

WELCOME TO COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT

Wilcox High School
Oct. 1, 2025

Please make sure to check in on the QR
code by the door as you come in.

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Overview

- Methods of Communication
- Process
- Common Pitfalls
- Application
- Four Phases of Senior year (general)
- Questions & Answers
- Powerpoint will be posted on the Wilcox Website (under Counseling)

Wilcox Counseling Page

SANTA CLARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Counseling Department

We are
student
career,



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[Make an Appointment](#)

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3:45pm



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3:45pm

RED FOLDER

- ALL STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN **WHY**
 - Different deadlines for different plans
 - Seniors were given **Red Folders**
 - Due Dates
 - Different based on deadline



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 22nd (Early Admissions)
October 20th (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	UC	CSU	Community College
www.commonapp.org	https://californiacolleges.edu	https://californiacolleges.edu	https://home.cccapply.org/en/
Min. GPA: Varies	Min. GPA: 3.0	Min. GPA: 2.0	No Min. GPA
Cost of Application: Varies	Cost of Application: \$80	Cost of Application: \$70	Cost of Application: FREE
Essay	Personal Insight Questions	~~Essay~~	~~Essay~~
Letter of Recommendation	~~Letter of Recommendation~~	~~Letter of Recommendation~~	~~Letter of Recommendation~~
Deadline: Varies	Deadline: November 30	Deadline: November 30	Deadline: Rolling
FAFSA	FAFSA/CADAA	FAFSA/CADAA	FAFSA/CADAA
Parchment	Parchment	Parchment	Parchment
Senior Profile	~~Senior Profile~~	~~Senior Profile~~	~~Senior Profile~~
FERPA Waiver	FERPA Waiver	FERPA Waiver	FERPA Waiver

Senior Profile

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

The screenshot displays the 'Classwork' tab in a Canvas LMS interface. At the top, navigation tabs include 'Stream', 'Classwork' (which is selected and highlighted in orange), 'People', and 'Grades'. Below the tabs, a list of assignments is shown, each with an orange icon, a title, and a due date. The assignments are: 'Student Survey-Beginning of the year' (Posted Yesterday), 'FREE TUTORING w/ PAPER.CO-SIGN UP!' (Posted Sep 10), 'Seniors! Order Your Class of 2022 Pajama Pa...' (Due Sep 5, 11:59 PM), 'Tech Tips for the Beginning of the Year' (Posted Sep 1), and 'Senior Profile (Required for any college that...' (Posted Aug 26). Between the assignment lists, there are section headers: 'Senior Activities', 'Monday Tech Tips', and 'TO DO LIST', each followed by a vertical ellipsis menu icon.

Assignment	Due Date
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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



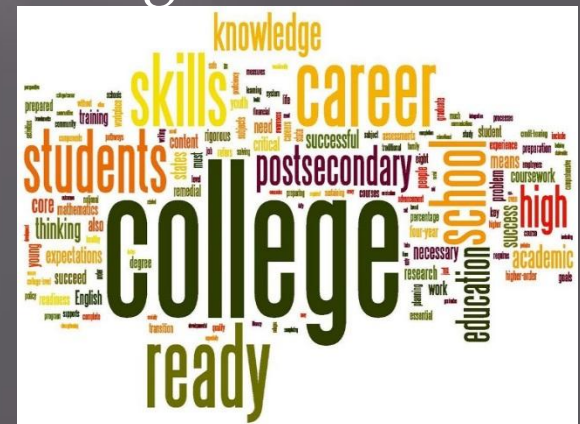
Likely

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

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

Common Pitfalls

- [illegible]



Five School “Systems”

CSU

- Sept 29th Workshop

University of California

- Sept 17th Workshop

Private School (Common Application)

Sept 10th Workshop

Community College

- Feb 4th Parent night

WUE

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

Composition of Application

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

Cal State Apply

- New system this year.
- Deadlines: Oct 1st 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 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 \$6,450+local fees
 - Room and Board \$13,662
 - Total Cost of Attendance \$22,563

