

SENIOR YEAR PLANNER

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR PREPARING FOR COLLEGE



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Tips for Seniors
Schedule of Activities before
Graduation

**Make this year
count, Seniors!**

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AUGUST

- Meet with your Cal-SOAP Coach
- Research and create a list of majors/colleges
- Begin applications for the University of California (UC) and Private colleges - UC Application Opens: August 1 (cannot start submissions until November 1)
- Work on college essays - write, review, edit, and repeat

SEPTEMBER

- Meet with your Cal-SOAP Coach
- Meet with your counselor (A-G fulfillment)
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, etc.
- Gather documentation for Financial Aid completion (2020 taxes, parent's expenses, identify information)
- Create Federal Student Aid ID (Parent & Student)

OCTOBER

- Meet with your Cal-SOAP Coach
- CSU Application Opens: October 1, Begin CSU applications
- Attend college workshops
- Begin Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) application (for CSU only) - You will need two separate individuals to complete recommendation forms
- FAFSA/CADAA Opens: October 1 Deadline to submit March 2nd

NOVEMBER

- Meet with your Cal-SOAP Coach
- Attend college workshops
- Submit UC & CSU applications Deadline is November 30th

DECEMBER

- Meet with your Cal-SOAP Coach
- Check your email regularly for information from colleges
- Apply for scholarships during Winter Break
- Meet with your school counselor
- Verify that all schools you applied to receive your application

- Apply to Community College(s) Community College Deadline: Varies (hardly ever have a deadline - rolling enrollment)

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- Meet with Community College Advisor to establish SEP
- Create university portal accounts. Login to email and university portals regularly
- Apply for scholarships
- Attend Community College Orientation
- Attend Cash for College Workshops
- Check your college to-do lists
- Official Advanced Placement (AP) test scores (taken prior to senior year)
- Official electronic transcripts for all dual enrolled (if applicable)

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SPRING (MAR-APR)

- Meet with your Cal-SOAP Coach
- Check your Cal Grant and FAFSA/CA Dream Act status via mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov
- Review financial aid offers from schools who offer admissions. Review these letters with a counselor/Cal-SOAP Coach
- Visit the campuses that you were accepted to and attend your admit days
- Register for Community College Classes

CAL-SOAP

THE CALIFORNIA STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS PROGRAM IS HERE TO HELP

The California Opportunity and Access Program (also known as **Cal-SOAP**) supports students with the navigation of the college, career, and financial aid planning processes. College Success Coaches are available to help answer any questions and guide students to the right resources.

Students! ...Get connected, ask questions, and participate in as many opportunities as possible in order to accomplish all the items on this checklist!

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SPRING (MAY)

- Meet with your Cal-SOAP Coach
- Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) by May 1st. Some campuses require a deposit to reserve your spot in college
- Sign up for your campus' new student orientation
- Complete housing application (if applicable). Deposit required
- Accept/decline financial aid offers through university portal
- Continue to check portals/emails regularly for updates
- Register for Early Start (if applicable)
- Take AP Exam (if applicable)

SUMMER (JUN-JUL)

- Check colleges for specific deadlines
- June 1: Transfer SIR Deadline
- June 30: ELC Student Contact Information Submissions
- Attend your college orientation
- Register for your Fall college classes
- July 1: Official Transcripts Due
- Participate in a college summer program (e.g. Summer Bridge, etc.)
- July 15: Deadline for Other Required Documents, such as official AP/IB/A-Level exam scores and IGETC certification (if applicable)

APPLICATION RESOURCES

Central Valley Cal-SOAP
fresnostate.edu/calsoap

UC Application
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

CSU Application
calstate.edu/apply

California Community Colleges
home.cccapply.org/en/

Private/Independent Colleges
commonapp.org

Financial Aid
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WebGrants
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Other Exams
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