

A person with long brown hair, wearing a blue denim jacket and a light blue canvas backpack with brown leather straps, is walking away from the camera down a hallway. The hallway has wooden walls and a wooden bench on the left. The lighting is soft and slightly dim, creating a contemplative atmosphere.

Building Your Story

Reach Higher Academy 2021-2022

Agenda

Four Systems of Higher Education

Admission Factors

Military

What's In A Story

- Brag Sheet/Academic Resume
- Scholarships
- Personal Insight Questions

Activity- Biology Ballerina

Important Dates

The Four Systems of Higher Education



Community Colleges

Requirements

- Graduate from high school OR be 18 years or older

Offers

- Transfer options to CSU/UC/Private
- Vocational training
- Concurrent enrollment for high school students

www.cccapply.org 



CSU

Requirements

- A-G requirements
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- SAT/ACT
 - Temporarily Suspended until further notice

Offers

- Bachelor's degrees
- Master's degrees
- Doctorate degrees
- Rich cultural experience

www2.calstate.edu 




UC

Requirements

- A-G requirements
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Extracurricular Activities
- Personal Insight Questions (PIQs)

Offers

- Bachelor's degrees
- Master's degrees
- Doctorate degrees
- Professional degrees

www.universityofcalifornia.edu 



Private Colleges

Requirements


- Most require A-Gs
- Most require SAT/ACT
 - Some universities have suspended this requirement
- Most require personal statements
- Most require extracurricular activities





Offers

- Bachelor's degrees
- Master's degrees
- Doctorate degrees
- Professional degrees

www.commonapp.org 

College Admission Factors

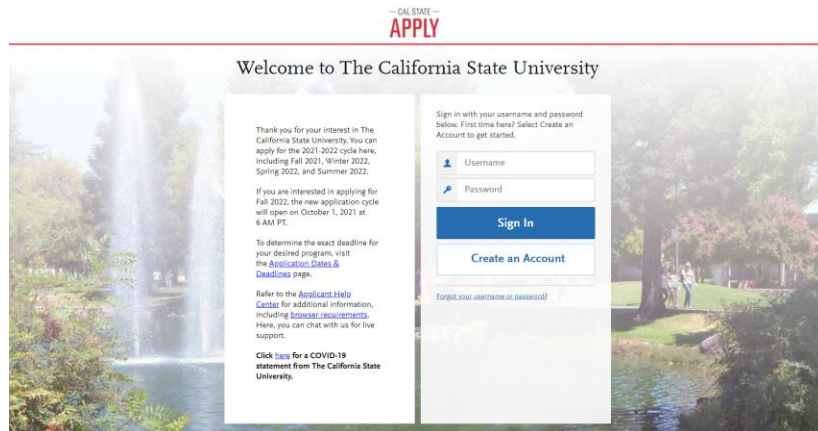
 **Additional Requirements:** Students applying to private colleges might be required to submit **letters of recommendations, supplementary writing samples,** and sit through **personal interviews** in addition to the general requirements outlined in this flyer. Students should review campus specific requirements before applying.

<u>Academics</u> 	<u>Personal Statements</u> 	<u>Entrance Exams</u> 	<u>Extracurricular Activities</u> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must complete the <u>A-G Requirements</u> for CSU & UC eligibility with a C or better. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review A-G courses available at your school visit: https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist The letter grade requirement for A-Gs taken between Spring 2020-Summer 2021 has been suspended at the CSU & UC Students must meet a minimum GPA requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>CSU: 2.5</u> <u>UC: 3.0</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must complete the <u>Personal Insight Questions (PIQs)</u> when applying to the UC. Students applying to the CSU don't have to complete this requirement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students might have to write a personal statement for specific study programs. Students applying to private colleges must complete the <u>Common Application Essay.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CSU has suspended this requirement for the class of 2022. The UC has suspended this requirement. Students applying to private universities should review individual campus policies. SAT Subject Tests are still recommended for certain majors such as Engineering, Math, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should review these requirements before applying. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have to report the different extracurricular activities they were involved with throughout high school, as well any other honors and awards they have received when applying to the UC or private colleges.

