

# Important Senior Guidelines and Deadlines 2013-2014

## August

Have students:

- Register for September ACT Test
- Finalize list of colleges and application deadlines. Have students pay close attention to average GPAs and SAT/ACT Scores before applying
- Finalize Personal statement (Use Prompt 1 from UC Application which can then be used for the Common App Optional Essay)
- Begin filling out csumentor.org high school planner for classes. These classes will then be added to their CSU application.

## September

Students should:

- Begin applying to private schools. Each student has 8 fee waivers. The first 4 have the NACAC option and the other 4 have a College Board waiver.
- **ACT TEST DATE:** September 21, 2013
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
- Finalize their resume/brag sheet
- Register for SAT/ACT
- Make sure students sign up for SAT 2 Subject tests if they are thinking of going to a UC or Private schools. Math Level I will not count for UC.

## October

- October 1: CSU/UC Applications are now open and available for students. Students should begin with the CSU application first. All seniors (regardless of A-G requirements fulfilled) should apply. It is good practice. Make sure that student put in the correct information for fee-waiver. They only get one opportunity and if they don't do it correctly, they might not qualify. Students should finish CSU Applications by mid-October. I recommend you keep a file with students' usernames and passwords. They will forget! All students should apply for the EOP Application.

Students will need their:

- SSN (if they have it)
- Transcripts
- California State ID (from counselor)
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Parents overall yearly income
- Only need to send SAT/ACT scores to Code 3594 for all CSUs
- **SAT TEST DATE:** Saturday, October 5
- **ACT TEST DATE:** October 26, 2013
- Begin filling out UC Applications by October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sign Up for SAT/ACT

## November

- Continue filling out UC Application
- Have a parent meeting with regards to the upcoming FAFSA application
- **SAT TEST DATE:** Saturday, November 23
- **CSU/UC Applications due November 30, 2013**

## December

- Continue working on Private School Applications
- **LAST SAT TEST DATE for Senior Scores:** Saturday, December 7
- **LAST ACT TEST DATE for Senior Scores:** December 14, 2013

## January

- **January 1, 2014: FAFSA Application is now available.** Students should begin filling it out with prior year's tax information if available. If students parents don't file, they can choose that as an option. Also, if their parents don't have a SSN, they will have to print out a form and send it in. If parent are divorced, they should fill out the information for the parent they live with only. They are only allowed to add 4 schools at a time. Once processed, they can edit and add more schools.
- **AB 540 Students:** Start filling out Dream Act Application. The following websites are helpful: [http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream\\_act.asp](http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp) and <http://www.csac.ca.gov>
- Continue working on Private School Applications
- Talk to counselor about sending out midyear transcripts to universities

## February

- Continue working on FAFSA Application
- If students filled out private schools, they may also need to fill out the CSS Profiles. They also get fee waivers for these based on parent incomes.

## March

- **FAFSA Deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**
- **CalGrant information is sent in by the district. Double check students' GPA.**

## April

- Some students will start hearing back from UCs, CSUs, and Private Schools.
- If students are going to a CSU, they will need to take the appropriate placement tests. Have students look up test dates and register.
- Review financial aid packages with students.

## May

- **Decision Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014!** Make sure students submit their intent to register decision. They will lose their position if they don't. Some of our students' deposit is waived due to parents' financial report.

- Some schools will ask students to submit tax forms or residency forms. Make sure students are aware of the deadlines and have them submit these forms ASAP.
- Housing Applications and Meal Plan Applications for students living on campus are due in May.

## **June**

- Students should make arrangements to send official transcripts to schools.
- Graduation!