College Workshop

For First Generation and Undocumented Students

Adapted by JBHS Counselors from presentation by CPMs and Gary B. at the University of New Mexico

Gut Check

How are you feeling about your post-high school plans? → Type it in the chat!

Remember, counselors are here to support you. If you feel you need more mental health support, please call or text Family Services Agency at 818-333-6239.

Definitions

First Generation Student

You are the first in your family to attend college in the US.

Undocumented Student

You were born in another country and are not a US Citizen or legal resident.

At the end of this meeting, we're going to pair you up with a College Peer Mentor or counselor to get you started!

FIRST GEN

BE THE FIRST TO RISK TAKE, TO STEP OUTSIDE OF THE COMFORT ZONE, AND DO SOMETHING THEY'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE IN THE FAMILY DO BEFORE.

What makes me a First Gen student?

Your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) have not completed a bachelor's degree. You will be the first in your family to attend a four-year college/university to attain a bachelor's degree.



How can I benefit from this during college admissions ?

- Many colleges practice holistic admissions processes, which seek to get to know applicants as whole individuals, and your first-generation status is part of that holistic understanding of your background.

-Hearing the perspective as a first-generation college student gives you a unique voice and set of experiences to share, and colleges value that fact.

APPLY NOW!

Dreamers

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What is the California DREAM Act?

The California DREAM Act allows undocumented and nonresident students who qualify for a non-resident exception under Assembly Bill 540 to recieve various types of financial aid

Must fill out the CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)

- What does filing the application do??
  - Eligible for privately-funded scholarships
  - Receive State financial aid such as Cal Grants and more!
  - Receive Financial Assistance overall

Please follow the CPM Instagrams!
@cpm_espanol and @jbhspeermentor

Important Dates:

- **Best to apply ASAP:**
  - To be eligible to receive scholarships
- Due date to apply to CA Dream Act is March 2, 2021



If you're

- Undocumented or
- Have a valid or expired DACA status or
- Are a U visa holder or
- Have temporary protected status or
- Meet the non- residential exemption requirements under AB 540

you're eligible to apply for the CA Dream Act!

COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING

HOW TO PICK A COLLEGE

1) It just felt right – FIT!!
2) I got accepted. You gotta get IN or you're OUT
3) Cost! It's more than just tuition... Finish in 4 years?
4) Size- Tiny, Small, Medium, Large, and GINORMOUS!
5) Location, Location, Location

Where do you want to live? What do you like to do? Spending Free Time!

