



# Applying to College



California Community College

California State University

University of California

# AGENDA

The what-for's & how-to's!

- ☞ Exploring majors and careers
- ☞ Choosing a college
- ☞ How to pay for college
- ☞ How to apply to the CCC, CSU, UC
- ☞ Building your college resume
- ☞ Making the most of orientation
- ☞ Final thoughts from your fabulous counselors
- ☞ Q & A

# Exploring Majors & Careers



i have no clue...

# CHOOSING A MAJOR



∞ <http://degrees.calstate.edu>

- Search all locations
- Click on any heading of list to alphabetize the category

- ∞ <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/resources/majors>
- Click on Campus or Undergraduate Degree Programs

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/>. The page features a light blue header with the California Colleges logo (three blue chevrons) and the text "CALIFORNIA COLLEGES.edu DISCOVER PLAN LAUNCH". Navigation links for "College", "Career", and "Financial Aid" are present, along with search and lock icons.

The main content area has a bright orange background with a silhouette of a crowd celebrating. The text reads:

### Welcome

CaliforniaColleges.edu provides students with an **all-inclusive guide for their college & career paths & enables educators to track their progress.**

At the bottom, a dark blue navigation bar contains a white box with the following links: [Middle School Students](#), [High School Students](#), [College Students](#), [Families](#), and [Educators](#). Below this bar, the text "Systems of Higher Education" and "Compare Careers" is visible.

