

So... I'm Ready to Apply to College (But where do I start?)

HOW TO APPLY TO A UC (University of California)

1. Applications for UC campuses became available on August 1, 2020
2. Go online to admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
3. Click on **Apply Now**
4. Click on **Start Your Application**. Follow the prompts and fill out the application accordingly.
5. You may submit the completed application **November 1 through November 30, 2020**.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 30, 2020!

Please note: The Application fee is \$70 for each UC campus to which you apply.

**** The UC's do NOT accept letters of recommendation – please do not send them unless you are specifically contacted and requested to send letters of recommendation.**

***** Do NOT send a transcript with your application – wait until the UC requests transcripts from you.**

HOW TO APPLY TO A CSU (California State University)

1. Applications for CSU campuses become available online on October 1, 2020.
2. Go online to <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
3. Select the term for which you are applying
4. Click on the **"APPLY"** tab
5. Click on the term you are applying to (**Fall 2021**) and follow the prompts.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 30, 2020!

Please note: the Application fee is \$70 for each CSU campus to which you apply.

**** The CSU's do NOT accept letters of recommendation – please do not send them unless you are specifically contacted with a request to send a letter of recommendation.**

***** Do NOT send a transcript with your application – wait until the CSU requests transcripts from you.**

HOW TO APPLY TO A PRIVATE COLLEGE

1. Go online to www.commonapp.org
2. If you are not sure if the school you are applying to accepts the Common Application, then click on **Find a College** and search for your college. There are 900+ private colleges listed on the Common App, so it is very likely that yours is one of them. **If your college is NOT listed on this site, you must go to the college's website and follow the posted instructions.**
3. To continue with your applications, click on **Apply Now** and **First Year Student** then follow the prompts to **Create an Account**. Continue to follow the prompts and fill out the application accordingly. You can fill out multiple applications using one account.

***** Make sure you really did submit the application.** The application, supplement, and payment submissions are three distinct processes in your Common App file. Students sometimes misunderstand this and think that submitting a payment or supplement also submits the application. Your **My Colleges** page will always show the correct status for your submission at each college. Please confirm that you actually submitted the application on your **My Colleges** page.

**** Application deadlines and fees vary. Note the deadline for each college to which you apply.**

*** You DO need to provide letters of recommendation when applying to a private college.**