026 Google Classroom*



Dates to Remember

- PSAT- Sophomores & Juniors October 16, 2024
- SAT School Day for Seniors October 21, 2024
- CSU Application Filing Period Oct. 1-Dec. 2, 2024
- UC Application Filing Period Oct. 1-Dec. 2, 2024
- FAFSA Open For Submission December, 2024
- Financial Aid Night hosted by College Options December 5, 2024
 - Marr Auditorium at 5:30 PM
- Yearbook Grad Ad Deadline February 6, 2025
- Senior Exit Presentations March 24, 2025
- SAT School Day Spring 2025
- AP Testing May 5-16, 2025
- Senior Awards Ceremony May 23, 2025 (Friday)
- Senior Graduation Ceremony May 30, 2025



Post Secondary Options

4 Year University or College

UC

CSU

Private

Out of State

Community College

Certificates

Transfer Degree

AA, AS

Tech/Vocational School

Culinary

Diesel Mechanic

Lineman School

Armed Services

Air Force

Army

Marines

Navy

Coast Guard

Space Force



College Process

- What might be a good fit for one student, may not be a good fit for another student.
- What college is best for your student?
 - A big school or a small school?
 - Community College
 - In state or out of state
 - Do you meet their admissions criteria?
 - Financial Fit
 - Do they offer your major/degree?
 - Lots to consider!

A good “fit” is a college where a student will be engaged – in class and out – by what the college has to offer.



College Process

Safety

- Very Qualified
- Confident of Acceptance
- Willing to attend if admitted

Target

- Qualifications have been met
- Fairly certain of acceptance
- Willing to attend if admitted

Reach

- May be qualified/ highly competitive
- Low acceptance rate
- Would love to attend if admitted
- Target vs. Reach- With high number of applicants some target schools may be considered a “reach”

Apply Broadly

“Selective Majors” may play a part!



A-G Requirements

- a. History/Social Science - 2 years required
- b. English - 4 years required
- c. Mathematics - 3 years required, 4 years recommended
- d. Lab Science - 2 years required, 3 years recommended
- e. Language Other Than English - 2 years, 3 recommended
- f. Visual and Performing Arts - 1 year required
- g. College Preparatory Electives - 1 year required

A grade of C or better is required for each course to meet any A-G subject requirement.



APPLICATION TYPE:

University of California



One application

Requirements:

**Must have a 3.0 or above
A-G courses**

**Personal Insight Questions
Comprehensive Review**

NO transcripts or letters of
recommendation accepted at time of
application

Application

About you

Personal information



CCGI ->

What is your name?

We'd like to know your legal name - the name that appears on official documents, like your birth certificate, passport or driver's license - and your preferred name, if you have one. A preferred name is the name you wish to be known or identified by that is different than your legal name.

First/Given name *

Middle name

Last / Family / Surname *

Suffix

-- select --



▼ About you

> Campuses & majors

> Academic history

> Test scores

> Activities & awards

> Scholarships & programs

> Personal insight

Review & submit



Personal Insight Questions

- 8 questions to choose from. Must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions.
- Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.
- All questions are equal. All are given equal consideration in the application review process
- There is no right or wrong way to answer these questions. It's about getting to know your personality, background, interests and achievements in your own unique voice.

★ PIQ Guide

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/assets/files/how-to-apply/uc-personal-questions-guide-freshman.pdf>

★ College & Career Options will review PIQ responses



Personal Insight Questions

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.
7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?



What is UC looking for?



Commitment

How long has the student been doing that activity?
How much time has been committed to it?



Progression

Has the student worked on a particular skill or activity?
Can they demonstrate growth over time?



Leadership

How has the student demonstrated leadership?
What roles have they held?

Application

Application is currently open

<https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>

Submit application

October 1st – December 2nd

Fee \$80 per application

Fee waivers available-Apply through the application



University of California

UNIVERSITY
OF
CALIFORNIA

Admissions

Requirements

How to apply

Tuition & financial aid

Campuses & majors

Apply now



**Ready for your next challenge?
The application is now open.**

Get your UC application in by November 30, and take the first step toward a UC degree.

