

# WELCOME TO COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT

Wilcox High School  
September 13, 2023

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code by the door as you come in.

**This meeting is available in English and Spanish**

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haga clic en "Spanish"

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"Spanish"

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# Overview

- Methods of Communication
- Process
- Common Pitfalls
- Application
- Four Phases of Senior year (general)
- Questions & Answers
- Power Point will be posted on School Loop

# Wilcox Counseling Page

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## Counseling Department

We are dedicated to honoring individuality while empowering every student to embrace their career, personal and social

Diploma Replacement, Education  
Verification and Transcript Request

### Counselors



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# RED FOLDER

- ALL STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN **WHY**
  - Different deadlines for different plans
  - Seniors were given **Red Folders**
  - Due Dates: Early: Sept 16th
  - Regular: Nov 4th



Wilcox High School Guidance Department 2017-2018

## Teacher Request Letter of Recommendation

This form is to be provided to teachers that have agreed to write recommendation letters.

Full Name:	WHS ID #:
E-mail address:	Phone #:

College Applications deadlines are arriving soon.

Would you please upload my letter via Naviance by: \_\_\_\_\_\*

\*The upload deadline will help ensure the process is completed and revised by the Guidance Team in order to submit everything on time.

Teacher's Quick Login Guide to Naviance:

- ✓ Naviance log in (<https://succeed.naviance.com/auth/signin>)
- ✓ Account: adrianwh Username: Password: (Check your email for this info)

Office Use Only
Teacher Name: _____ Office Initial: _____



## Application Form for Private/Out of State

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

RED FOLDER DEADLINES:

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** (Early Admissions)  
**October 20<sup>th</sup>** (Regular/Rolling)

Recommendation Letter Writer

My Guidance Counselor

Please list the 2 Teachers you have chosen and spoken to about writing your other letters

• \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Teacher Name Teacher's Initial

• \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Teacher Name Teacher's Initial

### For office use only

For Guidance Secretary:

- ☐ GREEN SLIP Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Naviance Senior Profile
- ☐ Colleges in Naviance match
- ☐ College List
- ☐ FERPA Waiver completed
- ☐ Completed Teacher Initials for

First Application  
Deadline:

# Quick Reference Handout



## Private School/Out of State Public

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

Cost of Application  
• Varies

Essay

Letter of Recommendation

Deadline  
• Varies

FAFSA

Parchment

Senior Profile

FERPA WAIVER

## UC

[www.apply.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.apply.universityofcalifornia.edu)

