



## Important Events for Senior Students and Parents

- **SPSV Annual College Fair:** Thursday, September 5th, 2019: 6-7:30PM (Gym and Cafeteria)
- **MANDATORY Senior College Application and Essay Workshop:** Wednesday, October 16th, 9AM - 12PM
- **Cash 4 College, FAFSA Financial Aid Information Night:** Wednesday, November 20th, 6-7:30pm (Library)  
Filing period for FAFSA and Cal Grant Verification Form opens October 1, 2019 through March 2, 2020.  
*More information provided below.*
- **Individual Counseling Appointments:** with College Counselor, August-December.
- **Weekly College Rep Visits to SPSV:** September through March. All visit dates/times are available in the Counseling Department and through Advisory.
- **Personal College Application Assistance:** available every day during break, lunch and individual drop in's in the Counseling Department.

**College Entrance Test Dates:** All schools accept scores from SAT or ACT exams. Students are encouraged to take exams more than once. 1st time during Junior year and again during Senior year through December.

**SAT** (register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))

Test dates: August 24, October 5, November 2, and December 7, 2019 / March 14, May 2, June 6, 2020

*SAT Subject Test are not required for UC's* however, some campuses recommend that freshman applicants interested in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency.

**Please check each school's requirement before applying.**

**ACT** (register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))

Test dates: September 14, October 26, and December 14, 2019 / February 8, April 4, June 13, July 18, 2020

### **Application Deadlines:**

**University of California:** Applications are available to open **NOW**; Application submission Nov. 1- Nov. 30, 2019.

Late applications are not accepted. ([www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply))

**California State University:** The Fall 2020 application will be available on October 1, 2019. Application submission October 1 - November 30, 2019. ([www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply))

**Private/Independent Colleges and Universities: Varies by School.** Applications are available online now! Most private colleges and universities use the Common Application. Early Action and Early Decision dates: Nov. 1st or Nov. 15th. Regular decision Dec. 1, Jan. 1, Jan. 15, Feb. 1 or even later; check individual college's website for exact deadline. ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))

### **Financial Aid:**

**The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, more commonly known as the FAFSA, is available beginning October 1. Filling out the FAFSA is required to access any of the billions of dollars that get handed out each year in college grants, loans, and work study awards.**

The application opens October 1, 2019 - March 2, 2020

**CSS/Financial Aid/PROFILE:** Additional application required for many private colleges and universities (register at <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>). Check with individual school to see if this is required.

# College Application Timeline: 12th Grade

## FALL

- **Narrow your list of colleges to between five and 10.** Meet with a counselor about your college choices.
- **Take the SAT or ACT one more time:** Many seniors retake the SAT/ACT in the fall. Last date for testing is Dec.
- **Be sure** to have your entrance exam test scores sent to the colleges you're applying to. There is a cost to send scores.
- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** To apply for most financial aid, you'll need to complete the FAFSA. October 1 is the first day you can file the FAFSA.
- **Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®:** PROFILE is an online application used by certain colleges and scholarship programs to determine eligibility for their aid dollars.
- **Prepare** early decision/early action or rolling admission applications as soon as possible. Colleges may require test scores and applications between November 1 and November 15 for early decision admission.
- **Ask a counselor or teacher for recommendations** if you need them. Give each teacher or counselor an outline (Brag Sheet) of your academic record and your extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, please allow 3 weeks notice before the due date.
- **Write first drafts** and ask teachers and others to read them if you're submitting essays. If you're applying for early decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- **Complete** at least two college applications by Thanksgiving.
- **Request Transcripts** to be sent to colleges. Applications through Common will be completed by Mrs. Smith. Please contact Mrs. Delgado, Registrar, to request hard copies to be sent to all other schools.
- **Keep a Record** of all Usernames and Passwords created for applications.

## WINTER

- **Complete all Applications** by the deadlines provided.
- **Keep copies** as you finish and send your applications and essays.
- **Have your high school send a transcript** – it is sent separately by mail to colleges if you apply online to colleges.
- **Apply for Scholarships**

## SPRING

- **Keep active in school.** If you are waitlisted, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and the time you learned of its decision.
- **Visit your final college before accepting.** You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. Notify your counselor of your choice.
- **Inform every college** of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid by May 1. Colleges cannot require your deposit or your commitment to attend before May 1. Talk to your counselor or adviser if you have questions.
- **Send your deposit** to one college only.
- **Waitlisted by a college?** If you intend to enroll if you are accepted, tell the admission director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you're accepted.
- **Make an appointment with a college admission counselor** to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.
- **Notify your high school** to send a final transcript to your college.
- **Review your financial aid awards:** Not all financial aid awards are the same, so it's important to choose the aid package that's best for you and your family. Be sure to note what you have to do to continue receiving financial aid from year to year, and how your aid might change in future years.