Get started



Application Type: California State University

One application

Requirements:

GPA

A-G courses

Supplemental Factors

Campuses and programs designated as impacted may utilize higher “a-g” GPA thresholds for applicants, as well as identify supplemental criteria and their relative weights, in making admission decisions.

<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/degrees-certificates-credentials/Pages/impacted-degrees.aspx>

NO transcripts or letters of recommendation accepted
at time of application



Application

Apply online October 1st –December 2nd

<https://www.calstate.edu/apply>

Fee \$70 per application

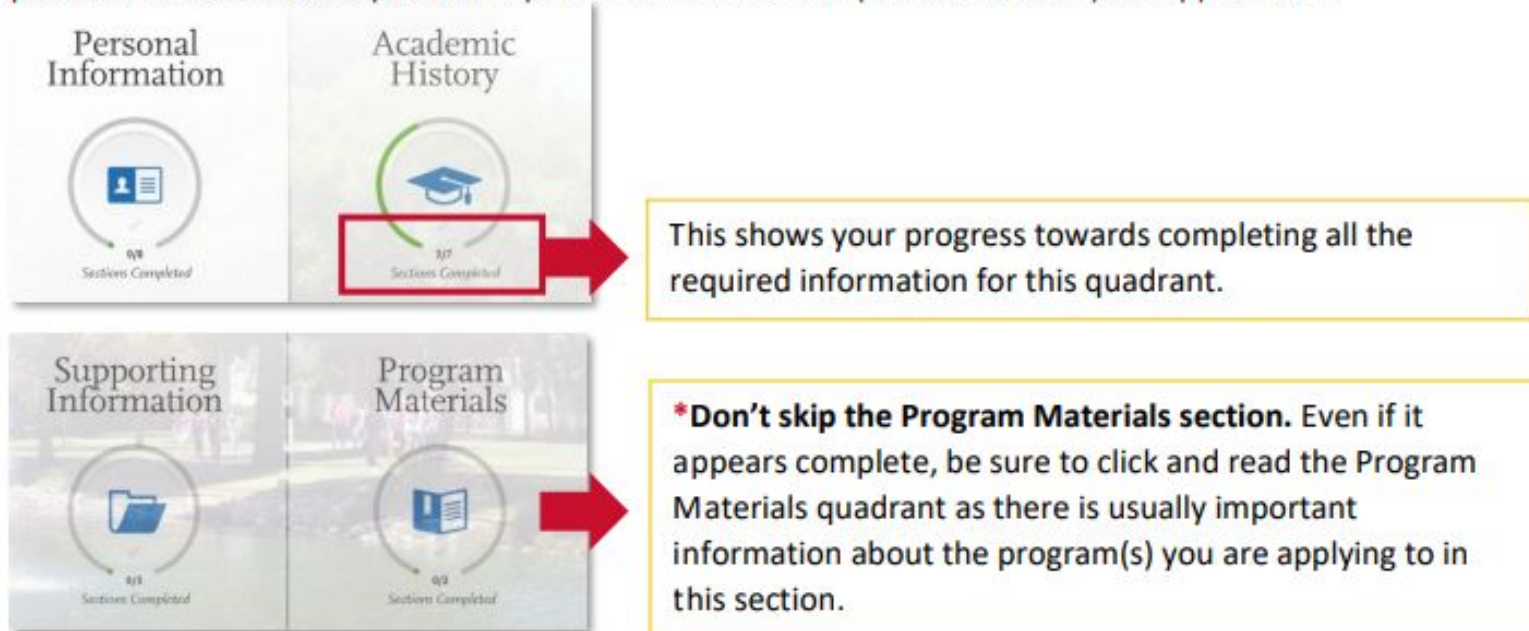
Fee waivers available-Apply through the application



Application

The four parts (quadrants) of your application

Click the **My Application** tab to complete the rest of your application. You must complete all sections for a quadrant to show as complete. All quadrants must be complete to submit your application.



