

Are You College Bound?

Community College (California has 112)

California State University (23 campuses)

University of California (9 campuses)

Private Universities (California has 113)

Naviance: Research & Compare

- www.shastawolves.com

- Naviance

Log in: Student ID#

Password: Network password

- Go to Colleges tab > “SuperMatch”

Assist.org

- www.assist.org
- This website is great for limiting your search to UC and CSU colleges and their majors.
- Assist.org can also help you design a transfer path from community colleges to UC or CSU according to your major. Be sure to confirm that transfer path is updated.

Admittance Criteria

- What criteria do universities use for admittance?

California State University	University of California	Common Application
Course Selection	Course Selection	Course Selection
Grades	Grades	Grades
SAT/ACT Scores	SAT/ACT Scores	SAT/ACT Scores
Eligibility Index	Written Responses (4)	Written Responses (5)
	Activities (Can List 5)	Activities (Can List 10)
		Letters of Rec.

Releasing Test Scores

- SAT – www.sat.collegeboard.org
 - \$12 per report after the test date
- ACT – www.actstudent.org
 - \$12 per report after the test date
- University of California
 - **If you send your SAT or ACT scores to one campus then all other UC campuses can view your scores.**
- California State University
 - **CSU Mentor SAT code: 3594**
 - You can send ACT scores to other CSU's using the ACT Scores Manager after one CSU has received a score

December
last date to
take a test!

Know your options & apply with confidence!

Shasta College

- See counselor for more information about the Shasta College Honors program
- The Shasta Promise: Complete application online at www.shastacollege.edu, take placement tests, attend an orientation, and you will receive an earlier registration time.
- Shasta College does NOT require SAT/ACT
- The English placement tests can be waived with evidence of AP Eng. III score of 3 or higher, EAP results, or transcript review
- **Once a student starts at a community college they cannot transfer to a CSU or UC until they have completed 60 units (2 years) in the required transfer requirements (IGETC or UC/CSU Gen. Ed.)**
- 6 UC campuses offer a TAG, “Transfer Agreement Guarantee”
<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/guarantee/>
- CSU offers ADT, “Associate Degree Transfer” <http://calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml>
- Shasta College Transfer Counselor: Daniel Valdivia, dvaldivia@shastacollege.edu

CSU: top 33% of CA seniors

CSU

- Deadline is November 30th
- Apply at www.csumentor.edu
- No essays and no letters of recommendation.
- SAT score is comprised of Critical Reading & Math.
 - Scores can be split!
- Eligibility Index of 2900 (SAT) or 694 (ACT) for non impacted campuses. **What is your index?** How do you compare? Check out campus specific student profiles!
- Is the campus and/or the major impacted?
- Have copy of your transcript to help you fill out application and be ACCURATE!
- List all high schools attended on the application
- List Shasta College as a school you attended if you have taken a-g classes out there

CSU Eligibility Index

- The CSU uses a calculation called an eligibility index
 - It combines your high school GPA with the score you earn on either the SAT or ACT tests.
 - California residents must have a minimum of 2900 (using SAT) or 694 (using ACT)

SAT Scores	$(\text{Your GPA}) \times 800 + (\text{Your SAT total}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
ACT Scores	$(\text{Your GPA}) \times 200 + (10 \times \text{ACT Comp}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

UC: top 9% of CA seniors

- Due Nov. 30th. Application available at:
<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/>
- The UC application requires 4 written responses called the Personal Insights.
- There is an optional response on the application. Use this opportunity to clarify and place information in context. Example: Honor Roll at our school requires at least a 3.75 GPA.
- Send SAT or ACT scores to one UC campus and all other campuses can download

14 Factors the UC System Weighs

1. GPA (in a-g courses for grades 10 & 11)
2. Test Scores (the best one day sitting)
3. Performance & number of A-G courses beyond the minimum
4. UC-approved honors and AP courses
5. Eligibility in the Local Context
6. Quality of senior year's courses (stay strong)
7. Academic opportunity (they will look specifically at SHS)

14 Factors the UC System Weighs

- 8. Outstanding performance in one or more academic subjects
- 9. Achievement in special projects
- 10. Improvement in academic performance
- 11. Special talents, achievements, awards
- 12. Participation in educational preparation programs
- 13. Academic accomplishments in light of life experiences
- 14. Geographic location!!!

The UC “Personal Insights”

UC Personal Insights replaced the Personal Statement

Personal Insight Prompts:

- 8 writing prompts provided and applicant must choose 4
- Each response is limited to 350 words or less
- Consider the 14 factors for UC admission when choosing your four writing prompts to answer

Personal Insight themes...

- Community Service experience that changed the way you see people or interact with people.
- Travel experience that possibly made you aware of how fortunate you are.
- Certain class you took that opened your eyes and prompted you to research a certain career. Maybe you've job shadowed or had a summer internship.
- Experiences through scouting
- Being the oldest child in your family and the extra responsibilities you have with your younger siblings.
- Having to hold down a part time job while in high school just to help your family with necessary bills. How has that added responsibility changed you?

Do's

- Read directions & stay focused on prompt
- Show how you are different!
- Remember the reader doesn't know you!
- Write about how you overcame, triumphed, or learned from the experience!
- Keep your essay relevant to last 4 years
- Be sure to brag!
- Write early, edit, and involve others
- Write in word then copy and paste
- Explain significance of your experience!
- Use examples and facts for maximum impact
- Give them new information that isn't already reported on application.