Cost of Application  
• \$70

Personal Statements

~~Letter of Recommendation~~

Deadline  
• Nov.30

FAFSA

Parchment

~~Senior Profile~~

FERPA WAIVER

## CSU

[www2.calstate.edu](http://www2.calstate.edu)>apply

Cost of Application  
• \$55

~~Essay~~

~~Letter of Recommendation~~

Deadline  
• Nov.30

FAFSA

Parchment

~~Senior Profile~~

FERPA WAIVER

## Community College

[www.cccapply.org](http://www.cccapply.org)>apply

Cost of Application  
• FREE

~~Essay~~

~~Letter of Recommendation~~

Deadline  
• Rolling

FAFSA

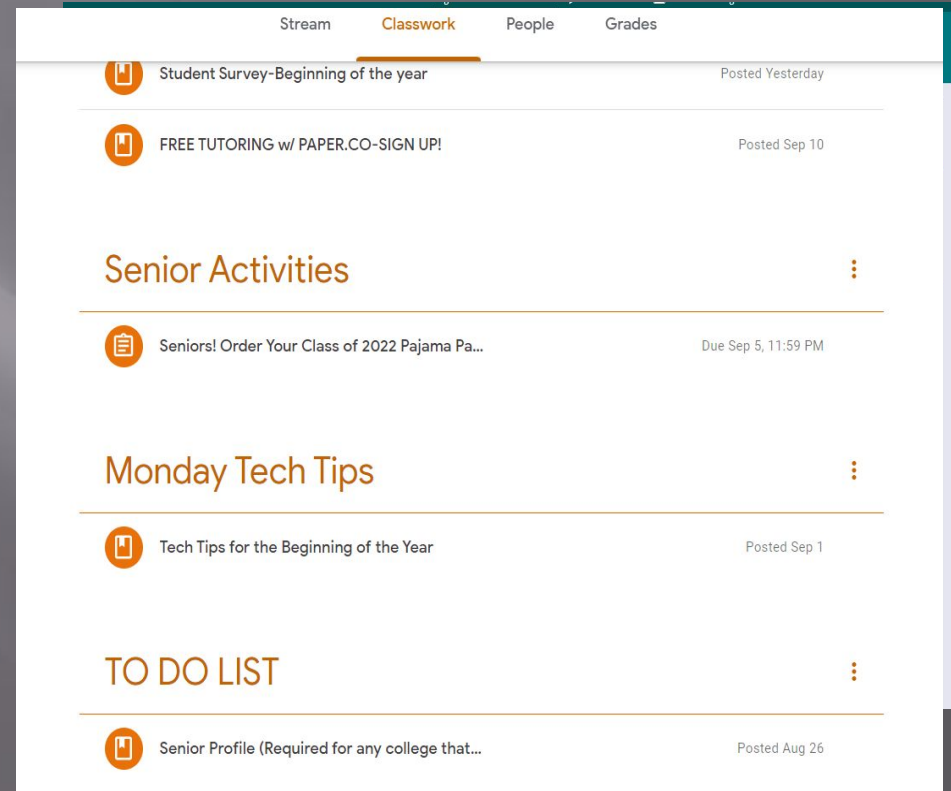
Parchment

~~Senior Profile~~

FERPA WAIVER

# Senior Profile

- Complete during the summer between Junior and Senior year
- ONLY NEED FOR COMMON APP





# The Student

## Process

Application  
ask for help as  
needed

## Problems

Searching for college  
list, type of application,  
making sure it is the  
right fit.

## Plan

Where are you headed? How do I get  
there?

# The College List

## My college List--Doubtful

2 Colleges Max 0 – 35%  
acceptance rate

Colleges I would like to  
attend that have a low  
acceptance percentage rate

If you heard that there was a 5% chance of rain today would you bring an umbrella with you?



# The College List

## Possibilities

5-6 Colleges 36% - 70%  
acceptance rate

A possible chance of being accepted. 85% of  
all students attend Colleges in this range



## Likely

2-3 College Max 71% - 99%  
acceptance rate

It is very likely you would get into  
a college in the range

# Find a Good College “Fit” Academically

Testing the water, how cold is it? How deep is it?



The water is safe however I am not ready to jump right in.



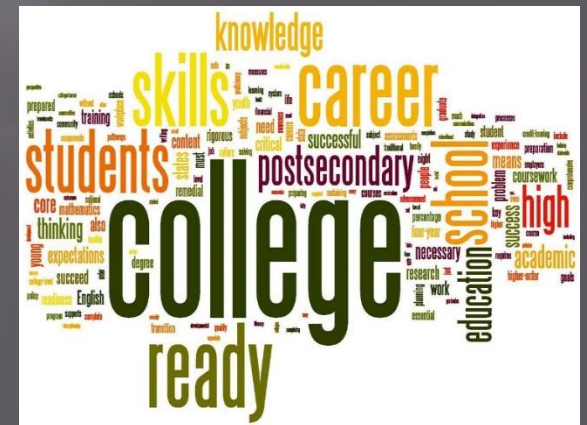
Doesn't matter how deep I am confident I can jump right in and succeed.



Just as you might study a body of water to figure out its temperature, depth and current before venturing in, you need to investigate the rigor, pace and depth of an academic environment -and your ability to keep you “head above water” if admitted -before deciding to apply

# Common Pitfalls

- **Procrastination:** Senior don't wait till the last minute
- Be aware of all your due dates
- Send Test Scores: **What does test optional mean?**
  - **Don't send score unless you think it is an accurate measure of your ability**
- Narrow down your college list
  - The best college for you is the one that fits you as a person
- Make an e-mail just for you colleges
  - This should be professional
- Don't believe everything you hear, if you don't know ask a Counselor



# Five School “Systems”

CSU

- Sept 28th Workshop

University of California

- Sept 21nd Workshop

Private School (Common Application )

Sept 14 Workshop

Community College

- Feb 7th Parent night

WUE

- Important that students attend the workshops if they are thinking of applying to these system

