

# Senior Checklist 2020-2021

## August

- Create a **professional** email. No funny emails!
- Visit your top school choice. If possible, make an appointment with faculty, staff, and students.
- Register with NCAA if you considering playing college sports at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Mark your calendar with registration, admissions, and financial aid deadlines and fees.
- If you have not taken the SAT and/or ACT, register for the exam(s) **ASAP**. ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) ) or ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org) ).
- UC's application window opens **August 1st**. <https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm>
- Private schools and scholarships require a letter of recommendation so be prepared to request your letter early. Download the letter of recommendation request from [t.ly/065a](http://t.ly/065a)

**Please give your counselor 3 weeks to complete a letter of recommendation.**

## October

- Download and complete **Santiago Local Scholarships package**. Window opens on October 1<sup>st</sup>. from [www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/shs](http://www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/shs).
- Students sign up for an **FSA ID** to complete your **Free Application Federal Student Aid** online at [www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov) . Parents will need a **FSA ID** as well.
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> FAFSA window opens. Complete your FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) as soon as possible!
- Take the SAT and/or ACT. December may be the last chance for testing. Please check with intended school.
- CSU admission period begins OCT 1<sup>st</sup>. <https://www.californiacollege.edu> Click on Cal States tab.
- Work on your admissions essays, if you are applying for UC's or private schools.
- Attend **October 10<sup>th</sup>** Santiago JR/SR Parent/Financial Aid Night in the **Theatre** from 5:30pm -6:30pm & The College and Career Fair from 6:30 pm – 8:00pm in the **GYM**.
- Complete applications for eligible scholarships. Please see Mrs. Wendt (Lisa.Wendt@cnusd.k12.ca.us) or click on this Smore for more information: <https://www.smore.com/q7dxh>.

## November

- November 1<sup>st</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> is the University of California application submission period.
- CSU window closes on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Do not wait until the last week!
- Check and Complete admission applications by their deadlines.
- Check your email and college student portals weekly.

## December

- Research and apply for scholarships. Please see Mrs. Wendt (Lisa.Wendt@cnusd.k12.ca.us) or click on this Smore for more information: <https://www.smore.com/q7dxh>.
- Check your email and college student portals weekly!

## January/February

- Local Scholarships are due **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020** in the career center **NO LATER THAN 3PM**.
- Check your email and college student portals. **Watch out for deadlines**. Always submit info on time!
- Watch for the email notice indicating your **Student Aid Report (SAR)** is ready.
- FAFSA deadline is approaching fast. **March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020** is the priority deadline for California.

## March

- Check with the financial aid office to ensure your paperwork is complete. **March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the priority deadline**.
- Narrow your school choices and make campus visits. ([www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu))
- Be on the lookout for acceptance letters.
- Check your email and college student portals weekly!

## April

- Plan for registration, orientation and housing and make sure you make your deposit. **Mark your calendar with important dates**.
- Check your email and college student portals weekly!
- If you miss your orientation/deadlines, the college may rescind your admission.

## May

- It is your responsibility to order your final transcripts**. Click here for information: <https://www.santiagocounseling.com/how-to-order-transcripts.html>
- Be aware of any summer orientation sessions that you **MUST** attend and plan accordingly.
- Notify your high school counselor of your college selection and any scholarships received.