California State University



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CAL STATE **APPLY**



Application Type:

Private/Out-of-state Colleges and Universities



**Check out WUE for out of
state schools!**

Many private/out of state colleges
use Common Application:

www.commonapp.org

Requirements:

Letters of recommendation/s

Counselor recommendation

(complete letter of rec form)

Essays

Official transcripts

Comprehensive review

** If a school is NOT listed on CommonApp,
their application will be on their website.*

Dashboard

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Common App

College Search

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Profile

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Education

Testing

Activities

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Courses & Grades
0 college(s) require

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Personal Information ▾

Address ▾

Contact Details ▾

Demographics ▾

Geography ▲

Birth country/region/territory*

Choose an option ▾

City of birth*

Instructions and Help



I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?

You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the

Common App tab for future

[Read more](#)

What are the hours for Applicant Chat?

Chat is available* Monday-Friday, 12pm-8pm Eastern Time (excluding holidays).

Click on the "Contact

[Read more](#)



Application

1. Gather materials-The information you'll need to complete your applications
2. Create an account-Get started at any time
3. Add colleges-Start building your My Colleges list
4. Engage supporters-Collaborate with counselors, teachers, and more
5. Understanding requirements-Keep track of each college's unique application requirements
6. Plan essays-Organize and plan for your writing prompts
7. Submit your application-Review and submit your application



Application

Common Application:

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

Deadlines vary

Always contact individual college Admissions Office for
information

Some colleges have earlier deadlines for scholarship consideration,
art Supplements/portfolios or athletic recruitment