# Choosing A College



how to apply and evaluate



# PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

 In California = 134

 In the USA = 2,441





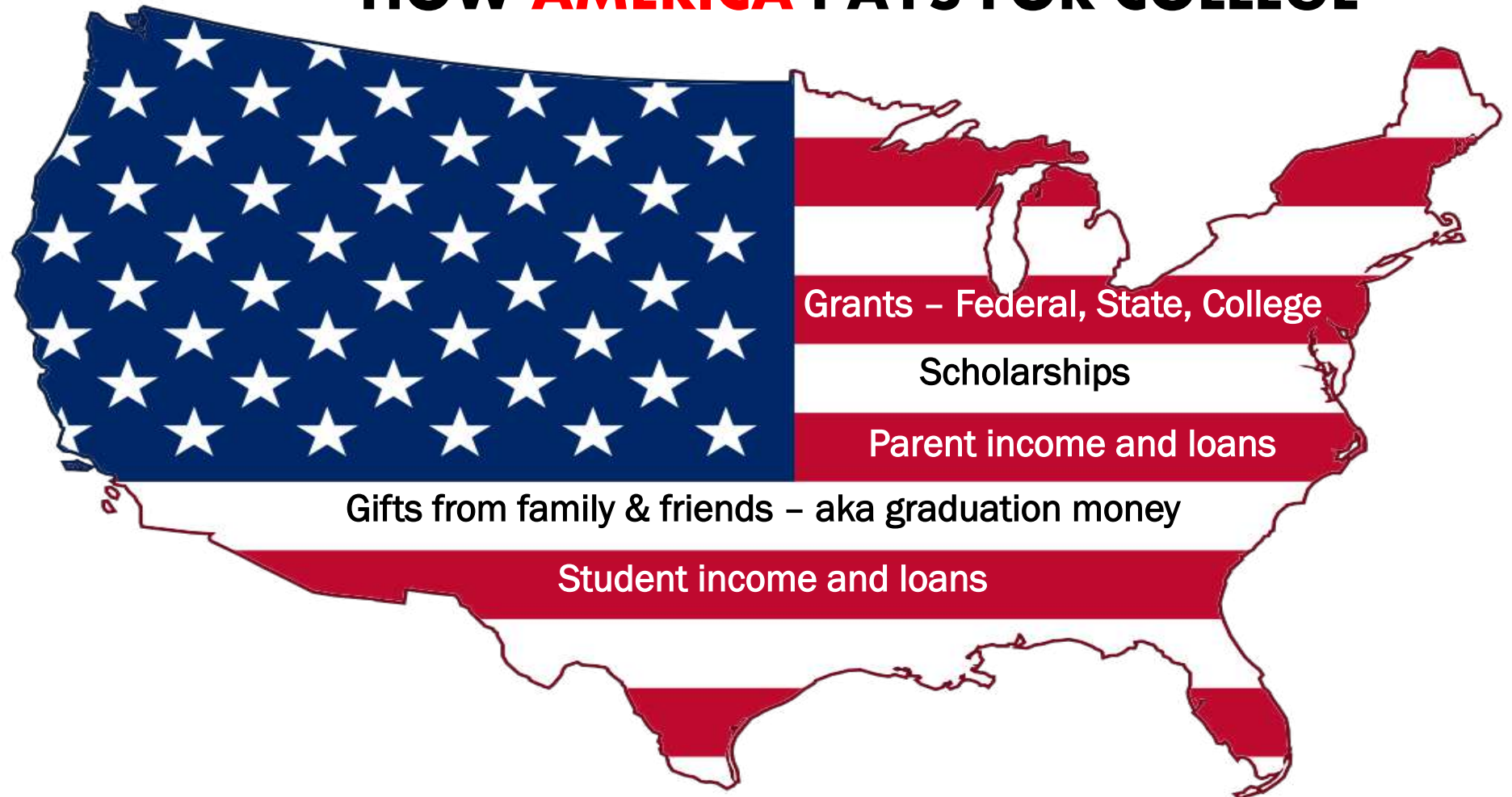
# How to PAY for college



Show me the money!

# Show me the \$\$!

## HOW **AMERICA** PAYS FOR COLLEGE



# GRANT MONEY – Yes, it's free!!

## ∞ GRANTS

**Pell Grant (Federal)**

**Cal Grant (State)**

**A** – min 3.0 gpa

**B** – min 2.0 gpa

**C**

**College (Institution)**

## ∞ MAX AWARD AMOUNT

**\$6345**

**CSU = \$5742**

**UC = \$12,570**

**Private (non profit) = \$9084**

**Private (for profit) = \$8056**

**\$1656**

**CCC: \$1094**

**Non-CCC: \$2462**

**Varies - based on need**

# SCHOLARSHIPS

competition

The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying the Norco High School website. The browser's address bar shows the URL [norcohs.cnusd.k12.ca.us](https://norcohs.cnusd.k12.ca.us). The website's header features the 'my CNUSD' logo and a search bar. A navigation menu is visible with the following items: Home, Our School, Counseling, Academics, Athletics, Programs & Activities, Parents, News & Events, and Staff Directory. The 'Counseling' menu is expanded, showing a list of options: 4-Year Plan, Counseling Team, College & Career Center, College Credit - earn now, Community Service, Credit Recovery, Support & Crisis Resources, Fall Registration, Grad Requirements, New Students, Referral, and Registering for Classes. A sub-menu is open under 'College & Career Center', listing: College Fair, Jobs/Work Permit, NHS Scholarships, Norco College, Financial Aid, FAFSA, Career Search, and Scholarships. The 'NHS Scholarships' option is circled in red. The background of the website shows a photograph of a school building with 'FAIR School' written on the wall. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date and time as 1:41 PM on 9/23/2020.

# NHS SCHOLARSHIP BOOKLET



## NHS Scholarships

CNMA

Corona Women's  
Improvement Club +  
Chemical Engineering  
Scholarship

Doc Nelson Award

Norco JAAF and Cheer:  
Ken Bucha Scholarship

Century 21 Gold  
Scholarship Award

California Retired  
Teachers' Scholarship

CNTA (Corona-Norco  
Teachers Association)

George Alan Ingalls  
Memorial Scholarship

Norco High School / Counseling / College & Career Center / NHS Scholarships

## NHS Scholarships

The Career Center and Counseling Department work hand-in-hand to find qualifying scholarships offered to our Norco High School Seniors. Each year we update the Scholarship Handbook and make it available to all of our Seniors. Seniors who are awarded scholarship awards are recognized at the Senior Awards Night held in May of each academic year.