- 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 1st \$80
- Submit Nov. 1 to 30th
- Transcript-
 - Parchment.com
 - Check deadlines
- Personal Statement
- Set up portals for all schools you apply to
- **CALIFORNIACOLLEGES.EDU LINKED**

The screenshot shows the 'My UC Application' page for the University of California. 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 title 'My UC Application' is prominently displayed. A central orange banner contains an asterisk icon and text stating: 'The application for admission to the fall 2013 term will be available in October 2012. To learn more, please visit our website.' To the left, a 'Sign In' section includes input fields for 'E-mail Address' and 'Password', a 'GO' button, and a link for 'Forgot your password?'. To the right, a 'Create a New Account' section offers a link to 'NEW ACCOUNT' with the text 'If you don't have an account you can create one here.' Further right, two informational boxes are present: 'Need Help?' with contact details for the application processing service (800) 523-2048 (in California) or (925) 808-2181 (outside California), and 'Questions?' with a link to start a new application if the user has already submitted one.

University Of California

- 9 campuses in the state Davis to San Diego
 - Total Tuition & Campus Fees \$15,384
 - 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)
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- 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, there is a yellow banner with a welcome message and 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

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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.

Explore Apply Financial Aid

How to use Parchment

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

Learner Account



Wilcox High School

3250 Monroe St, Santa Clara, CA, 95051-1199, US



Ordering your own credentials
or academic records

OR



Ordering on behalf of
someone else

A MESSAGE FROM WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to Wilcox's Electronic Transcript request service. We're offering this service to make ordering

