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HOW TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE

SAT AND ACT TEST DATES

*Seniors, must take SAT or ACT by December

COST: \$64.50

LATE FEE: \$30

SAT Test Date	SAT Registration Deadline
September 26, 2020	Sept. 15 th , 2020
October 3, 2020	Sept. 22, 2020
November 7, 2020	October 27, 2020
December 5, 2020	Nov. 24, 2020
March 13, 2021	March 2 nd , 2021
May 8, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 26, 2021

COST: \$68

LATE FEE: \$30

ACT Test Date	ACT Registration Deadline
December 12, 2020	
February 6, 2021	
April 17, 2021	
June 12, 2021	

SAT and ACT Fee Waiver

- If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you can receive up to 2 fee waivers for the SAT and/or ACT per school year (one for the fall semester and one for the spring semester). See Ms. Ward in the Success Center to obtain the fee waiver. The sooner, the better because once Ms. Ward runs out, we **DO NOT** get any more for the school year!

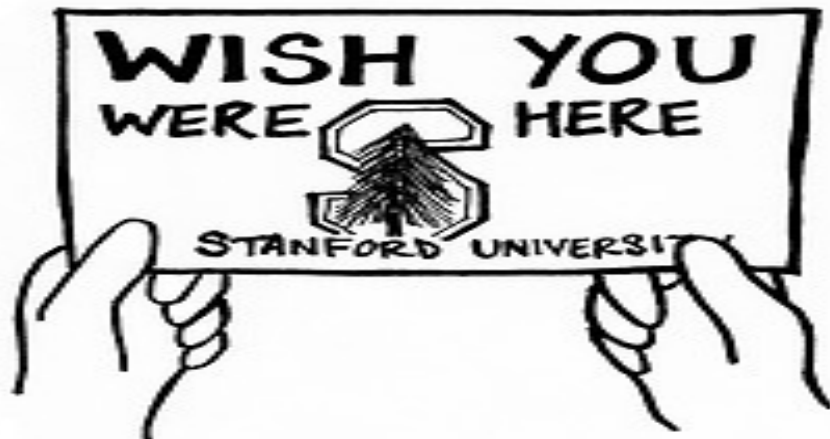
Must be A-G Eligible

*That's a C- or better in the following courses:

- History/social science (“a”) – Two years (World and U.S. History)
- English (“b”) – Four years
- Mathematics (“c”) – Three years (Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2)
- Laboratory science (“d”) – Two years (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
- Language other than English (“e”) – Two years of the same language (Spanish, ASL, Russian, French, etc.)
- Visual and performing arts (“f”) – One year chosen from dance, music, theater or the visual arts.
- College-preparatory elective (“g”) – One year chosen from the “a-f” courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above, or courses that have been approved solely in the elective area (Government fulfills this requirement)

When do I Apply?

- Cal State's: October 1st-November 30th
- UC's: November 1st-November 30th
- Private colleges have their own window. **MAKE SURE TO CHECK THEIR DATES**
- **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**



When do I Apply?

- **APPLY EARLY**
 - *EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM*
- **APPLY TO AROUND 5-8 CAMPUS'**
 - *EVEN THOSE YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET IN TO OR CAN AFFORD*
- **KNOW YOUR LOCAL NETWORK AND PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS**
 - *CSU SAN MARCOS*
 - *UCR*
 - *CHICO STATE*



How to Apply

*The Cal State System will be our example

- Head to <https://www2.calstate.edu>
- Select Apply
- Create an account
- Get Started!
 - *Fill in general information (name, address, grades, etc.)*
 - *If unsure what your grades are, you can get an unofficial transcript from your counselor*