# Composition of Application

- CSU = Grades (Transcript)
- UC = Grades (Transcript) + Personal Statement
- Common App = Grades (Transcript) + Test Scores (SAT or ACT) + Personal Statement + Letters of Recommendation

# California State University

- California State University (CSU)
- 23 campuses in the state
  - Humboldt in the North
  - San Diego in the South
  - Local SJSU, SFSU, CSUMB, East Bay
- Large campuses for the most part
  - SJSU Freshman Class 3,754
  - Sonoma State Freshman Class 1,740



# Cal State Apply

- New system this year.
- Deadlines: Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 30
- Apply Early: Before Thanksgiving
- Cost: \$70.00 per campus
- Transcript: Sent through Parchment .com
- College Board Code: 3594
- Set Up Portals for each campus
- [CALIFORNIACOLLEGES.EDU](https://californiacolleges.edu) LINKED



The graphic features a photograph of a smiling male and female student looking at a tablet together. In the top left corner, the CSU logo is displayed next to the text 'The California State University'. The words 'CAL STATE APPLY' are written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the bottom of the photo. Below the photo is a red rectangular box containing the title 'FRESHMAN APPLICATION CHECKLIST' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath the title is a line of text: 'When you're ready to complete your application, be sure to have these items on hand:'. This is followed by a list of ten items, each preceded by a white square checkbox. The items are: Unofficial transcripts, Test scores (SAT, ACT, AP or IB), Your Social Security number, Your citizenship status, A method of payment, Your parent's citizenship status, Annual income: Your parent's if you are a dependent, your income if you are independent, and EOP only: Your parent's employment background and two recommendations.

**CSU** The California State University

**CAL STATE APPLY**

**FRESHMAN APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

When you're ready to complete your application, be sure to have these items on hand:

- ☐ Unofficial transcripts
- ☐ Test scores (SAT, ACT, AP or IB)
- ☐ Your Social Security number
- ☐ Your citizenship status
- ☐ A method of payment
- ☐ Your parent's citizenship status
- ☐ Annual income: Your parent's if you are a dependent, your income if you are independent
- ☐ EOP only: Your parent's employment background and two recommendations

# CSU Overview

- 23 Campuses from Humboldt to San Diego
  - Total Tuition & Campus Fees \$7,582
  - Room and Board \$11,662
  - Total Cost of Attendance \$23,312
  
- Cost will vary slightly based on campus
- Primarily Commuter schools (exceptions)
- Large campus
- Large classes

# How to apply to the UC

- admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm
- Opened August 1<sup>st</sup> \$80
- Submit Nov. 1 to 30<sup>th</sup>
- Transcript-
  - Parchment.com
  - Check deadlines
- Personal Statement
- Collegeboard & ACT
  - One campus
- Set up portals for all schools you apply to
- **CALIFORNIACOLLEGES.EDU LINKED**

The screenshot shows the 'My UC Application' page on the University of California website. The browser's address bar displays the URL 'https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm'. The page features a blue header with the 'UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA' logo. Below the header, the main heading is 'My UC Application'. A prominent orange banner with a star icon states: 'The application for admission to the fall 2013 term will be available in October 2012. To learn more, please visit our website.' The page is divided into three main sections: 'Sign In' on the left, 'Create a New Account' in the center, and 'Need Help?' and 'Questions?' on the right. The 'Sign In' section includes input fields for 'E-mail Address' and 'Password', a 'GO' button, and a link for 'Forgot your password?'. The 'Create a New Account' section includes a 'NEW ACCOUNT' button. The 'Need Help?' section provides contact information for the application processing service, and the 'Questions?' section includes a link for users who have already submitted an application.

# University Of California

- 9 campuses in the state Davis to San Diego
  - Total Tuition & Campus Fees \$15,352
  - Room and Board \$16,500
  - Total Cost of Attendance \$36,700
  
- Cost will vary slightly based on campus
- Primarily Residential schools
- Large campus
- Large classes

# UC overview continued

- Tuition \$13,000 - \$15,000
- Room and Board varies by location
  - \$15,129 to \$16,454
- Financial Aid
  - Berkeley 89% of need met (60% grant 20% loan)
  - UCSC 87% of need met (70% grant 30% loan)



## Application Form for UC/CSU

NAME:

ID#

RED FOLDER DEADLINES:

**November 30th (UC/CSU  
Deadline)**

My Guidance Counselor

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### For office use only

For Guidance Secretary:

☐ GREEN SLIP  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Naviance Senior Profile
- ☐ Colleges in Naviance match  
College List
- ☐ FERPA Waiver completed
- ☐ Parchment Request

For Student Use Only

First Application  
Deadline:

# Community College

- 114 campuses in the State
  - Mission College 10,221 students (semesters)
  - West Valley College 8,056 students (semesters)
  - DeAnza College 21,560 students (quarters)
  - Foothill College 13,630 students (quarters)
  
- Total Tuition & Campus Fees \$1,288
- Room and Board \$6,788
- Total Cost of Attendance \$11,127



# Community College Application

<https://home.cccapply.org>

Rolling admissions

Transcripts through  
parchment

No letters of  
recommendation or  
essays



The screenshot shows the CCCApply website. At the top, the logo "CCCApply" is displayed with the tagline "Your online gateway to the California Community Colleges". A "Español" button is in the top right. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: Home, Colleges, Apply, Money, Parents, and Help. The main content area features a background image of a woman in a green hard hat and purple shirt working on a laptop. Overlaid on this is a "Apply Today" box. This box contains a dropdown menu labeled "Select a community college" and a green "APPLY" button. Below the button, text reads: "CCCApply.org is your online gateway to the California Community Colleges. Each year at our 114 colleges, 2.1 million students from all over the world build their career skills, prepare for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, or simply enrich their lives through learning." At the bottom of the page, a yellow banner contains a welcome message: "Welcome to the new CCCApply.org. Choose a college, and you will be routed to the college's website for complete instructions to apply for admission online." Below this banner are three buttons: "Explore", "Apply", and "Financial Aid".

CCCApply Your online gateway to the California Community Colleges

Español

Home Colleges Apply Money Parents Help

**Apply Today**

Select a community college **APPLY**

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Explore Apply Financial Aid

# How to use Parchment

- Parchment.com
- Create account
- Sign Up NOW!
- Electronic Transcripts
- Send a transcript to yourself
- Final Transcript





# Transcripts

- Check due dates for the college you finally decide to attend and make sure you send your transcript.
- Some colleges out of state will require you to send your transcript instead of self reporting your grades
- Some of the CSU's and UC's might request a mid-year transcript (as part of an audit)
- **Once you apply check your portals often**

# Parchment Continued

- Based on students that have used service
- Profiles
- Predictions

College List

Colleges and scholarships are looking for you! [Yes, Get Started](#)

Add a college to your list

Type to search

Chance of admission

0%100%

INTERESTED

APPLYING

ACCEPTED

DENIED

ALL

[Export List](#)

[Edit Profile](#)

Name A-Z	Status	Admissions Chances	Yours/Avg	More Info
University of Chicago	Interested		<a href="#">f</a> <a href="#">t</a> 0% / 8%	>
San Jose State University	Interested		<a href="#">f</a> <a href="#">t</a> 93% / 59%	>

ALL COLLEGES

[ANALYZE LIST](#)

# Family Connection Naviance

 Naviance | *Student*

[Home](#) [Courses](#) [Colleges](#) [Careers](#) [About Me](#) [My Plan](#)

Welcome, Demo Hall!

Search for Colleges



Type a college name

SEARCH

## Welcome to Family Connection

Welcome to Family Connection!

Santa Clara Unified School District is pleased to be rolling out this powerful new Career and College Planning Tool. Over time, the Wilcox Counseling staff will be introducing your student to different tools that are available to students.

[Read more](#)