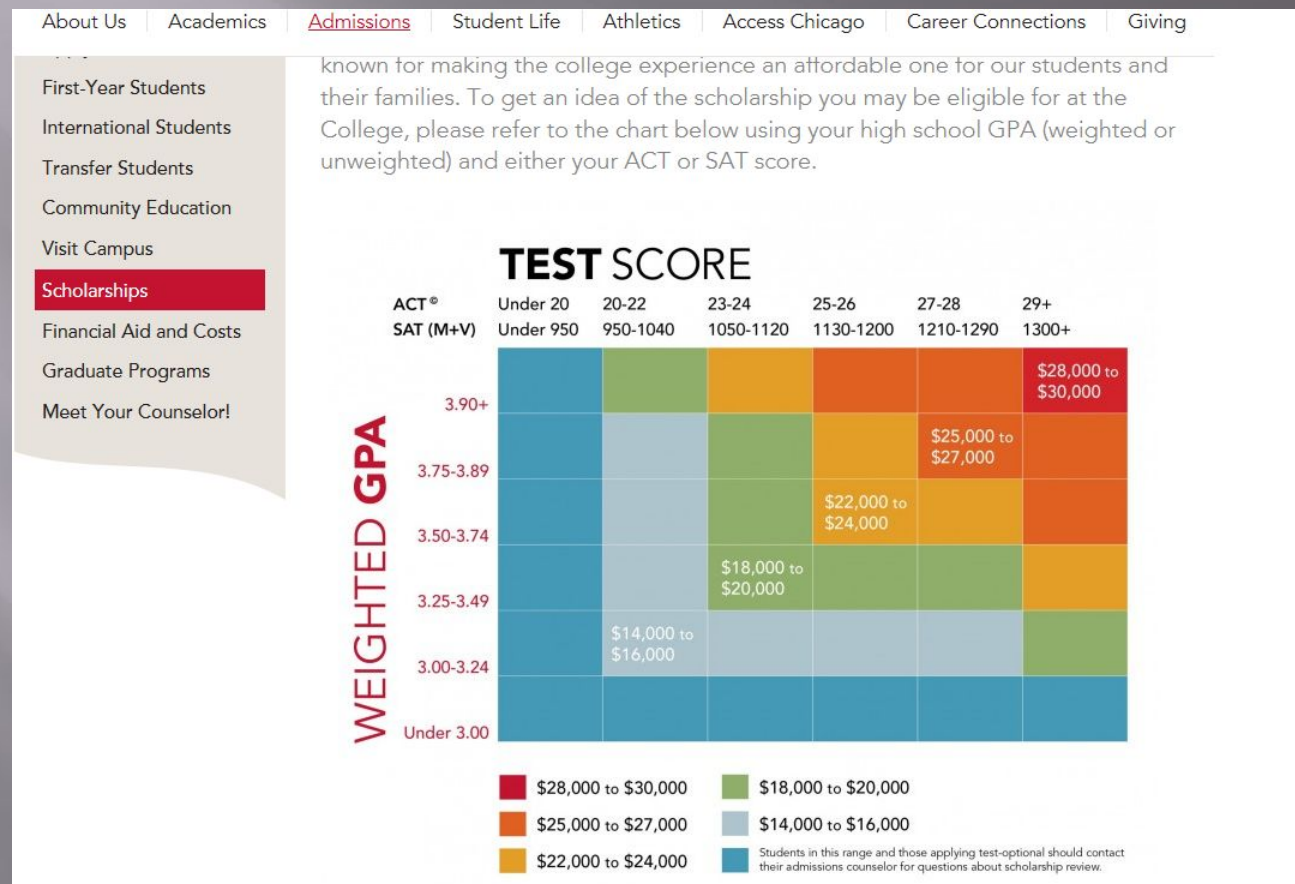
Transcripts

- 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**

“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

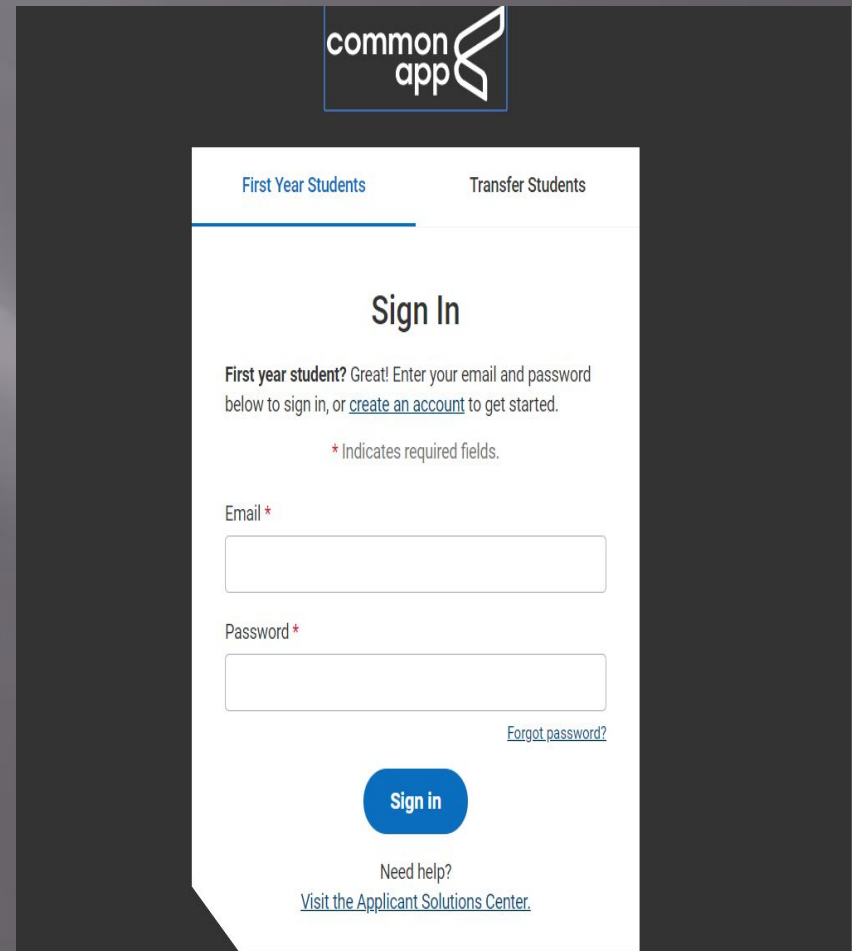
Example of institutional aid



Lake Forest University in Chicago: Example of Merit Aid

How to use the Common App

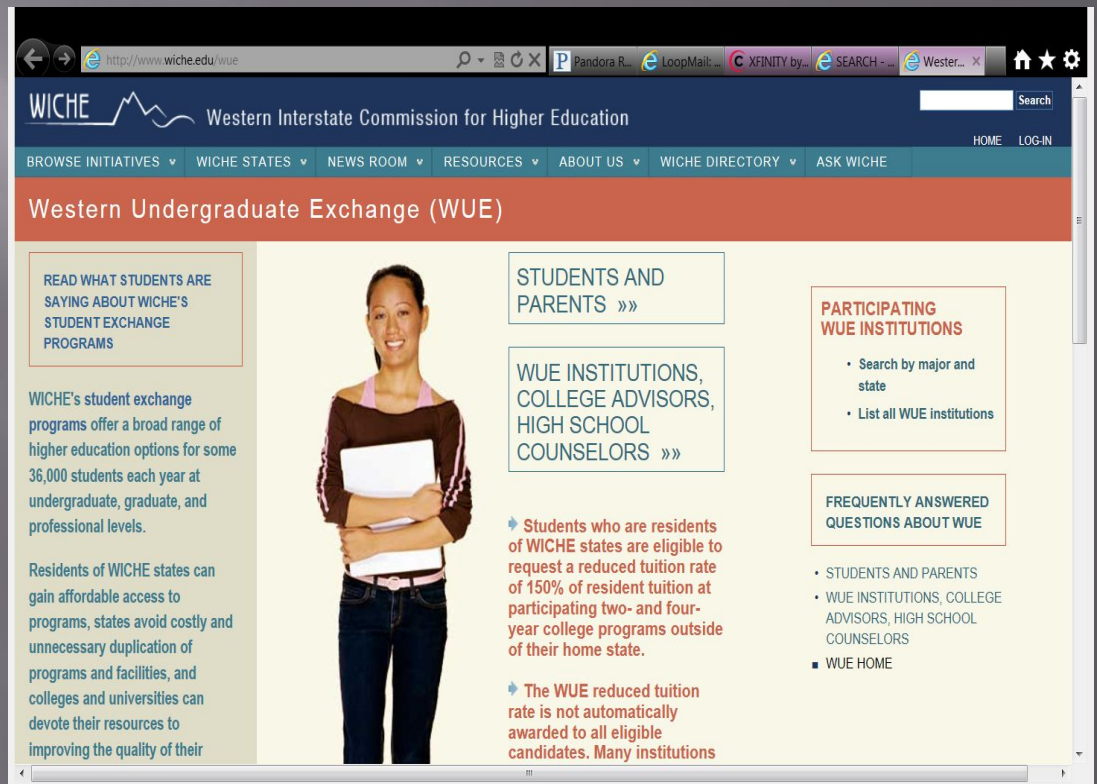
- ❑ www.commonapp.org
- ❑ Deadlines are different for each school
- ❑ Transcript will be submitted with School Report by Counselor through Naviance.
- ❑ Essays
- ❑ Letters of Recommendation through Naviance
- ❑ Supplements and CSS
- ❑ Set up Portals for all schools you apply to



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 for first-year students says: 'First year student? Great! Enter your email and password below to sign in, or [create an account](#) to get started.' Below this is a note: '* Indicates required fields.' There are two input fields: 'Email *' and 'Password *'. To the right of the password field is a link that says 'Forgot password?'. At the bottom, there is a blue 'Sign in' button. Below the button, it says 'Need help?' followed by a link: 'Visit the Applicant Solutions Center.'

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

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