Early Decision vs. Early Action

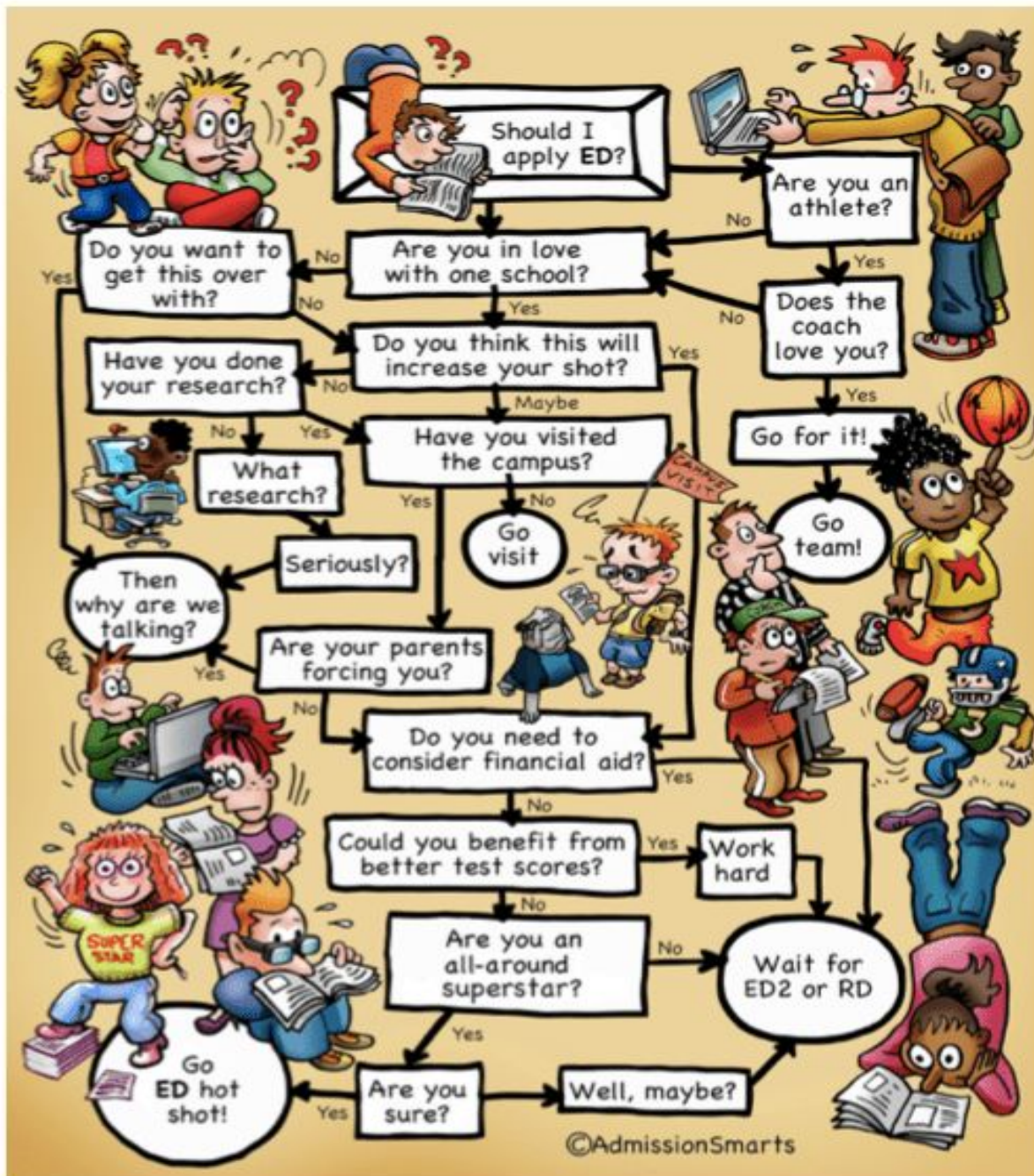
Early Decision

- 1st choice
- Strong application
 - Even without 1st semester grades
 - Testing completed
- Binding commitment
 - Must withdraw other applications, if admitted

Early Action

- Interested in early notification
- Strong application
 - Even without 1st semester grades
 - Testing completed
- Can still apply to other colleges and learn admission decisions (and financial aid awards) before deciding where to accept admission





Common Application

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Your future starts here

Whether you're applying to college for the first time or looking to complete your degree, Common App will help you reach new heights.

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Letter of Recommendations

Date of Submission: _____



Letter of Recommendation Form

Seniors: Letters of recommendation are very important to the college admissions process. Colleges value a letter that shares insight beyond grades on a potential admissions candidate. We try our best to write the most complete letter possible on your behalf. The more thorough you are in completing this form, the more information we will have in writing your recommendation.

This form is **REQUIRED** to write a letter of recommendation.

***IMPORTANT: 2 OR 3 WEEKS NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO REQUEST A LETTER
OF RECOMMENDATION!**

Student Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Scholastic Information:

Potential Major: _____

Application Type:

California Community Colleges

There are 116 colleges to choose from

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

No minimum GPA
Test Scores are not required





Shasta College

- ★ Shasta College Counselors visit Fall and Spring semesters
- ★ Shasta Promise
 - FREE college tuition
 - First 2 years
- ★ Requirements Include:
 - Apply for FAFSA
 - Register for 12 units or more
 - Complete new student orientation
 - Complete Ed-plan with counselor
 - Meetings held at U-Prep



California Community College

 Your online gateway to the
California Community Colleges

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Learn about the colleges and their wide-

Apply

[Admission Applications](#)

All U.S. residents should use the standard

Financial Aid

[Can I Afford College?](#)

Yes, you can! We'll show you how.



**RESOURCES TO HELP DURING THE
APPLICATION PROCESS!**





CCGI Student & Parent Accounts

To Create a CCGI Parent Account follow the steps below

- Go to California Colleges-CCGI
- Select “Register Your Account”
- Select “I am a parent/guardian”
- Enter District (Shasta Union High)
- Enter School (University Preparatory School)
- Enter Child’s information (will need student ID#)



COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS



Fall 2024

SENIOR TRANSITION + COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

When & Where

October 3rd
October 11th
October 17th
November 1st
November 5th
November 13th
November 19th
November 20th
November 22nd

During Lunch
1:09-1:39 PM
Room 183

Need help filling out college applications?
Attend one of these Drop-In Workshops!

