Applying to College: Admissions and Scholarships

Class of 2020

First Step: Save a College Accounts Template

1. Access the Helix Charter Website
2. Scroll down until you see "College Center"
3. Click on the "College Application Support" Link
4. Click on "College Accounts Template"
5. Make a copy and save to your personal drive
6. Use the document to keep track of all of your college log-ins

COLLEGE ACCOUNT INFORMATION

What	Username	Password	ID	Other information
CCCApply				California Community College Applications
GCCCD Webadvisor				Grossmont/ Cuyamaca Portal
SAT/AP				Test Registration Score Reports
ACT				Test Registration Score Reports

Get Ready for Next Year- Make a Game Plan

❏   Log into Naviance

❏   Click on the "About Me" tab> Postsecondary Plans> Game Plan

Consider Your:
➔   Goals
➔   College/Career Interests
➔   References for future letters of rec

Create or Update Your Brag Sheet

❏   Click on the "About Me" tab> My Surveys

Select the Letter of Recommendation Brag/Info Survey

Fill out the survey as thoroughly as you can to help your future recommenders write solid letters for admission/scholarships.
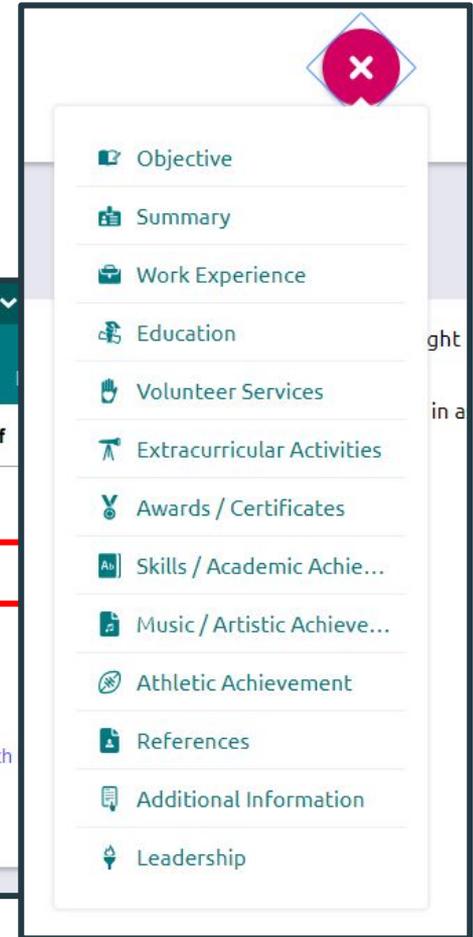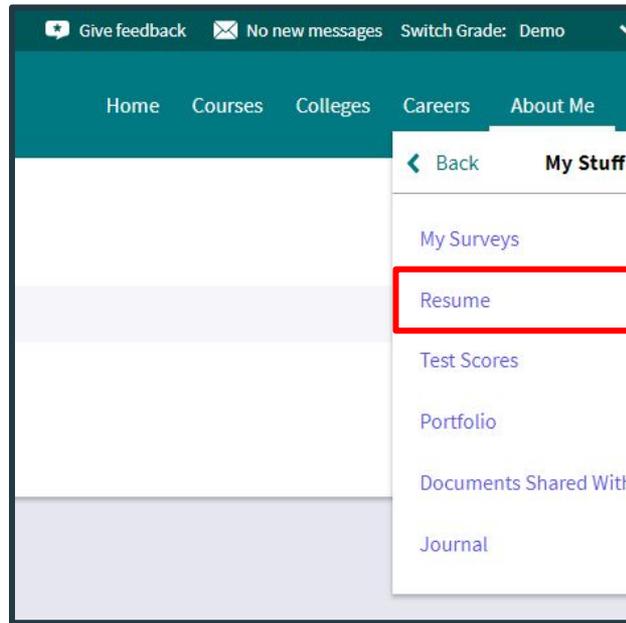
Create or Update Resume

❑ Click on the "About Me" tab> My Stuff> Resume

Click the pink + sign to add sections.

Think about all of your awards, community service, athletic or club involvement, leadership, work experience, etc.

You can use this later on applications/scholarships.