If you have questions or need assistance, please reach out to the Career Center Technician at [alejandra.martinez@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:alejandra.martinez@cnusd.k12.ca.us).

**Applications Due Friday, February 5th, 2021**

### Before You Begin:

- Start early!
- Ask adults for their Letter of Recommendation now. Use the Request for Letter of Recommendation form (below)

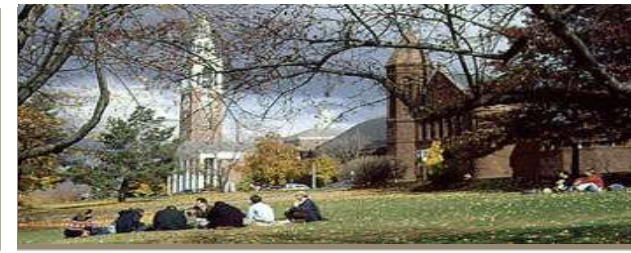


# How to apply — CCC, CSU, UC



8 easy steps

# Steps to admission — CCC, CSU, UC



1 – Complete the Online Admission Application

[www.cccapply.org](http://www.cccapply.org)

[www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply)

[apply.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu)

Privates –institution’s website, click on Undergraduate Admission,  
follow instructions

2 – Submit all transcripts

3 – Complete Orientation and Counseling

4 – Activate your student email

5 – Enroll in classes

6 – Pay Fees

7 – Buy textbooks

8 – Attend Classes

**Links**

- APPLY NOW
- WEBADVISOR
- Admissions and Records
- Assessment Center
- Athletics
- Bookstore
- Career & Job Placement
- Class Schedule
- College Police
- Counseling
- Disability Resource Center (DRC)
- Enrollment Fees
- Financial Aid
- GradGuru
- Learning Resource Center
- Library
- Lynda.com@Norco
- Online Classes/Blackboard
- Parking
- Standards of Student Conduct
- STEM
- Strategic Planning
- Student Employment
- Student E-Mail
- Student Handbook
- Transfer Center
- Tutorial Services
- Wireless Access (WiFi)

