

How to Apply to a University of California (UC) Campus

1. Applications for UC campuses are available online, beginning August 1, 2021.
2. Go online to admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
3. Click on **Apply Now**.
4. **Create an Account**. You will need a personal email address that is NOT your PGHS address.
5. Click on **Start Your Application**. Follow the prompts to fill out the application.
6. **SAT or ACT scores are not required for the Fall 2022 application cycle. UC will not consider SAT/ACT scores for admission or scholarship purposes.** If you choose to submit test scores as part of your application, they may be used for course placement after you enroll.
7. There is a \$70 application fee for each UC campus to which you apply. ***Fee waivers are available to those that meet established income guidelines.*** The Fee Waiver application is located within the UC application.
8. You may submit the completed UC application **November 1 through November 30, 2021. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 30, 2021.**
9. The UC does **not** accept recommendation letters – please do not send them unless you are **specifically contacted** and asked to do so.
10. Do **not** send a transcript with your UC application – wait until the UC requests a transcript from you.

How to Apply to a California State University (CSU) Campus

1. Applications for CSU campuses are available online beginning October 1, 2021.
2. Go online to <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
3. **Select the term** (Fall 2022) for which you are applying.
4. Click on the **APPLY** tab.
5. **Create an account**. You will need a personal email address that is NOT your PGHS address.
6. **SAT /ACT scores will not be used for determining who gets admitted into the CSU.** If you are accepted to a CSU campus, test scores may be used as one of the measures for placement in the appropriate math and English courses.
7. There is a \$70 application fee for each CSU campus to which you apply. ***Fee waivers may be available to those that meet established income guidelines.*** The Fee Waiver application is located within the CSU application.
8. You may submit the completed CSU application **November 1 through November 30, 2021. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 30, 2021.**
9. The CSUs do **not** accept recommendation letters– do not send them unless **specifically asked to do so**.
10. Do **not** send a transcript with your CSU application – wait until the CSU requests a transcript from you.

How to Apply to a Private College

1. Go online to commonapp.org
2. If you are not sure if the school you are applying to uses the Common Application, 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 that school's individual website and follow the posted instructions for applying.**
3. If your college is one that does use the Common App, then click on **Apply Now**, then **First Year Student** and follow the prompts to **Create an Account**. Continue to follow the prompts to fill out the application. You can fill out multiple applications using one Common App account.
4. Application deadlines and fees vary so it is critical that you know and follow the deadline for each college you apply to.
5. You **do** need to provide letters of recommendation when applying to a private college.

How to Apply to a Public University Outside of California

Some non-California public universities use the Common Application. Oregon State, U of Oregon, U of Arizona, Washington State, U of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado State, University of Montana and other public universities that are popular with PGHS students use commonapp.org for their applications. To find out whether an out-of-state public school that you are interested in uses the Common Application:

1. Go online to commonapp.org
2. Click on **Find a College** and search for the public university of your choice.
3. If the public university is **not listed** on the Common App, then you must go to the school's individual website and follow the posted instructions for submitting an application.
4. If your college is one that does use the Common App, then click on **Apply Now**, then **First Year Student** and follow the prompts to **Create an Account**. Continue to follow the prompts to fill out the application.
5. Application deadlines and fees vary so it is critical that you know and follow the deadline for each public university you apply to.
6. Most non-California public universities do **not** require recommendation letters, however there may be a few that do. Make sure to check the requirements of the individual university to which you are applying.

For more help with filling out your applications, check out these links:

- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/filling-out-the-application.html> for questions regarding the UC application.
- <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/freshman/Documents/freshman-application-guide-21-22.pdf> for questions about the CSU application.
- <https://appsupport.commonapp.org/applicantsupport/s/topiccatalog> for questions about the Common Application.