## My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to



COURSES

I'm thinking about



CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

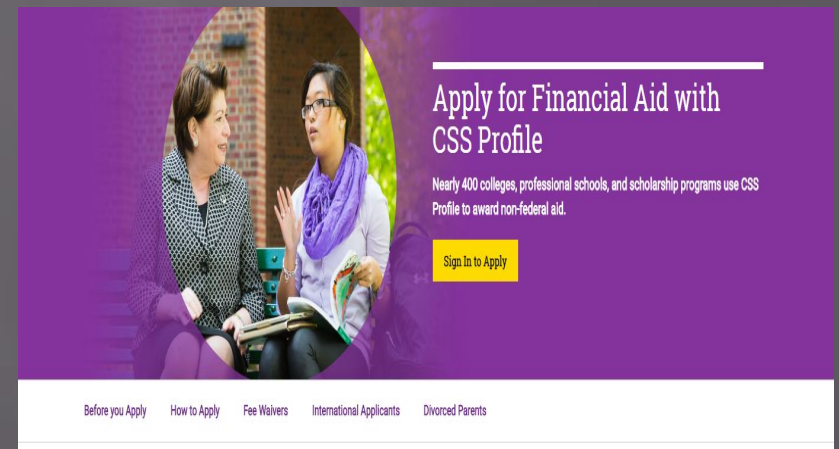
I'm thinking about

# “Common Application” Schools

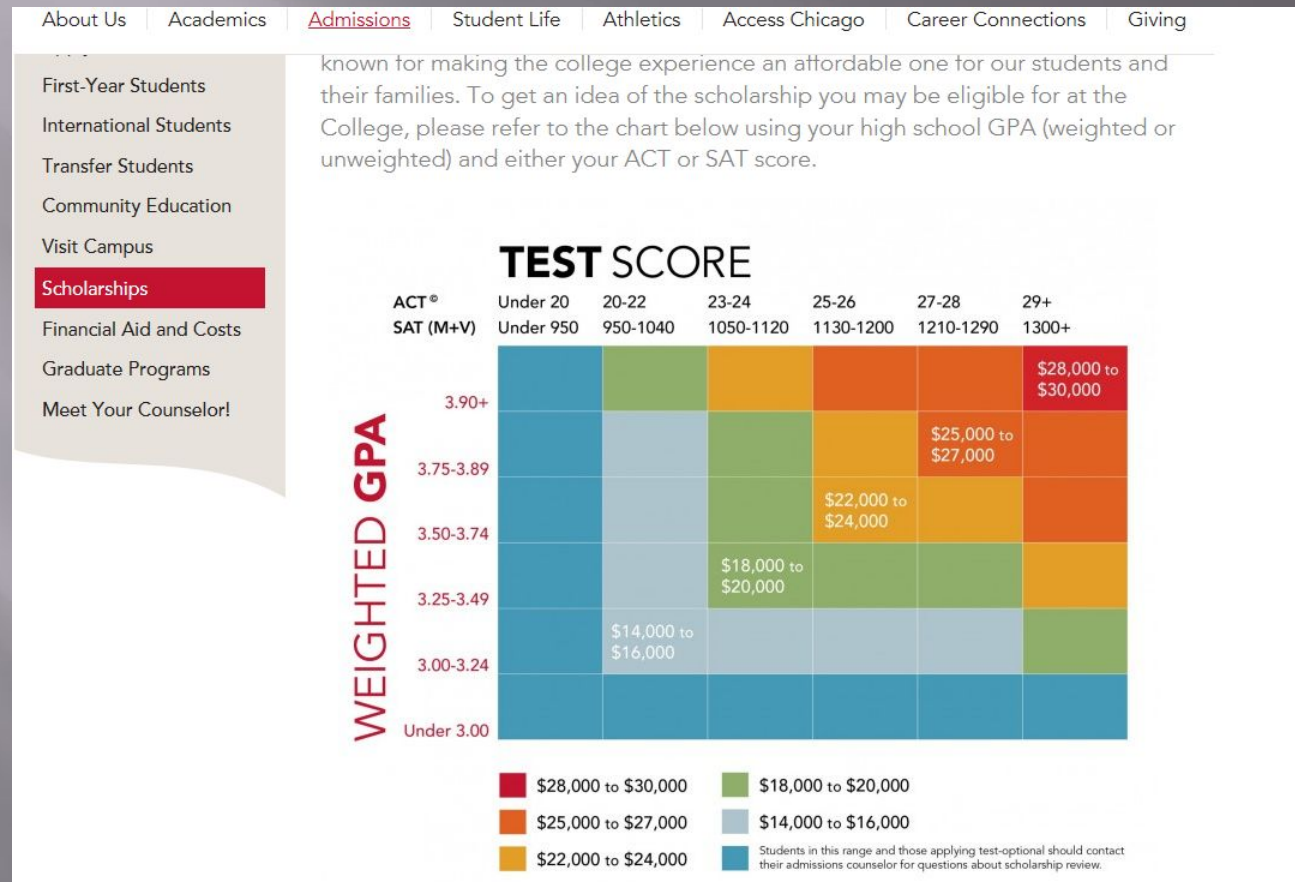
- Mostly private (1000+ institutions)
  - Yale
  - Richmond The American International University in London
  - Local — Santa Clara University and Stanford
  - Out of state Publics--Purdue
- Campus size — Various
  - Bates College-503 Freshman
  - Fordham Univ. 1,882 Freshman