**Contact Us**

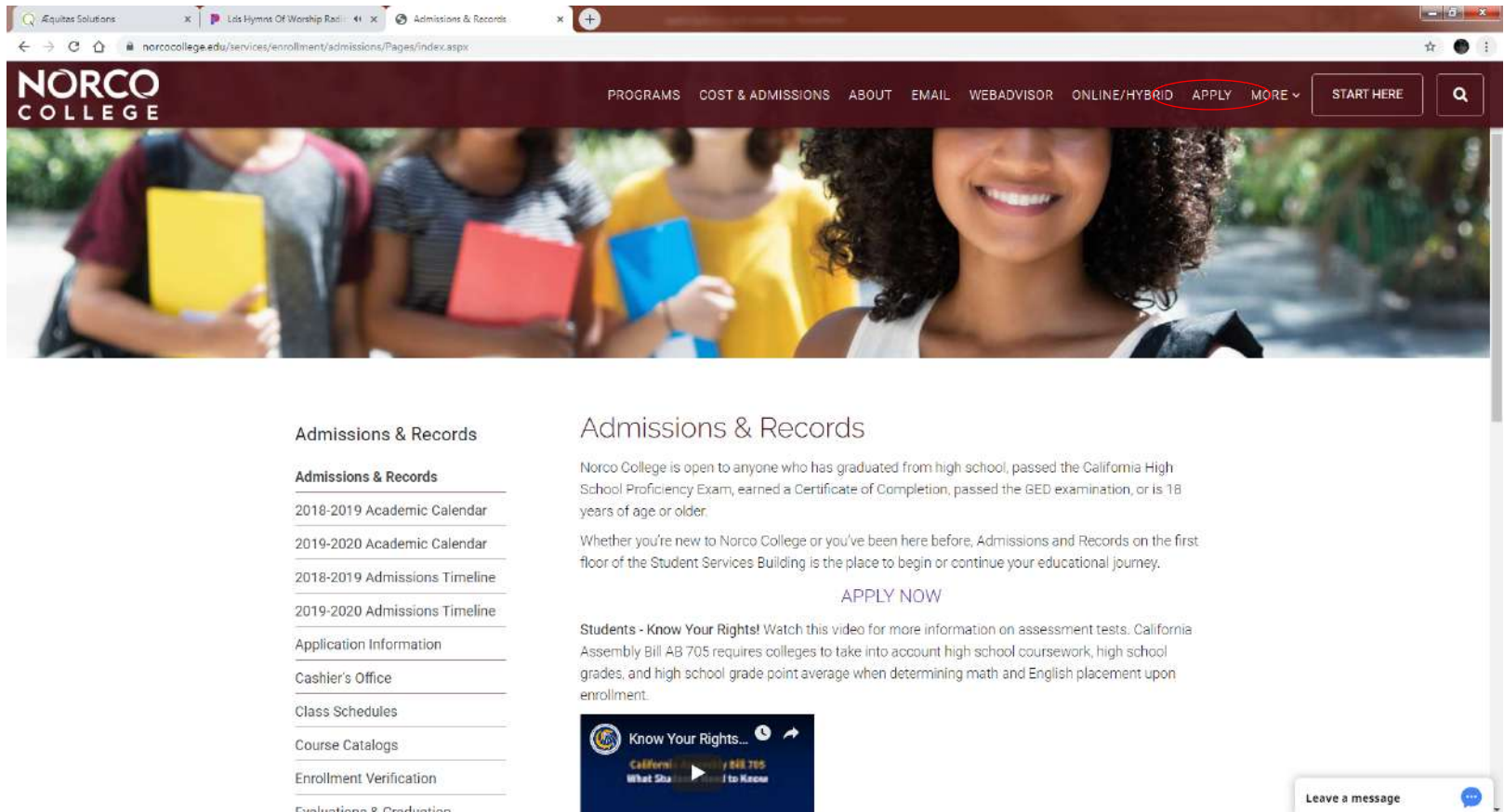
Norco College  
2001 Third Street  
Norco, CA 92860

Activate your **Student Email** to access important notices, class changes, wait list status, faculty messages and more.

RCCD Emergency Notification System (ENS). [Click Here](#) for instructions.

# www.norcocollege.edu

## Click on **APPLY**



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Norco College website. The browser's address bar shows the URL [www.norcocollege.edu/services/enrollment/admissions/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.norcocollege.edu/services/enrollment/admissions/Pages/index.aspx). The website's navigation menu is visible, with the 'APPLY' button highlighted by a red circle. Below the navigation menu is a large banner image of a diverse group of students smiling and holding colorful folders. The main content area features a section titled 'Admissions & Records' with a list of links on the left and a main text block on the right. The main text block includes a paragraph about Norco College's admission requirements, a paragraph about the Admissions and Records office, and a section titled 'APPLY NOW' with a video player for 'Know Your Rights!'.

**NORCO COLLEGE**

PROGRAMS COST & ADMISSIONS ABOUT EMAIL WEBADVISOR ONLINE/HYBRID **APPLY** MORE ▾ START HERE 🔍

### Admissions & Records

**Admissions & Records**

- 2018-2019 Academic Calendar
- 2019-2020 Academic Calendar
- 2018-2019 Admissions Timeline
- 2019-2020 Admissions Timeline
- Application Information
- Cashier's Office
- Class Schedules
- Course Catalogs
- Enrollment Verification
- Evaluations & Graduation

### Admissions & Records

Norco College is open to anyone who has graduated from high school, passed the California High School Proficiency Exam, earned a Certificate of Completion, passed the GED examination, or is 18 years of age or older.

