



College and Scholarship Newsletter

Seniors, it all starts now!

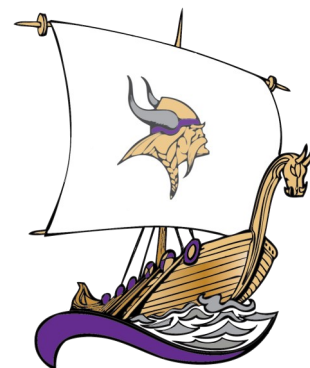
October officially begins college application season. All you have done in the past four years was to get you to this point. Help is available for you, but *you need to take advantage of it!!* Make sure to **sign up** for the college application workshops that are still available: CSU on Nov. 23rd, UC on November 4th, and MJC on November 10th and 19th. CSU and UC applications are due on **NOVEMBER 30th!** MJC has rolling admissions meaning you can apply at any time and private or out-of-state campuses have varying application deadlines. Some reminders:

- > Sign up for Remind to get updates and reminders throughout the year. Text @joho2021 to 81010 for the most current and up-to-date information and and scholarship applications.
- > Check the All Senior Schoology page for workshops, updates and more information.
- > Check your transcript for accurate information! Obtain a copy of your transcript from your academic counselor or any teacher. Make sure your personal information is accurate: full name (if you don't use multiple last names but they are all listed on your transcript, you need to get it changed), address, phone and date of birth. It is vital that the information you list on your college and financial aid applications matches exactly the information on your transcript.
- > Get on Naviance. This is an amazing tool to search for colleges that will be the best match for you. Super Match will even rank the colleges based on your answers.
- > Attend virtual college and campus visits. Some are arranged through Johansen and the information will be posted on Schoology and Remind. You can also go to any college's website and take their virtual tours or sign up for virtual information sessions.



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Scholarship search engines to check out:

www.fastweb.com
www.cappex.com
www.scholarships.com

****Create a separate email account for these scholarship searches!**

“Challenge yourself and strive high, they're are no limits on what you can accomplish. “

~Jaime Magana '18

SAT and ACT Reminders



UCs cannot use these test scores (see update) CSUs and almost all private/out of state colleges are test **OPTIONAL. Meaning - you are **NOT** required to take these tests this year! Check with schools you are applying to verify their requirements.**

If you would like to, or need to, take these tests, go to the appropriate websites to find open test centers and register for the test. You will also need to take the test(s) no later than the **December** test date.

SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/>

ACT: www.actstudent.org

UC vs. CSU

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

One of the key differences between UC and CSU is their academic offerings.

CSU is known for basing their courses and degree programs on practical applications and non-research-oriented careers. The CSU system awards mostly bachelor's degrees, and does not offer as many advanced-level degrees as UC.

Meanwhile, the UC system has an excellent reputation for research and theory-based teaching. Many of the professors engage in research, providing students with the opportunity to learn in a research setting. In addition to bachelor's

and master's degrees, UC also awards numerous professional and doctorate degrees.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

When it comes to the minimum subject requirements, both **CSU** and **UC** require students to complete the "a-g" courses with a grade of a C or better.

WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

Neither the UC nor the CSU system is better than the other – rather, students may be more suited to a particular

system due to their academic and/or career goals. At the UCs, the programs are more research and theory-oriented. Students study how and why things happen. The CSUs were actually created as "teaching colleges". Therefore, the type of education you will receive will be more hands-on and teach more practical approaches.

Overall, it's best to find the college that is the best fit for you, your future and your ability to pay for the school you wish to attend.

When in doubt, apply to at least one of each systems and decide when the admissions decisions and financial aid offers come in.

What are my college options?