College & Career Options



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Financial Aid

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Career Exploration

Events ▾

Contact

(530) 244-4022

College & Career Options Departments

College Admission

Career Exploration

Financial Aid



Support During College Application Process

- Discuss
 - Post-Secondary plans/options
 - college selection
 - number of applications
 - financial aid
- Encourage “thank-yous” for letters of recommendations & Scholarships
- Encourage student to use an appropriate email address
- Use transcript when completing applications
- Review applications before submission
- Support during acceptance/non-acceptance application process



Junior Year Timeline

- Explore post-secondary options
- Continue to take challenging classes and earn good grades.
- Get involved in school and your community! Colleges and scholarship programs look at extracurricular activities. What did you do in those activities? How did you contribute?
- Begin taking a more serious look at colleges and universities. Gather information about admissions, financial aid, and campus life. Begin to get a feel for college life.
- Visit as many potential university/college campuses as possible, talk with admissions counselors.
 - ***U-Prep College Trips***
- If needed, register for the SAT or ACT in the spring.
- Seek out summer program opportunities: college course/s, summer programs for high school students, work, internships, community service, college tours/visits.
- *Advice from seniors* Start a google sheet listing information about what you have done in high school (awards, honors, recognitions, hobbies, activities, work experience).
- Explore your interests and possible careers. ***College & Career Options provides free career exploration and advising.***

Summer after junior year

- Start working on Essays/PIQs,
- *Advice from seniors* Start a google sheet with college list, deadlines, requirements for applications, etc.



PSAT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

- The 2026 Competition Begins in 2024
 - The 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is the qualifying test for entry to the 2026 National Merit® Scholarship Program.
 - The competition will span about 18 months from entry in the fall of 2024 until the spring of 2026 when scholarships for college undergraduate study will be awarded.
 - It is expected that about 3.5 million students will take the PSAT/NMSQT in 2024, and approximately 1.3 million of them will meet requirements to enter this program.
 - Types of Scholarships
 - Some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships of three types and approximately 740 Special Scholarships will be awarded in 2026; these 7,880 awards will have a combined value of over \$35 million. Different types of scholarships will be offered, but no student can receive more than one monetary award from NMSC.

Testing

ACT

- Spring of Junior year/Fall Senior year
- Register online

SAT

- Spring of Junior Year/Fall Senior year
- Register online for weekend test dates
- SAT School Day



Student Athletes

Student athletes-

- Register with NCAA
 - www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Register with NAIA
 - <https://play.mynaia.org/>





Admissions Representative Visit Information



UC San Diego

Wednesday, September 11th from 1:09-1:39 PM in Room 183

Point Loma University

Thursday, September 19th from 1:09-1:39 PM in Room 183

Shasta Builders Exchange (The Trade School)

Thursday, October 3rd from 1:09-1:39 in Room 183

UC Merced

Tuesday, October 8th from 1:09-1:39 PM

Virtual Meeting

<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/8860379809>

Meeting ID: 886 037 9809

UC Santa Cruz

Wednesday, October 16th from 1:09-1:39 PM in Room 183

University of Nevada, Reno & Oregon State University

Wednesday, November 20th from 1:45 PM- 2:15 PM in Room 183

Universal Technical Institute

For Students. For Industry. For Success.

