

Senior Checklist 2021-2022

August

- Create a **professional** email. No funny emails! Pro tip: Create an email account just for colleges.
- 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
- 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** if applicable. (www.collegeboard.org) or (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/SYE8
Please give your counselor 3 weeks to complete a letter of recommendation.
- Many private schools use Common App for application purposes. Click on this link for more information: <https://www.commonapp.org/>

October

- Download and complete **Santiago Local Scholarships package**. Window opens on October 1st. Please see Mrs. Wendt (Lisa.Wendt@cnusd.k12.ca.us) or click on this Smore for more information: <https://www.smores.com/q7dxh>.
- Students sign up for an **FSA ID** to complete your **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** online at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. Parents will need a **FSA ID** as well.
- Oct. 1st FAFSA window opens. Complete your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible!
- Financial Aid Night/Cash for College October 5th @ 5 pm (ZOOM LINK)?
- Take the SAT and/or ACT. December may be the last chance for testing. Please check with your intended school.
- CSU admission period begins OCT 1st. <https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/> Hover over the college tab.
- Work on your admissions essays, if you are applying for UC's or private schools.
- 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.smores.com/q7dxh>.

November

- November 1st -30th is the University of California application submission period.
- CSU window closes on November 30th. 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.smores.com/q7dxh>.
- Check your email and college student portals weekly!

January/February

- Local Scholarships are due **February 4th, 2022** 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 priority deadline is approaching fast. **March 2nd, 2022** is the priority deadline for California.

March

- Check with the financial aid office to ensure your paperwork is complete. **March 2nd is the priority deadline**.
- Narrow your school choices and make campus visits. (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.

Need help starting the college search process? Click here:

<https://www.santiagocounseling.com/the-college-search-process.html>

College Application Responsibilities Checklist

PARENT	STUDENT	COUNSELOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application Fee / Test Scores Payments ○ Request your Federal Student Aid ID (FAFSA ID) to start FAFSA Parent process: https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch ○ CSS Profile Parent Information section (if required by college) ○ FAFSA Priority Filing Period: Oct 1-March 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applications and Essays ○ Send official test scores to colleges (if required) ○ Check email for notices from colleges ○ Request your Federal Student Aid ID (FAFSA ID) to start the process: https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch ○ CSS Profile (for financial aid if required by college). ○ Create a Webgrants Account (if accepting a Cal Grant award) https://webgrants.csac.ca.gov/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter of Recommendation (once requested by student) ○ Secondary School Report ○ Mid-Year Report ○ Final Report

Letter of Recommendation Process	Required Information for Common App
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check number of teacher recommendations required by colleges (UCs and Cal State do not require recommendations) 2. Ask teacher in person for a letter of rec 3. Letter of Recommendation form: t.ly/EYIB 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title: High School Counselor 2. Santiago Counseling Office Phone: 951-739-5606 3. Santiago High School Fax: 951-739-5639 4. GPA Scale: 4 Point 5. GPA: Weighted 6. Course Scheduling System: Semester <p>Counselor emails:</p> <p>Mrs. Nunes (Mariana.Nunes@cnusd.k12.ca.us): A-Chau</p> <p>Mr. Campos (jcampos@cnusd.k12.ca.us): Chav-Cle, AVID A-K and El students</p> <p>Mrs. Berg (cberg@cnusd.k12.ca.us): Coa-GI</p> <p>Mr. Theune (ntheune@cnusd.k12.ca.us): Gn-Kor</p> <p>Mrs. Partida (mpartida@cnusd.k12.ca.us): Kos-Mas, AVID L-Z</p> <p>Mr. Estrada (Carlos.Estrada@cnusd.k12.ca.us): Mat-Pini</p> <p>Mrs. Matsumoto (kmatsumoto@cnusd.k12.ca.us): Pino-Sol</p> <p>Mrs. Applegate (Valencia.Applegate@cnusd.k12.ca.us): Som-Z</p>