Whether you're new to Norco College or you've been here before, Admissions and Records on the first floor of the Student Services Building is the place to begin or continue your educational journey.

**APPLY NOW**

**Students - Know Your Rights!** Watch this video for more information on assessment tests. California Assembly Bill AB 705 requires colleges to take into account high school coursework, high school grades, and high school grade point average when determining math and English placement upon enrollment.

**Know Your Rights...**  
California Assembly Bill 705  
What Should You Know

Leave a message



# NORCO COLLEGE Promise Program

**Promise Program for FREE tuition & PRIORITY Registration for classes**



**Promise Program Website**

[www.norcollege.edu/services/Pages/promise.aspx](http://www.norcollege.edu/services/Pages/promise.aspx)

- **MUST submit a Norco College application.**
- **Norco College MUST be your “home” community college.**
- **MUST be a first-time college student.**
- **MUST take a minimum of 12 units each semester.**
- **MUST complete the FAFSA for 21-22 school year.**

# FREE TUITION

# FAFSA

**You must complete both:**

**1. Promise Program application**

**and**

**2. FAFSA**

*Norco College is working on a possible second year of free tuition!*

# Transfer Student Qualifications



60 Transferable Units

4 Critical Courses (“Golden Four”)

1. Oral Communication
2. Written Communication
3. Critical Thinking
4. Math

Minimum gpa – 2.0



60 Transferable Units

Complete the following 7-course pattern by the end of the spring term prior to fall enrollment at UC:

- ∞ Two transferable courses in English composition;
- ∞ One transferable course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning;
- ∞ Four transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:
  - arts and humanities
  - social and behavioral sciences
  - physical and biological sciences

Minimum gpa – 2.4

# Freshman Minimum CSU/UC Qualifications

1

Complete a minimum of 15 college-preparatory courses (“a-g” courses) with at least 11 finished prior to senior year.

2

Earn the required grade point average (gpa) in “a-g” courses in 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grades: CSU – 2.5 or UC – 3.0

3

Meet the college entrance examination requirement by taking the ACT with Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test by December of your senior year.

**OPTIONAL  
THIS YEAR**



# Key Criteria for University Admission

*CSUs & UCs DO NOT accept letters of recommendation. They are only used by some private and out of state universities.*

# COVID ADMISSIONS RESPONSE



- ∞ ACT/SAT Blind – not used for Admissions this year
  - Can be used for placement

- ∞ ACT/SAT suspended this year
  - Can be used for placement

**<https://www2.calstate.edu/coronavirus/Pages/frequently-asked-questions-coronavirus.aspx#>**

**<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/response-covid-19.html>**

# Snapshot Statistics

The information below is based off of the admitted freshman profiles from Fall 2020

## CSU's Local Campuses

School	Avg. Weighted GPA	% of Admits
San Bernardino	3.34	55.5%
Los Angeles	3.24	41.5%
Northridge	3.35	50.6%
Fullerton	3.68	43.4%
Long Beach	3.56	31.2%
San Diego	3.77	34%
Cal Poly Pomona	3.51	55.5%

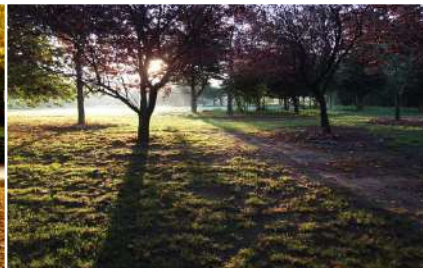
## All UC Campuses

School	Avg Weighted GPA	% of Admits
Merced	3.58	72%
Riverside	3.83	59.2%
Santa Cruz	3.55	47.7%
Santa Barbara	4.12	32.2%
Irvine	4.0	28.8%
Davis	4.03	41.2%
San Diego	4.07	30.2%
Los Angeles	3.9	12.3%
Berkeley	3.89	14.8%