4100 Duckhorn Dr.

Sacramento, CA 95834

Events-

September 28th – Open House

College Quest 2024 College Fair

A Free Event at Shasta College
October 14, 2024 5:30-7:30pm

40+ Colleges &
Universities

Private & Out of
State Schools

Military Service
Information

Financial Aid
Information

Tech & Trade
Schools

UC & CSU
Schools



SAVE THE DATE



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October 2:00pm-4:00pm

Redding, CA

STORY Info Session & College Fair 2024

University Preparatory
School (053912)
2200 Eureka Way
Redding, CA 96001-0337
United States

REGISTER NOW



Join admissions representatives

from dozens of colleges and universities to learn about holistic admissions, creating a college list, and applying for admission and financial aid. The STORY program includes a 45-minute admissions info session and a 75-minute college fair featuring selective research universities, public institutions, and liberal arts colleges nationwide.

With Leading Universities:

Barnard College, Caltech, Case Western Reserve University, Colby College, College of Holy Cross, Colorado College, Harvard College, Johns Hopkins University, MIT, Northwestern University, New York University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Princeton University, Rice University, Smith College, Swarthmore College, Tufts University, University of Chicago, University of Iowa, University of Michigan, University of Notre Dame, University of Southern California, Vanderbilt University, Wellesley College, Williams College, and Yale University.

Financial Aid Updates!

New CA Assembly Bill 469

- FAFSA or CADAA completion
- Requires schools to track and report filing status for all seniors
- Information sent home in senior letter
 - Opt-out form- Parents are able to indicate they will not file the FAFSA

There have been significant changes happening to the FAFSA!

Some of the biggest changes are listed below

- Available to fill out in December, 2024
- Reduction of questions from 108 to 36
- Replacing EFC with Student Aid Index (SAI)
- Direct connect with IRS



What is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid?

Collects

Student and parent income, tax, assets, and household information

Determines

Eligibility for need-based student financial aid from:

- Federal government
- State government
- Most colleges and universities

Calculates

Student Aid Index (SAI), a measure of the family's financial strength

- Gateway to need-based student financial aid from:
 - Federal Government
 - State Government
 - Colleges & Universities



WHAT IS COST OF ATTENDANCE? (COA)



Tuition and fees



Housing and food



Books and supplies



Transportation



Miscellaneous and personal



Comparison- COAs

Shasta College (CA Community College)
\$13,424*

CSU Chico (CA Public 4-year)
\$26,728**

UC Davis (CA Public 4-year)
\$38,956**

University of the Pacific (Private)
\$72,374**

*Living with parent

**Living on Campus



FINANCIAL AID OFFERS



- Applied to the school
 - + accepted to the school
 - + listed the school on your FAFSA (can list up to 20)
 - = You will get a Financial Aid Offer from the school

- Example:

COA	\$29,000	(School Cost of Attendance)
-SAI	<u>- \$ 4,000</u>	(Your Student Aid Index)
Financial Need	\$25,000	

- Schools offer varying amounts of financial aid, some more generous than others
- Applying to multiple schools gives you more financial aid offers to consider



StudentAid.gov Account Needed to File FAFSA (Also Called the FSA ID)

**STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE
IN SENIOR TRANSITION!**

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to apply for, receive, and manage your federal student aid.

[Get Started](#)

Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Do With Your Account

You must have an account to do the following:

- Fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form online
- Complete other online forms (such as the *Master Promissory Note*) required to receive aid
- Review the federal student aid you've received

What You'll Need

- Your Social Security number (if applicable)
- Your own email address

Federal Student Aid
Help Line

(800) 4-FED-AID

(800-433-3243)



Which of a Dependent Student's Parents Need an FSA ID?

If parents are
married

+ File taxes together
=
only one parent
needs an account

OR

+ DIDN'T file
taxes together
=
both parents
need accounts

If parents are
unmarried
+ living together

Both parents
need accounts



If parents are
divorced/separated
+ NOT living together

The parent who provided
more financial support
in the last 12 months
needs an account

OR

If that parent remarried
+ DIDN'T file taxes together
=
both the parent and step-
parent need accounts



Financial Aid Night

U-Prep Financial Aid Night hosted by College & Career Options

December 5, 2024

5:30 PM

David Marr Auditorium



Thank you!