Don'ts

- Don't fabricate a story or hardship!
- Don't use “flowy” or “flowery” language
- Don't try to be funny!
- Don't just write a list
- Don't use clichés!
- Don't be shy!
- Don't procrastinate
- Don't be campus specific
- Don't use quotations or acronyms!

Private Universities & Common App.

- You will be using Naviance in order to apply to the Common Application. Your counselor and teacher(s) will submit their letters of recommendation via Naviance as well. Be sure to follow up with counselor and teachers at least two weeks before letters are due!
- Your counselor is required to complete a large portion of the Common App. AND write a letter of recommendation!
- One or two letters of recommendation from teachers are needed
- Obtain your letters of recommendation BEFORE WINTER BREAK

Common Application Letters of Recommendation

- You need at least one recommender, besides your counselor
- **Make an appointment with your counselor**
- Fill out a Senior Resume/Recommendation Form and make copies. Form is available on counseling website or in counseling office.
- Talk with your teacher first
- Thank those who complete a letter of recommendation for you

NAME: _____
Grade: _____ ID # _____
Date Received _____
Date Needed: _____

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Full Legal Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

1. Name of scholarship or other reason for requesting a recommendation: _____
2. List number of brothers and sisters with ages: _____
3. What colleges are you considering? Major: _____
1st College choice: _____
2nd College choice: _____
3rd College choice: _____
4th College choice: _____
4. In relationship to College, what is your financial need? Do you have any unusual family financial situations? (ie. parents retired, parents disabled, single parent family)

5. List part-time or full-time job experiences: _____

6. List hobbies and recreational activities you enjoy: _____

Common Application

- The Grid: Due Dates and Requirements

[file:///C:/Users/bllove/Downloads/ReqGrid%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/bllove/Downloads/ReqGrid%20(1).pdf)

- Have a copy of your transcript to help fill out application
- List all high schools attended on the application
- List Shasta College as a school you attended if you have taken a-g classes out there
- One Essay of 650 words plus several short answer writing prompts

Last but not least...

- Apply broadly!
- Have a “safe school”
- Release your test scores!
- Meet the deadlines!
- Input accurate data and follow directions
- Write, edit, share, rewrite your Personal Insight responses!
- Don't be afraid to ask for help!

After the application...

- Check your email for correspondence. Not all acceptance letters come through the mail!
- You may receive an email requesting a mid year (7th semester transcript) and/or letters of recommendation
- If you are accepted and given a university account be sure to set up that account! Look for “tasks” or “to do’s”
- Meet all deadlines as you most likely will be rescinded if you miss a deadline or fail to submit requested materials
- Be aware of deposit deadline for dorms
- Intent to register is May 1, 2016!

If there are changes to your academic record...

- If you change schools, add or drop a course, or fail to earn a C or better in a course after you submit your application, you must notify the UC Application Center by email or postal mail. Your correspondence must include your name, UC Application ID number and your signature (if you mail a letter), and will be available to all the campuses to which you applied.
- If you receive an offer of admission, be sure to confirm with the campus admission office that they are aware of the deficient grade or schedule changes. Although you must notify the campus of these changes, we cannot guarantee that a campus can go back to review an application after correspondence has been received. Make sure to save a copy of your correspondence just in case.
- Email: docs@applyUCsupport.net
- Postal mail:
UC Application Center
P.O. Box 1432
Bakersfield, CA 93302

Do you need money to pay for college?

Scholarship searches:

- From the “Colleges” tab on Naviance
- Scroll down to Scholarship listing
- Double click on due date for monthly sort

Other Local Scholarship Searches:

<https://northstatescholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>

National Scholarship Searches:

www.fastweb.com & www.cappex.com/

Most often our students receive more financial aid by staying in CA.

- Cal Grant A
- Cal Grant B
- Cal Grant C
- Outside of CA, look into Western Undergraduate Exchange Program (WUE) for reduced out of state tuition! The income ceiling is surprisingly high!
<http://www.wiche.edu/wue>

Create a FSA ID Right Away!

- Changes to the Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA). Now opening on Oct. 1, 2016
- Student and Parent must create a FSA ID @ fsaid.ed.gov
- Parents can use their 2015 tax return and upload the data from IRS on to the FAFSA
- Students are required to use their parents' income data until age 24!
- If a student is Homeless, Foster Youth, or have lived with a variety of unofficial guardians over the past two years, please talk with your counselor about the FAFSA!

Upcoming Events for Seniors

- Class of 2017 Informational Night
 - Tuesday, Sept. 13th , 6:00-7:15PM, Room 218
- CollegeQuest
 - Sept. 20th @ Simpson College, 5-8PM
- Financial Aid Night
 - Oct. 17th , 6:00-7:15PM, Rm. 218
- Cash for College Night
 - Nov. 17th, 6:00-7:15PM, SHS Library



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reminders and
updates on Twitter:

[@Shasta_Wolves](https://twitter.com/Shasta_Wolves)

Counselor Feedback Survey

1. This information inspired me to get organized with regards to my college applications.
 - 3 = Yes very much so, 2 = Yes 1 = No
2. This presentation was helpful.
 - 3 = Yes, most definitely, 2 = Yes 1 = No
3. After graduation I plan to attend a
 - Community College, 4 Year University/College, Military Service
4. I feel confident with my knowledge regarding my options after high school.
 - Yes No
5. I need more information on: (List those that apply)
 - Scholarships, Financial Aid, Options After High School