# UC Comprehensive Review

## 14 UC Faculty-Approved Criteria

- ➔ Grade-Point Average
- ➔ Test Scores (OPTIONAL)
  - ☞ Courses Completed/Planned
- ➔ Honors Courses
  - ☞ Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC)
  - ☞ Quality of Senior-Year Program of Study
  - ☞ Academic Opportunities in California High Schools
  - ☞ Performance in Academic Subject Areas
- ☞ Achievements in Special Projects
- ☞ Improvement in Academic Performance
- ☞ Special Talents, Achievements, and Awards
- ☞ Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
- ☞ Academic Accomplishment Within Life Experiences
- ☞ Geographic Location





# Rules on Repeating Courses

CSU & UC

- ❑ A course in which a **grade of C** was earned cannot be repeated.
- ❑ There is no limit to the overall number of repeated courses an applicant may present, but each course can be repeated **only once**.
- ❑ A course in which a **D/F** is earned can be repeated with a course that has the **same curriculum**, even if the course title is not identical (e.g., World History and World History and Geography). If a C or better is earned, the original D/F will not be included in the GPA calculation. Only the new grade will be used in the GPA calculation.
- ❑ Students must **list all courses**, including the original course, on their application.

# APPLYING FOR ADMISSION



Fall filing period is October 1 – November 4.

Apply online at [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply).

Respond to all questions.

Check e-mail at least once a week and complete all university requests ASAP.

Send in official high school transcript, showing graduation date, in June.

Don't hit SUBMIT until Oct 1 or you will be applying for next spring semester.

Fall filing period is November 1 – November 30. (*Application opens August 1.*)

Apply online at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions). Respond to all questions.

Admission decisions are sent out March 1 – March 30.

Submit Statement of Intent to Register by May 1

Official high school transcripts due by July 1.

# DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS

☞ College application question:

“Are you a first year college student?”

☞ The answer is YES.

☞ Do **NOT** mark that you are a college student.

☞ You are a high school student **TAKING** a college class.

# Building your COLLEGE RESUME



setting yourself apart

## Applications to colleges and scholarships

- Complete the Student Information Sheet in the NHS electronic Scholarship Booklet – will be emailed to you on Tuesday.
- What activities have I participated in?
- What did I learn?
- How have I changed because of it?

# UC Personal Insight Questions



- ✓ **Respond to 4 of 8 questions.**
- ✓ **Limited to max of 350 words per question.**
- ✓ **Select questions that are relevant to you and your individual circumstances.**

1. Describe an example of your **leadership** experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. Every person has a **creative side**, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
3. What would you say is your **greatest talent** or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant **educational opportunity** or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
5. Describe the most **significant challenge** you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
6. Think about an **academic subject** that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.
7. What **have you done** to make your school or your community a better place?
8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you **stand out** as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

# Making the most of ORIENTATION



all students are required to do this

# UNIVERSITY ORIENTATION REQUIREMENT

**All** community colleges and **all** universities require a Freshman Orientation Meeting.

☞ **Some Orientation Meetings can be completed online.**

☞ **Some colleges require you to physically attend the Orientation Meeting – and pay for it.**

☞ **IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE ORIENTATION MEETING OR MISS THE DEADLINE, YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THAT COLLEGE IN THE FALL!!!**

☞ **Pay attention to your emails and your college website To-do Lists and meet all deadlines.**

1 - Placement tests  
2 - Final Transcript  
3 - Financial Aid in March & compare offers

☞ **We guarantee that procrastination will hurt you, and the pain will make you cry.**



# Final Thoughts from your Counselors



this is important

# Warning! Warning! Warning!

## Wasted Senior Year

- ☞ “Do you really want to drop that a-g class?”
- ☞ **Senioritis** - not an option!
- ☞ **YES**, you are taking 4 years of MATH!!