# Private Schools

- Tuition –Varies
  - Harvard \$46,340 , (R&B) \$17,160
  - CalTech \$50,487, (R&B) \$15,525
  - Harvard 100% of need met (93% grant 7%loan work study) (Average award \$48,876)
  - Caltech 100% of need met (88% grant 12%loan work study) (Average award \$41,990)
- Financial Aid: Is need based
  - Merit Aid: Is based on GPA and/or Test Score
  - Use the Net Price Calculator
- CSS Profile: Through College Board



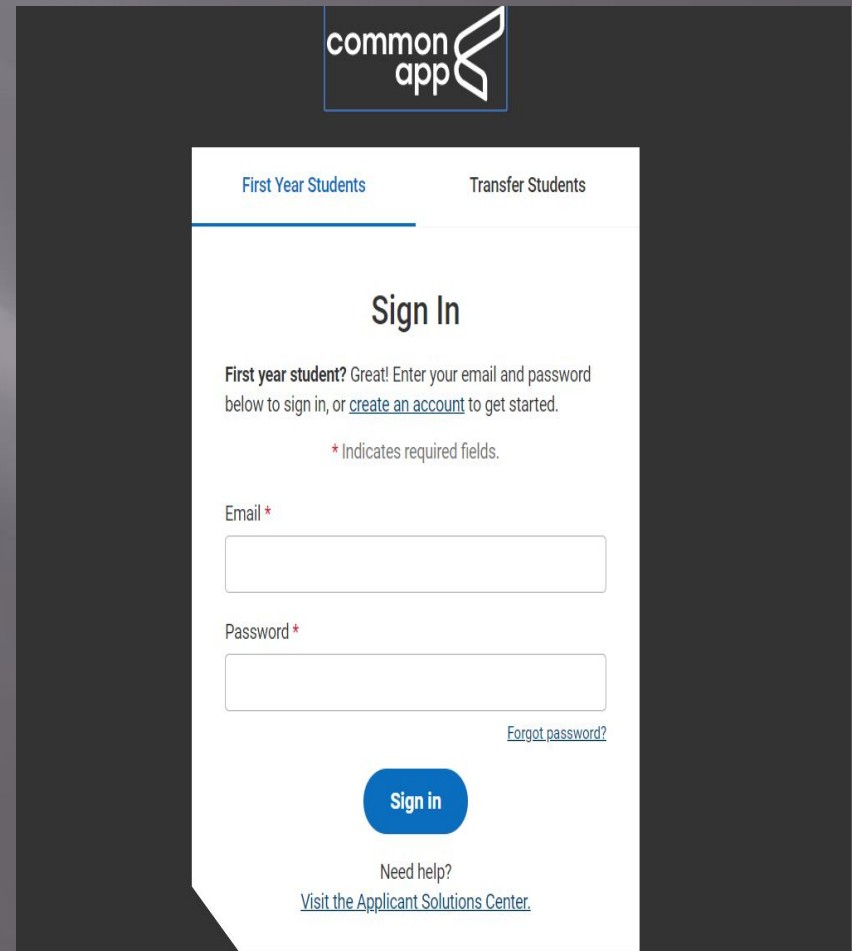
# Example of institutional aid



Lake Forest University in Chicago: Example of Merit Aid

# How to use the Common App

- ❑ [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- ❑ Deadlines are different for each school
- ❑ Transcript will be submitted with School Report by Counselor through Naviance.
- ❑ Essays
- ❑ Letters of Recommendation through Naviance
- ❑ Supplements and CSS
- ❑ **Set up Portals for all schools you apply to**