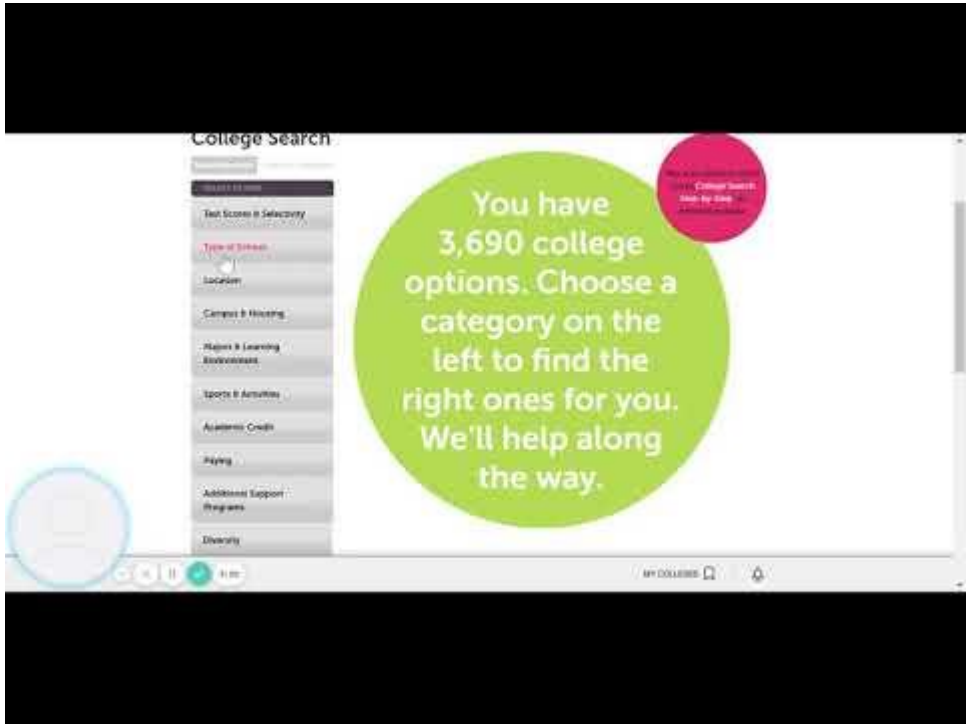
Learn More, Earn More

People with more education earn more money. Here are annual earnings based on degree:



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

College Scorecard and BigFuture



https://bit.ly/JBHS_CollegeSearch

52 colleges are within 50 miles of Burbank!

College Search 52 results

Save Selections Clear All Selections

SELECT FILTERS

Test Scores & Selectivity

Type of School

4-year school

Don't care Want Must have

Public or private

Don't care Want Must have

Location

<50 miles from 91506

Don't care Want Must have

Campus & Housing

Majors & Learning Environment

Sort by: Relevance

Print results

Location

CLOSE AND SEE RESULTS x

Find colleges close to home (U.S.)
Clear selections

Within how many miles of home (or any other location) do you want to be?

of 91506 50

Find colleges in U.S. regions and states

Choose as many as you like:

Select region or state

Find colleges outside the U.S.

Choose as many as you like:

Select region or country

Does college location matter to you?

Searching by location can be an easy way to narrow down the many college options out there. But keep your mind open. Try searching a few more miles away and see how many options open up to you. **Find out more about making the most of your campus visits.**



I stayed close to home so my parents could visit

Jonathan O., college junior

College Application Fee Waiver Available

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CALIFORNIA COLLEGES







CSU Application



UC Application



Senior Packet



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



112 CAMPUSES ALL AROUND CALIFORNIA

- Are open to any students pursuing higher education
- Provide **Transfer Options** for students seeking a B.A. / B.S.
- Offer **Vocational Training**
- **Early Admissions Process** starts November – May . Plan to participate in an application workshop, English and Math assessment test, and the college's New Student Orientation.

CAL STATES

23 CAMPUSES ALL AROUND CALIFORNIA



- Eligibility Requirements:
  - A-G Courses
  - 2.0 GPA Minimum
- Applications accepted from **October 1st to November 30th**
- Impacted campuses have stricter requirements
- $70 application fee (fee waivers are available) per campus

General CSU Information

- CSU stands for Cal State University, and there are 23 CSUs across California!
- The minimum GPA for CSUs this year is 2.5, however this may be higher if you apply for an impacted major
  - An impacted major is when more students are applying for a major than there are spots for those students (in that major) at the school.
  - An example would be finance, accounting, or music at CSUN
- Cal States allow students to develop more practical applications for their career, while UC schools are more research-based
- You do NOT need the SAT/ACT for the CSU schools this year, and they will not take your test score into consideration
  - Therefore, CSU schools will be checking your A-G Requirements, rigor of courses, GPA, etc.
- The CSU Application is due on December 4th, but the JBHS Counselors recommend that you complete it before that
- The application fee is $70, but students may receive a fee waiver

Local Area Schools & Admissions Information

- Because JBHS is a part of CSUN's "local area" schools, students will be GUARANTEED admission to CSUN if:
  - They have a 2.7 GPA or higher in A-G courses (3.00 recommended)
  - Are applying for an un-impacted major
- Other CSU Schools that do this with JBHS are:
  - Cal State Channel Islands (CSUCI)
  - Cal State Stanislaus (CSUS)
  - Cal State Bakersfield (CSUB)
  - Cal State Maritime
- The Admission Counselors are great if you ever need question answered about a specific CSU!
- To get in contact with one of these people, you can find the email on the website of the school(s) you are applying to
- However, if you are having trouble finding it, please visit: https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/Pages/contact-a-campus.aspx
  - This website lists each individual CSU and their Admissions Office contact information