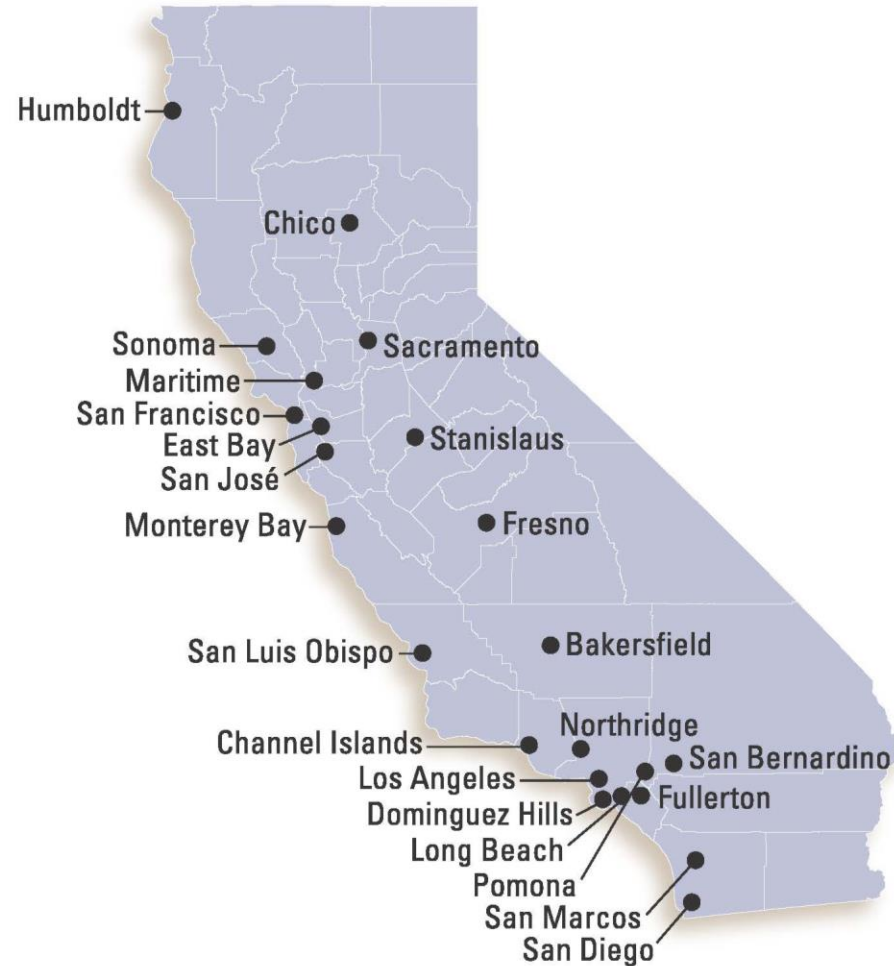
Sources: California State University, University of California, & Common Application.

California State University

- **Application Opens:**
 - October 1st
- **Deadline:**
 - November 30th
- **Apply at:** www.calstate.edu/apply



- **\$70.00 Application Fee (per school)**
 - *Fee waivers available for those who qualify*



You Do **NOT** Need:
Personal Insight Questions
Application Essays
Letters of Recommendation

University of California

- **Application Opens:**
 - August 1st
- **Deadline:**
 - November 30th
- **Apply at:** www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
- **\$70.00 Application Fee (per school)**
 - *Fee waivers available for those who qualify*



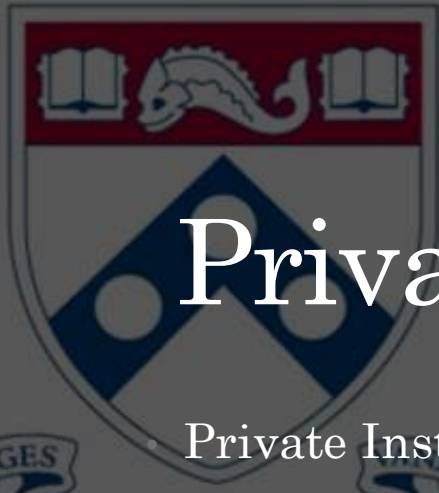
Early Decision vs. Early Action

- Early Decision is considered Binding:
 - Must commit to attend
- Early Action is Non-Binding:
 - NOT required to commit to university

Must submit application by earlier deadline
Will receive notification of early admission

Private Institutions

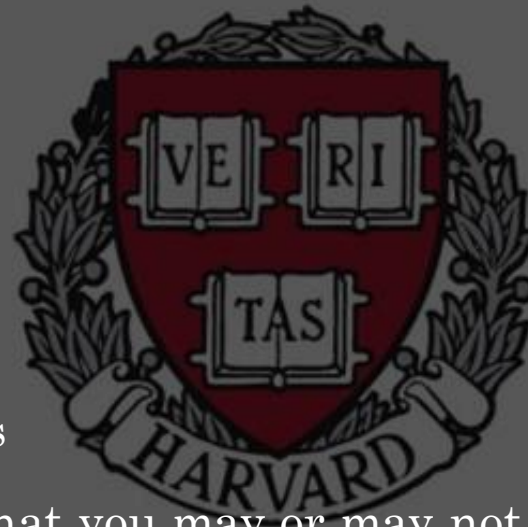
- Private Institutions have specific requirements
- Private Institutions have religious affiliation that you may or may not practice
- Private Institutions will require students to complete the Common App Application or the Universal Application or the campus admissions application