## Summer Melt

- ☞ **DO NOT** quit college because you misunderstood a financial aid letter.
- ☞ **DO NOT** quit college because of a Health Insurance bill.
- ☞ **DO NOT** quit college because of a \$1200 book bill.

# How to Get a Copy of Your Transcript

studentconnect.cnusd.k12.ca.us/Home/PortalMainPage

StudentConnection Welcome [REDACTED] Signed In: Friday, September 25, 2020 at 1:32 PM

[Help](#) | [About](#) | [Sign Out](#)

Student Name	Grade	School Name	School Year	Birth Date	Advisor	Counselor
[REDACTED]	12	Norco High (T)	2020-2021	[REDACTED]	Unassigned	Bell, David

**Norco High**

**CNUSD StudentConnection**  
**User Name and Password are the same as your school computer logins.**

NOTE: STUDENTS **MUST LOG ONTO A SCHOOL COMPUTER FIRST** TO APPROVE THEIR ACCOUNT BEFORE ENTERING THE SITE.


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**ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**  
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**[1] PARENTS NEED ASSISTANCE WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION or LOGON INFORMATION?**  
*Please have them contact your school site directly for any type of assistance with Parent Connect and/or Online Registration.*

- Each school site has computers for parents to use if you do not have one at home
- Sites can assist with retrieving Parent Connect PIN & PASSWORD data
- Sites can help with data entry assistance with Online Registration

**\*\* School sites availability schedule will vary, please contact the site for more information.**

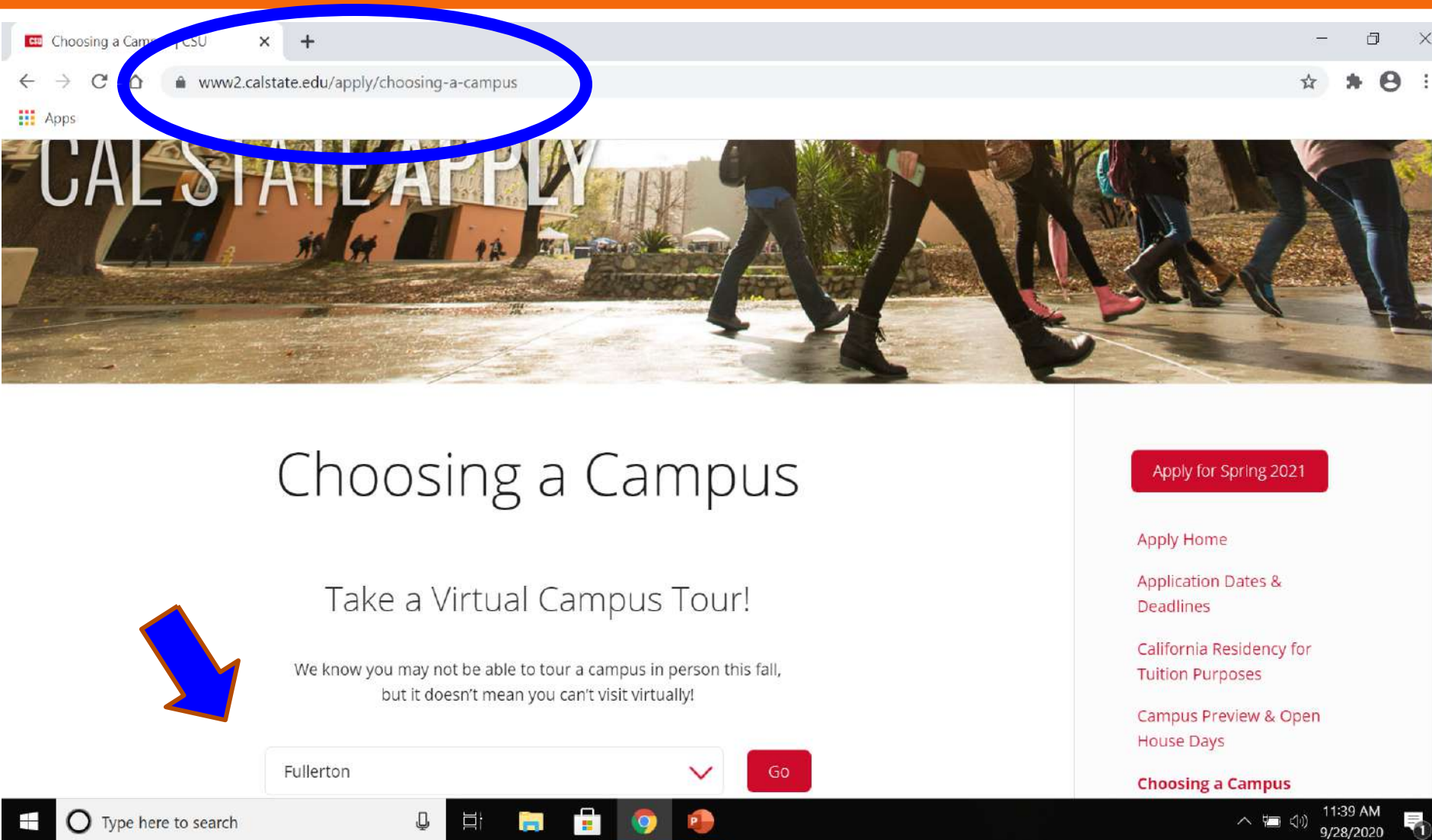
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**Student Documents**