College Check List

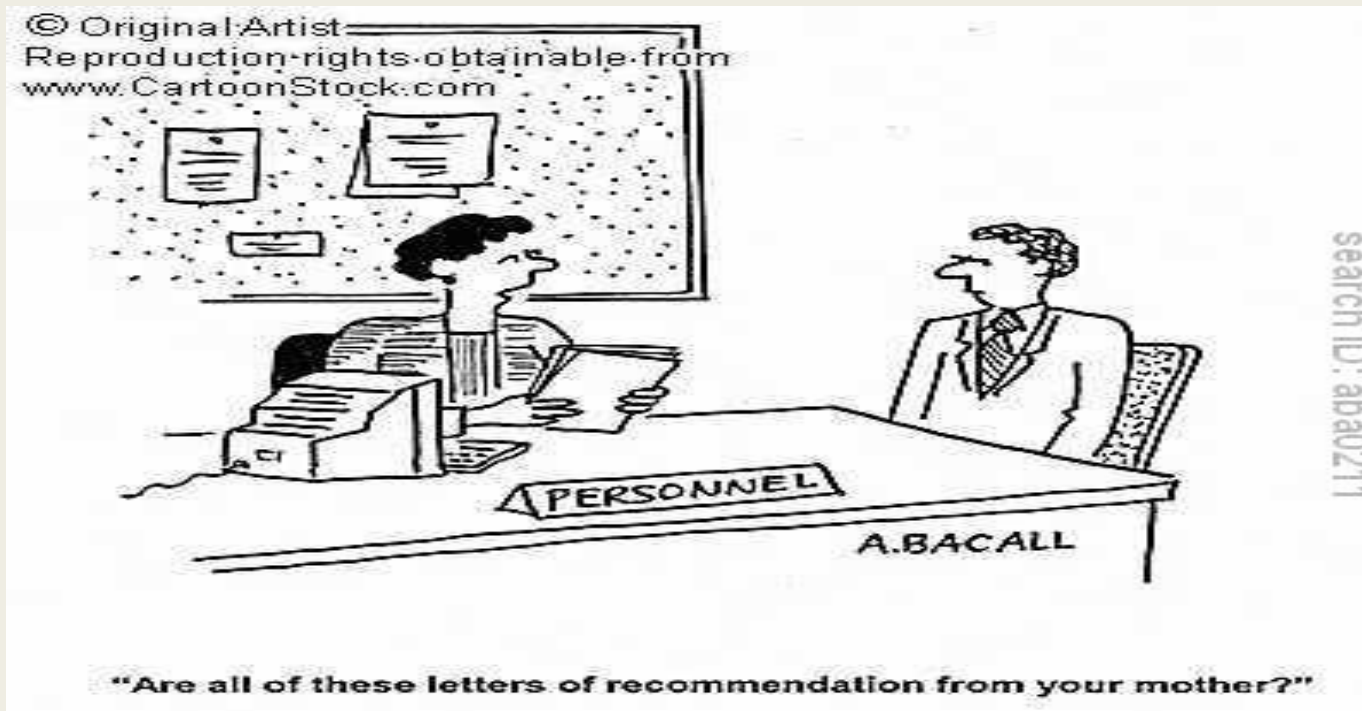
*What should you be mindful of?

- Appropriate email address
 - *Check email EVERYDAY, even spam*
- FAFSA (financial aid)
 - *Apply NO MATTER WHAT. You never know what you may or may not receive!*
- Scholarships
 - *Most people don't apply so chances are, you'll get it!*
- Check for early decision
- Know impacted campus'/majors
- Fee Waivers
 - *Most college applications are \$70 a piece. If you qualify for a fee waiver, take advantage!*
- College Portals
 - *Check 'To Do's' and 'Holds'*
- SAT/ACT/Official Transcripts
 - *Make sure they are sent to the colleges ON TIME*
- Take placement exams (if needed)
- If art major, check if portfolio or video is needed

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■ Letters of Recommendations

- *At least two (Fill out a brag sheet. You can get this from your counselor.)*
- *Should NOT be from friends your age or your parents*



Personal Statement

*If applying to a UC

- You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions.
- <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/files/uc-personal-questions-guide-freshman.pdf>
- Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.
- Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you: But you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.
 - *Make sure to talk about YOU!*

Personal Statement Example Questions

*How will you answer them?

Example #1

- Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

Example #2

- 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?