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



10 CAMPUSES ALL AROUND CALIFORNIA

9 colleges are for undergraduates

- Minimum eligible **GPA is 3.0**
- Application is based upon:
  - A-G Courses and GPA
  - Extracurricular Activities and Involvement
  - Personal Insight Questions
- Applications accepted from
  November 1st to November 30th

DATES AND DEADLINES

TASK/ACTIVITY	
AUGUST 1	UC application opens www.univeristyofcalifornia.edu/apply
NOVEMBER 1-30	Submit UC application online
DECEMBER 4	Submit CSU application
MARCH	Notification of admissions
MAY 1	SIR deadline for freshmen Waitlist activity by UC campuses
JULY 1	Send your final official transcript to your college via Parchment
JULY 15	Submit test scores (AP, IB, etc)

OUT OF STATE- 3400+ CHOICES

- Out of State – 49 states & International Options
- Universities & Colleges from coast to coast (and beyond) are seeking students from California
- Private Schools do NOT charge OOS Tuition!!
- Some will freeze tuition for four years
- WUE – Western Undergraduate Exchange (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North & South Dakota, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Wyoming, and Northern Mariana Islands)



Eligible

- Minimum A-G Completion
- Minimum GPA
- Easy 12th grade schedule w/ few A-G courses
- Few extracurricular or community activities

Competitive

- Taking A-G courses beyond the minimum
- Higher GPA
- Competitive 12th grade schedule w/ A-G courses
- Several, recurring extracurricular or community activities

HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE? FINANCIAL AID





FSA ID

Financial Aid

What do I need to do??

FAFSA

1) Create an FSA ID. You need one & your parent needs one.
2) Complete the FAFSA. Send the FAFSA to your colleges.
3) Wait for award letter(s) from the college(s) you are accepted to.
4) Compare award letters.
5) Decide what you will accept or decline.

What will I have to pay (cost of attendance)?

FIXED costs

- Tuition
- Fees



VARIABLE costs

- Housing
- Meals
- Textbooks & supplies
- Transportation
- Personal expenses

There are many ways to pay for college!

Money you DON'T have to pay back

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Work study

Money you have to pay back

- Federal loans
- Private loans



Scholarships for First Gen Students

More info on Instagram @firstgensupport



1.) Mercedes Benz Drive Your Future Scholarship: provides 'First in Family' opportunities for high school seniors who are the first members of their immediate families to matriculate. The scholarship is open to high-achievers that combine stallar academic performance with extracurricular success.

2.) The University of California-Santa Cruz sponsors the UCSC Alumni First in Family Scholarship. Alumni contributions are used to help first in family college students make transitions into higher education.

3.) Sallie Mae Fund in partnership with the Hispanic College Fund,; the First in Family Scholarship. A diversity scholarship elevates hispanic access to education, subject to applicants meeting a combination of performance and need-based criteria. In addition to being the first member of your family to pursue a four-year college degree, eligibility for this scholarship requires:

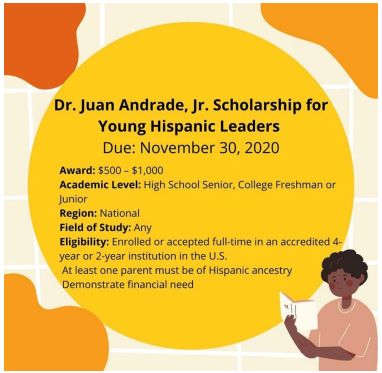
1. Hispanic cultural ancestry
2. Financial need
3. U.S. Citizenship
4. Full-time enrollment
5. Undergraduate degree program
6. Approved institution
7. GPA of at least 3.0

Applicants who meet Sallie Mae standards are eligible for awards worth $500 – $5000.

Scholarships for Undocumented Students

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