Document Type	Title	Info	Date	Document
Transcript	High School Official Transcript	High School	09/25/2020	<a href="#">Open Document</a>
Report Card	CNUSD S2 Report Card	T 750 19/20	06/08/2020	<a href="#">Open Document</a>
Report Card	CNUSD Q3 Report Card	T 750 19/20	04/12/2020	<a href="#">Open Document</a>

# CSU Virtual Tours



The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying the Cal State Apply website. The browser's address bar shows the URL [www2.calstate.edu/apply/choosing-a-campus](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply/choosing-a-campus), which is circled in blue. The website header features a banner image of people walking on a campus path with the text "CAL STATE APPLY" overlaid. The main content area is titled "Choosing a Campus" and includes a sub-heading "Take a Virtual Campus Tour!". Below this, a message states: "We know you may not be able to tour a campus in person this fall, but it doesn't mean you can't visit virtually!". A blue arrow with an orange outline points to this message. At the bottom of the main content area, there is a search bar with "Fullerton" entered, a dropdown arrow, and a red "Go" button. On the right side, a sidebar contains several navigation links: "Apply for Spring 2021" (in a red button), "Apply Home", "Application Dates & Deadlines", "California Residency for Tuition Purposes", "Campus Preview & Open House Days", and "Choosing a Campus". The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom, showing the search bar, task view, and several application icons. The system clock in the bottom right corner displays "11:39 AM 9/28/2020".

Choosing a Campus

Take a Virtual Campus Tour!

We know you may not be able to tour a campus in person this fall, but it doesn't mean you can't visit virtually!

Fullerton

Go

Apply for Spring 2021

Apply Home

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Choosing a Campus

# CSU Week: Live overview sessions by campus



**CSU** The California State University

## CSU WEEK

### 123 Campuses | 1 Week



Each campus will present a short live session to provide a campus overview, information about the admission process and a question and answer portion. If you are not able to attend, all sessions will be recorded.

### October 5 - 9, 2020

Register at [WWW.CALSTATE.EDU/APPLY/CSUWEEK](http://WWW.CALSTATE.EDU/APPLY/CSUWEEK)

Visit site to check out when each campus will present to transfer and high school students. Don't miss out on your chance to connect with us.

# Questions & Answers



how may we help you