CSU Application

www2.calstate.edu/apply

- 23 campuses
- 4-year colleges - tend to be more hands-on/career focused
- Application deadline November 30th
- Applicants self-report academic history on application
- No essays
- No letters of recommendation
- Final transcripts sent after graduation
- Application fee \$70 per campus
 - Request fee waiver ON application. IF approved, you are allowed 4 free applications
- Requires SAT or ACT - NO writing portion
- Many campuses are impacted - meaning more students apply than they have available seats.
- Consider applying for at least one non-impacted campus: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Maritime and Stanislaus

UC Application

<https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm>

- 9 campuses
- 4-year colleges - tend to be more research focused
- Application deadline November 30th
- Applicants self-report academic history on application
- Requires Personal Insight Question
- No letters of recommendation
- Final transcripts sent after graduation
- Application fee \$70 per campus
 - Request fee waiver ON application. IF approved, you are allowed 4 free applications
- Requires SAT or ACT - WITH writing
- Some campuses and some majors also require SAT subject tests. Check with individual campuses to find out.

Private College Application

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

- Thousands of campuses across the country
- Can be 2 or 4-year colleges - may be research, liberal arts or career focused
- Application deadline vary by college. They may be as early as Nov. 1st and as late as Feb. 15th.
- Usually requires transcript to be submitted by counselor and often requires a mid-year transcript to be sent.
- Most require personal statements and some require a supplemental essay.
- Most require letters of recommendation and a secondary school report
- Students MUST work with Mrs. Hildebrandt to make sure all documents are sent on time.
- Application fee vary by campus
 - Request fee waiver through Common App. IF approved, you are allowed 20 free applications
- Requires SAT or ACT. Some require the writing portion, some require SAT Subject Tests. Check each school's website thoroughly
- Watch out for the "For Profit" schools which are usually career oriented.

Community College Application

<http://www.mjc.edu>

- Over 100 campuses in California
- 2-year colleges - may be career education or general education focused. Students can also transfer to the 4-year universities from a CCC.
- Application deadline - no application deadline, but apply early to get early registration.
- No letters of recommendation or essays
- Final transcripts sent after graduation
- No application fee
- No testing required

"Follow every single deadline, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. If you're ever in need of help with anything concerning school, do not be afraid to ask teachers or counselors for help."

~Jaime Bedoy '2018

Application Checklist

As you begin filling out your various applications, you'll want to make sure you have everything you need to complete the applications accurately. This check list can help make sure you're ready.

Dates and Deadlines:

- Nov. 30th - for all CSU and UC campuses
- Nov. 1st - 15th is the most common window for Early Applications
- Check individual campus websites for all other application, scholarship and financial aid deadlines!

Tasks:

- Transcript -you will need an unofficial copy of your transcript to accurately report your courses and grades.
- Personal Statements/Essays - for UC, private and out of state campuses you need to spend time writing your admission essays early enough for someone to proofread them before you submit.
- Additional Information: have a list of your extra-curricular, volunteer, community and work activities with dates, hours per week, honors earned, offices held, etc.
- Letters of Recommendation - private and out of state schools are the only campuses that will ask for LORs. Make sure you have contacted your teachers and counselor at least **3 weeks prior** to the deadline and then follow up with each recommender.
- Application fees - if you do not qualify or have used all of your fee waivers, you will need to have a credit card available to pay for each application.

OCTOBER TO DO LISTS:

Seniors:

- Begin submitting CSU applications as of the 1st
- Begin writing personal statement for UCs, private and out-of-state school and scholarship applications. Ask someone to proofread before you submit them.
- Complete ESS classes for any D or F grades in A-G classes.
- Create a College folder including a calendar to mark deadlines.
- Keep copies of ALL applications submitted.
- Check Schoology and newsletters for scholarships and begin applying for the ones you qualify for.
- Sign up for application workshops in Schoology.
- Follow up teachers, counselor, bosses, etc. whom you asked to write you a letter of recommendation. Make sure they know when you need your letters and HOW you need them submitted (hard copy, Naviance, online, etc.)
- Complete the FAFSA/Cal Dream Act

Juniors:

- Continue to research colleges: Naviance, representative visits to Johansen, school websites, virtual tours, campus tours, etc.
- Look for summer programs such as LEDA, Quest Bridge, etc. that are available to "rising juniors" and learn of application deadlines.
- Complete ESS classes for any D or F grades in A-G classes.
- Remember this is the LAST year your grades count for college!! Get your grades where they need to be for admission!
- Look through the scholarships listed here - there are some that you can start applying for NOW

Sophomores/Freshmen:

- Check your 1st quarter report card, are you earning Cs or higher in your A-G classes? If not, now is the time to talk with your teachers about how to bring your grades up by the semester.
- Begin researching possible careers with websites like Naviance and CA Career Zone. Figure out what level of college education you will need to achieve that career.

Scholarship Info

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships - multiple scholarships up to \$25,000 are available to seniors who demonstrate critical financial need (family income of \$55,000 or less), involvement in school/ community activities, display integrity and perseverance, have a 2.0 GPA, and are a US Citizen. Visit <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/> to apply. **Deadline: October 25, 2020**

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships - The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is available to high-achieving high school seniors (3.5 unweighted GPA plus SAT score 1200+ or ACT score 26+) with financial need (under \$95,000/year income) who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. Recipients are selected based on exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, service to others, and leadership. Awards are up to \$40,000 per year. **Applicants MUST apply through the Common Application.** Visit <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/> for more information and to apply. **Deadline: submitted by 11:59pm PST on October 30, 2020**

“Do not procrastinate on all college related stuff. You need to make sure to do as many scholarships as possible so you can get as much money as you can get.”

~ Alejandro Aguirre Roa 2018

Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship - FINALLY, a scholarship for zombie fans! A \$2000 scholarship is available to legal US residents, 14+ years old. 250 word written response required. Visit <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship> for information and to apply. **Deadline: October 31, 2020**

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program - Sponsored by the National Security Agency. Selected senior students participate in summer employment, receive scholarship for financial aid up to \$30,000/year, and will work each summer and after graduation for the NSA. Must be a computer science or computer/electrical engineering major. Visit <https://apply.intelligencecareers.gov/job-description/1148088> for more information and to apply. **Deadline: October 31, 2020**

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship - is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. 150 scholars are chosen each year for a \$20,000 scholarship. Visit <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/> to apply. **Deadline: submitted by 5pm EST on October 31, 2020**

Good Tidings Scholarship - 10 scholarships for \$10,000 are available

to low-income seniors who have committed themselves to community service. Visit <https://goodtidings.org/scholarship/> to apply. **Deadline: Submitted by noon on November 6, 2020**

Prudential Spirit Community Award - up to \$6000 in scholarship plus a trip to Washington, D.C, for students who are making a difference through volunteering. Visit <https://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2021> to apply. **Deadline: November 10, 2020**

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarships - 20 scholarships up to \$50,000 are awarded to seniors who demonstrate excellence in: leadership, academic achievement, and community involvement. Student must be US citizens. Visit <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm> for more information and to apply. **Deadline: submitted by 11:59pm November 15, 2020**

Boston University Trustee Scholarship - 20 students top students are awarded this four-year, full-tuition scholarship. Students interested in applying to BU. Visit bu.edu/admissions/trustee for more information and to apply. **Deadline: December 1, 2020**

Foundation for Individual Rights in Education Essay Contest - 9 scholarships totaling \$20,000 are available to **juniors and seniors**. Students will write a 700-900 word essay on the prompt provided. Visit <https://www.thefire.org/resources/high-school-network/essay-contest/> for more information and to apply. **Deadline: December 31, 2020**

Modesto Junior College - a large variety of scholarships available for students planning to attend MJC next fall. Letters of recommendation and essays may be required. Many scholarships are available to incoming students as well as current MJC students. Visit <https://www.mjc.edu/student-services/financial-aid/mjcscholarships.php> to apply. **Deadline: January 31, 2021**