The screenshot shows the Common App website's sign-in interface. At the top, the 'common app' logo is visible. Below it, there are two tabs: 'First Year Students' (which is selected) and 'Transfer Students'. The main heading is 'Sign In'. A message states: 'First year student? Great! Enter your email and password below to sign in, or [create an account](#) to get started.' Below this, a note says '\* Indicates required fields.' There are two input fields: 'Email \*' and 'Password \*'. To the right of the password field is a link for 'Forgot password?'. At the bottom, there is a blue 'Sign in' button. Below the button, it says 'Need help? [Visit the Applicant Solutions Center.](#)'

# New at Wilcox

- ❑ Oct 15th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- ❑ Science Lecture Hall
- ❑ Mock College Admission Interviews
- ❑ Host by a College Admission Counselor
- ❑ Donna Ramos



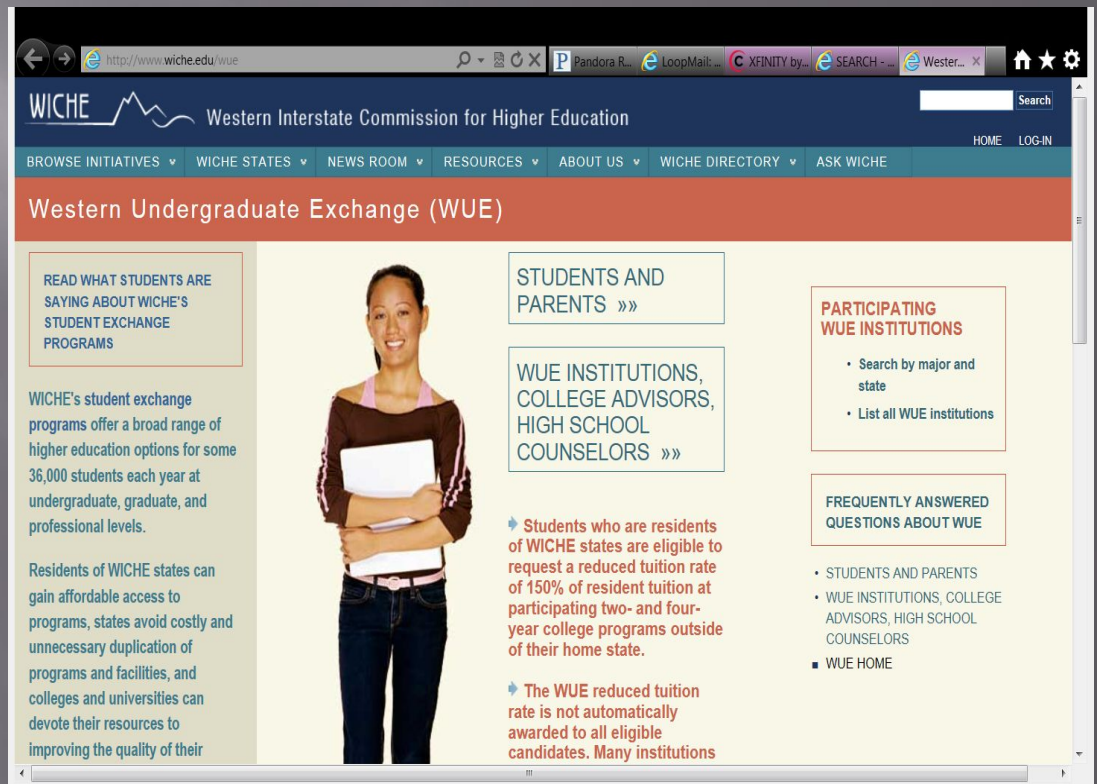
# Other Options

- California Community Colleges
- Plan to visit a campus: there are 6 in the area
  - Mission College Presentation: Oct 30 & Nov. 13
  - Timeline: Community College Night: February 13
  - In January counselors will make appointments with the Community College Students
    - Apply: Application Workshop: Feb. 14
    - Placement: New format AB705
    - Orientation
    - Classes AA-T or AS-T



# WESTERN UNDERGRAD EXCHANGE

- WUE
  - What is it?
  - Google the list
- UC Colorado Spring
- 20,205 vs 14,950
- NAU
- 21,640 vs 13,680



# Other Topics

- FASFA and CSS Profile
- Financial Aid Night: October 5th, 2022

# Questions

- You may leave if you wish
- You may stay to hear or ask questions
- Thank you for coming out tonight
- Remember we will be posting this on the Google class for Juniors and Seniors as well as Wilcox website.

Thank You for Coming