



College Application Process

What you need to know

Items to cover

- * Criteria for the CA State University (CSU)
- * Criteria for the University of CA (UC)
- * Criteria for Private Universities and Colleges
- * Essay information
- * Resources for college/university searches

Applying to the CA State University (CSU) System

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COMPACT *for* SUCCESS

Compact For Success: A guaranteed admissions program between San Diego State University and the Sweetwater Union High School District.

Who can participate?

Students who have been continuously enrolled in a SUHSD school grades 9 -12 and complete all benchmarks.

High School Compact Benchmarks:

Students Upon High School Graduation Must:

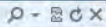
- Attain a 3.0 CSU GPA (at time of SDSU application and graduation)
- Complete all “a-g” course requirements. (with grades of “C” or better)
- Satisfy the ELM (Entry Level Math Test).
- Satisfy the EPT (English Placement Test).
- Take the SAT Reasoning or ACT exam.

Applying to the University of CA (UC) System



UC application

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About applying online

We strongly encourage you to take your time filling out the application.

Be sure to have all the information you need close at hand. Review your responses and check for accuracy.

Still, we know mistakes can happen. If after applying you discover an error, you [can make changes to your application](#).

What you'll need

It's a good idea to have everything prepared before you start your application so you're not trying to track down information at the last minute.

Here's what you'll need:

› **Transcripts.** Don't submit your transcripts to UC at this point, but refer to them as you fill out the application to ensure the information you enter is accurate.*

› **Test scores.** If you're a freshman or sophomore applicant, you'll have to include your scores from the ACT Plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test. (If you're applying for fall, be sure to complete these tests by December.) All applicants should report scores from the SAT.

My UC Application

The UC application is now closed to applicants for fall 2014.

See what you should do [after you apply](#).

Transcripts & letters of recommendation

Don't send official transcripts when you apply. If you're admitted to UC, then you must [submit final transcripts](#) to your campus admissions office.

UC does not require (nor read) letters of recommendation at the time of application. A campus may ask for them later as part of a supplemental review, so be sure to check your email.

Comprehensive Review factors

- ▶ Grade point average
- ▶ Test Scores
- ▶ Number of A–G classes beyond the minimum
- ▶ Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC)
- ▶ Educational Environment
- ▶ Low Family Income
- ▶ First generation college
- ▶ Demonstrated Leadership
- ▶ Special Talents/Achievements/Awards
- ▶ Community and Volunteer Service
- ▶ Participation in Educational/Academic Preparation Programs
- ▶ Special Circumstances/Personal Challenges

Essay Topics

▶ Two topics –

▶ Prompt #1 (freshman applicants)

Describe the world you come from — for example, your family, community or school — and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations.

▶ Prompt #2 (all applicants)

Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

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Member Locator

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Independent colleges and universities

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the NAICU Member Directory. The address bar shows the URL http://www.naicu.edu/member_center/members.asp. The page title is "NAICU - Member Directory". The browser's search bar contains the text "association for independent c".

On the left side of the page, there is a navigation menu with the following items:

- Member Locator
- Member Center
 - Member Directory
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 - Washington Update
 - Comings & Goings
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 - Value of NAICU Membership
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The main content area features a "Forgot Password? Not a user? [Sign Up]" link. Below this, a paragraph explains that the page lists all NAICU member institutions with links to their websites. It also mentions a "Member Locator" feature on the left that can filter results by state or ZIP code.

A section titled "Ucan" explains that members with the U-CAN logo have posted profiles. A note asks members to contact webmaster@naicu.edu if they need to update their information.

The "List by:" section has radio buttons for: Institution (selected), President, State, Affiliation/Mission, UCAN Members, and International.

Below this is an alphabetical index: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y.

The "A" section lists the following institutions, their presidents, and their locations:

Institution	President	Location
Abilene Christian University	Dr. Phil Schubert	Abilene, TX
Adelphi University	Dr. Robert A. Scott	Garden City, NY
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Agnes Scott College	Dr. Elizabeth Kiss	Decatur, GA
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Dr. James J. Gozzo	Albany, NY
Albertus Magnus College	Dr. Julia M. McNamara	New Haven, CT
Albion College	Dr. Donna Randall	Albion, MI
Albright College	Dr. Lex O. McMillan III	Reading, PA
Alderson-Broadus College	Mr. Richard A. Creehan	Phillippi, WV
Alfred University	Dr. Charles M. Edmondson	Alfred, NY
Alice Lloyd College	Mr. Joe A. Stepp	Pippa Passes, KY
Allegheny College	Dr. James H. Mullen Jr.	Meadville, PA
Allen College	Dr. Jerry D. Durham	Waterloo, IA
Alliant International University	Dr. Geoffrey M. Cox	San Diego, CA
Alma College	Dr. Jeff Abernathy	Alma, MI
Alvernia University	Dr. Thomas F. Flynn	Reading, PA

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Please fill out the following form. You cannot save data typed into this form.
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Please briefly elaborate on one of your extracurricular activities or work experiences in the space below.

Please write an essay of 250 – 500 words on a topic of your choice or on one of the options listed below, and attach it to your application before submission. **Please indicate your topic by checking the appropriate box.** This personal essay helps us become acquainted with you as a person and student, apart from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. It will also demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself. *NOTE: Your Common Application essay should be the same for all colleges. Do not customize it in any way for individual colleges. Colleges that want customized essay responses will ask for them on a supplement form.*

- 1 Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
- 2 Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
- 3 Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
- 4 Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
- 5 A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.
- 6 Topic of your choice.

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Essay tips

▶ Tips and Techniques

▶ Start early.

▶ Allow time for reflection, thoughtful preparation and revision.

▶ Choose a topic for each essay.

▶ Look critically at the information in your application: your grades, awards, activities and work experience, family and income. Anticipate questions an admissions evaluator will have after reading your application. The personal statement is your opportunity to answer those questions.

▶ Compose your personal statement in a word-processing program.

▶ Don't type it directly into the application. This way, you will have the opportunity to print copies for review.

▶ Write in a natural style.

▶ Present your information and ideas in a focused, thoughtful and meaningful manner. Support your ideas with specific examples. A personal statement that is simply a list of qualities or accomplishments is usually not persuasive.

▶ Proofread.

▶ In addition to checking your spelling, be sure your grammar is correct and your essays read smoothly.

▶ Solicit feedback.

▶ Your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone, but others--family and teachers--can offer valuable suggestions.

▶ Copy and paste.

▶ Once you are satisfied with your essays, save them in plain text (ASCII) and paste them into the space provided in the application. Proofread once more to make sure no odd characters or line breaks have appeared. (If you submit a paper application, attach a copy of your personal statements. In the upper right corner of each page, write your name and date of birth, and the words "Personal Statement.")

▶ Ask advice of whomever you like, but do not plagiarize from sources in print or online, and do not use anyone's published words but your own

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Nydia wanted a school close to home — but she discovered her favorite part of college was the freedom of being on her own.

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Application Costs

- *CSU -- \$55 per campus
- *UC -- \$70 per campus
- *Privates -- \$35 - \$100 per campus

Upcoming Events



October 5, 2015 – District-wide College Fair
Montgomery High School
5–8:00pm

October 14, 2015 – PSAT – 10th and 11th graders



Any
questions??

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