Penn



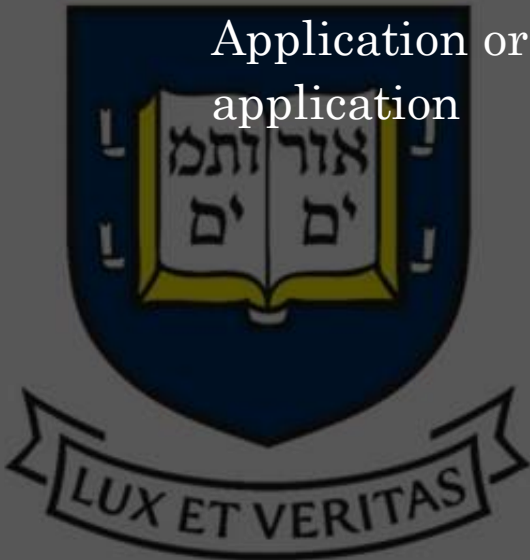
COLUMBIA



HARVARD



Dartmouth



Yale



Cornell



BROWN



PRINCETON

Community Colleges

- 116 Colleges Statewide
- Career Training
- Prepare to Transfer
- Earn 2 Year Degrees
- No GPA Requirements
- Must be a High School Graduate or Have a GED.

Matriculation Process

- CC Application
- Financial Aid Application
- Portal Account/Promise Application
- Orientation



California
Community
Colleges



Military

ASVAB Testing

October 29 and February 25

1:10p at the College and Career Center

Scores are good for 2 year

- **Marines:** SSGT Lamarca, Matthew
 - (805) 318-9794 (cell)/(805)543-5386 (office)/ matthew.lamarca@marines.usmc.mil
- **Navy:** Lorenzo Mariano B. Lloren
 - (805)558-6935 (cell)/(805) 735-8279 (office)/ lorenzomariano.llore@navy.mil
- **Air Force:** Technical Sergeant: Brice Haylett
 - (805) 440-3445 (cell)/(805) 922-1069 (office)/ brice.haylett@us.af.mil
- **Army:** Staff Sergeant Ashley R. Espinoza
 - (805) 636-8264 (cell)/ (805)922-2838 (office) / ashley.r.espinoza3.mil@mail.mil
- **Coast Guard:** BM1 April Forrest
 - (559)313-0493 / (559)221-6600 (office) / April.S.Forrest@uscg.mil

What's In A Story

- "Tell me a little bit about yourself..."
 - Employers ask this question to see if you are a right fit for their company.
- Universities and scholarships will ask for you to tell them about yourself with a series of questions geared towards knowing about you, your accomplishments, how hard you've worked, and how you've used your talents to improve your life and the lives of those around you.

Why Share Your Story?

Your unique experiences and cultural backgrounds are valuable assets when answering these types of questions. Employers, military recruiters, and universities want to know who they are getting when they select you.

- **Consist of...**

- Your educational and career plans
- Your school organization involvement
- Your volunteer involvement
- Extracurricular activities

Academic Resume/Brag Sheet



Scholarship Essays

The College and Career Center will have the most up to date scholarships available to students. Check out

Personal Insight Questions for UCs

Step 1

- Look them over, no judging.
- Take a deep breath.

Step 2

- Now read them again.
- Do any questions present a better opportunity to tell your story?

Step 3

- Brainstorm and keep in mind that no question is more important than another. But some might align better with your experiences.



A pair of black-rimmed glasses is positioned over an open book. A red bookmark is visible on the left page. The background is a soft-focus view of the book's pages and the glasses.

"STUDENTS SHOULD THINK OF THEIR
PIQS AS INTERVIEW QUESTIONS AND
RESPOND TO THEM AS SUCH"

DEVON BOHART, UC DAVIS ADMISSIONS

How Students Can Share Their Story, Explore Their Voice

What Works

- Providing examples and details (think 6 Ws)
- Explaining the significance and relevance of the information shared
- Connecting the dots- why is this information important/relevant?

What Doesn't Work

- Literary or descriptive language
- Quotes, song lyrics, or any words that are not your own
- Attempts to address, entertain, or provoke the "audience"

Example of a PIQ

Example: Biology Ballerina

Reflection:

- *How does the student answer the question?*
- *Do they share a clear point or two of NEW information?*
- *Is this insight into the students major or career path? The answer is yes to multiple questions above then this is a good response.*



What's Next

- Next lesson is Hancock Promise
- Reminder: Bring your RHA folder and charged tablet
- Be prepared to know your social security number if you have one. This will be used for AHC application and FAFSA
- Important dates:
 - October 1st- Financial Aid & CSU and AHC Application Opens
 - October 14th, 2021 - Cash 4 College 3:30-7pm
 - October 11th; October 18; November 8th; November 15th; - Extended College application help @ College & Career Center open until 6pm (*See Mrs. McDonald if you need a later appointment. EAO Scholars, See Mrs. Buchan about later appointments*)
 - October 15th – Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara application opens
 - October 26th - PIQ Assistance 2-6:30pm-College & Career Center
 - (TBA)Thanksgiving Break- EAOP College Application Assistance
 - November 30th – CSU/UC Application Deadline