

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GUIDE

COUNSELORS

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A-G REQUIREMENTS

- Grades of C or higher in A-G courses required for UC/CSU eligibility.
- Requirements may differ for Private and Out of State colleges/universities
- For more information, go to thscounseling.com/requirements



TYPES OF COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

- California State University (CSU): Public college system, 23 campuses
- University of California (UC): Public college system, 9 campuses
- El Camino College (ECC): Community college
- Private College or Universities
- Out of State Colleges or Universities

WHEN DO I APPLY?

- CSU & UC : Oct. 1st - Dec. 2nd
- Common Application Deadline: May vary. Check the school's website. El Camino Priority Registration Deadline: April 30th

*CA Community Colleges have rolling applications but to be eligible for CalGrant and Promise Programs, you should complete your application by March 3

GPA REQUIREMENTS

- CSU: minimum 2.5 GPA in 10th and 11th grade A-G classes
- UC: minimum 3.0 GPA in 10th and 11th grade A-G classes
- Community College: no GPA requirement
- Private & Out of State: GPA requirements may vary by school

HOW DO I APPLY?

CSUs: Go to <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>

UCs: Go to <https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>

El Camino: Go to www.elcamino.edu/apply

Private & Out of State: Visit each individual campus website to find information on how to apply.



COST OF APPLICATION & FEE WAIVERS

- CSU application fee: \$70/campus
- UC application fee: \$80/campus

If you don't qualify for the CSU or UC fee waiver on the application there is no additional fee waiver that can be given.

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PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Grants: FREE money that you do not need to pay back

Scholarships: FREE money that you do not need to pay back

Loans: Borrowed money that you need to pay back with interest

Work Study: Work on campus while you are taking classes and earn tax-free wages.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Request for Counselor Letter of
Recommendation deadline:

October 31st

Make sure to give your counselor a copy of your BRAG SHEET found on the counseling website on the 12th Grade Overview page at least two weeks before your (early) deadlines.

TIP FOR COMMON APP

If you are completing the Common Application, be sure to match your account to your Naviance account.

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS + DEADLINES

All seniors must complete either the FAFSA or the CA Dream Act application regardless of their post-secondary plans to qualify for grants, loans, and/or work-study

- Students should also apply for any scholarships for which they are eligible for
 - Typically based on GPA, financial need, academic interests, identity, and/or other factors
 - Most scholarship applications require students to submit an essay and/or letters of recommendations
 - Deadlines and eligibility requirements vary
- Deadlines:
 - FAFSA/Dream Act Application - Available December 2024. Deadline: March 3rd
 - South Bay Promise: Deadline April 30th
 - CSS Profile: Deadline may vary. Check with the school's website.



OTHER IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- El Camino Honors Transfer Program:
Deadline early/mid April
- Submit Intent to Register: May 1st
- Request your final transcript by senior clearance day

RESOURCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Financial Aid Night: December: Dec (Virtual)
- UC/CSU/Common Application Workshops:
Month of November during Tutorial
- Local Scholarship Workshop: December