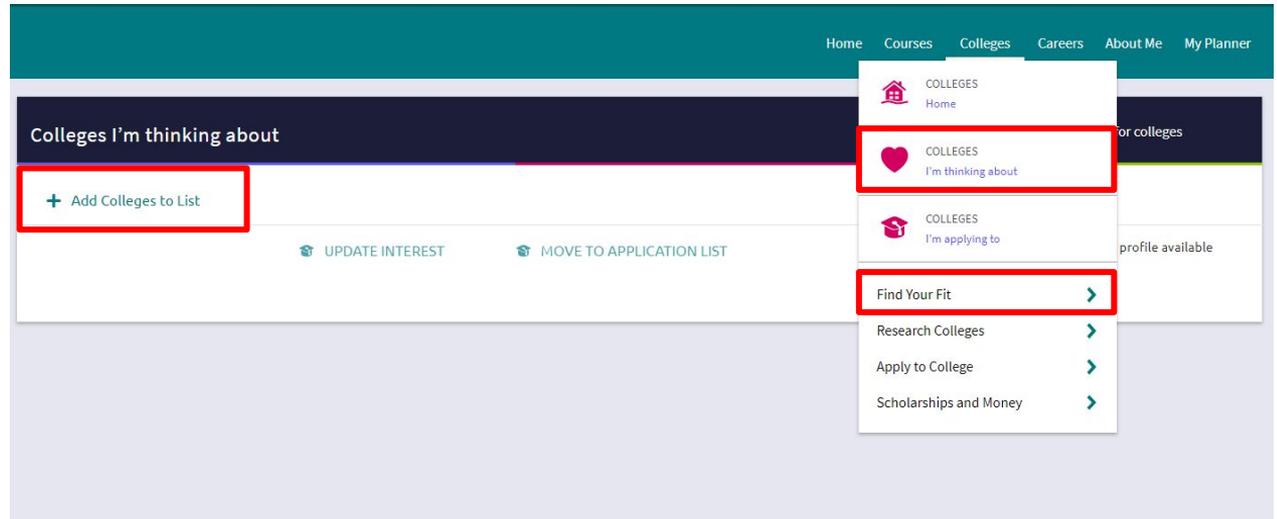# Think About Which Colleges Interest You

❏ Click on the "Colleges" tab> Colleges I'm Thinking About

Add Colleges to your list

If you're not yet sure, access the "Find Your Fit" tab and click on "Super Match" to discover college options that fit you.

Register for SAT/ACT Exams
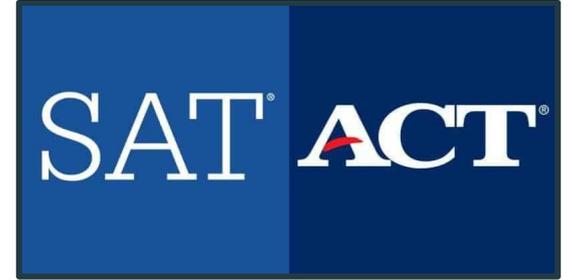
Create an Account and Sign-up on the Following Sites:

- ❑ SAT: http://collegeboard.org
- ❑ ACT: http://actstudent.org

Free Test Prep

- ❑ SAT Prep- Khan Academy: https://www.khanacademy.org (Use Helix email to sign up)
- ❑ ACT Prep- Naviance Test Prep Course

If you need a fee waiver, see the College Center or your GLT.
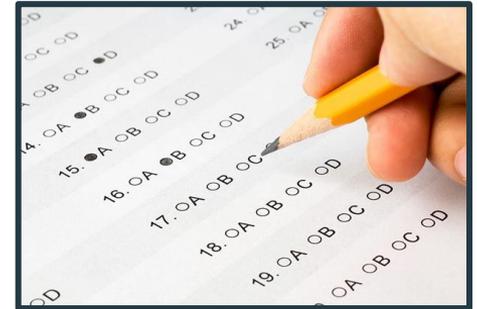
Applying to College- General Timeline

August:
- UC and Common App Open Up (8/1)
- Make sure all of your prep work is done- Game Plan, Brag Sheet, Register for Tests, etc.

September:
- Create list of "Colleges I'm Applying to"
- Register for/Take SAT/ACT
- Request Letters of Recommendation (if needed)

October:
- CSU Application Opens (10/1)
- FAFSA and Dream Act Applications Open (10/1)

November:
- UC open to submit (11/1-11/30)
- Take SAT/ACT

December:
- Update Naviance with colleges you've applied to
- Set-up college portals
- Submit supporting paperwork/test scores to colleges that ask for it.

KEEP CALM AND APPLY TO COLLEGE

Scholarships

- There are billions of dollars available for undergraduate students.
- Use some of the following tools to find ones that apply to you:
  - Naviance
  - Fastweb
  - College Websites (Check out the colleges you applied to and see if they have institutional scholarships)

Naviance

1. Click on Colleges
2. Select Scholarships and Money
3. You can explore Scholarship List and National Scholarship Search

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Scholarship Match

Scholarship List

Scholarship Applications

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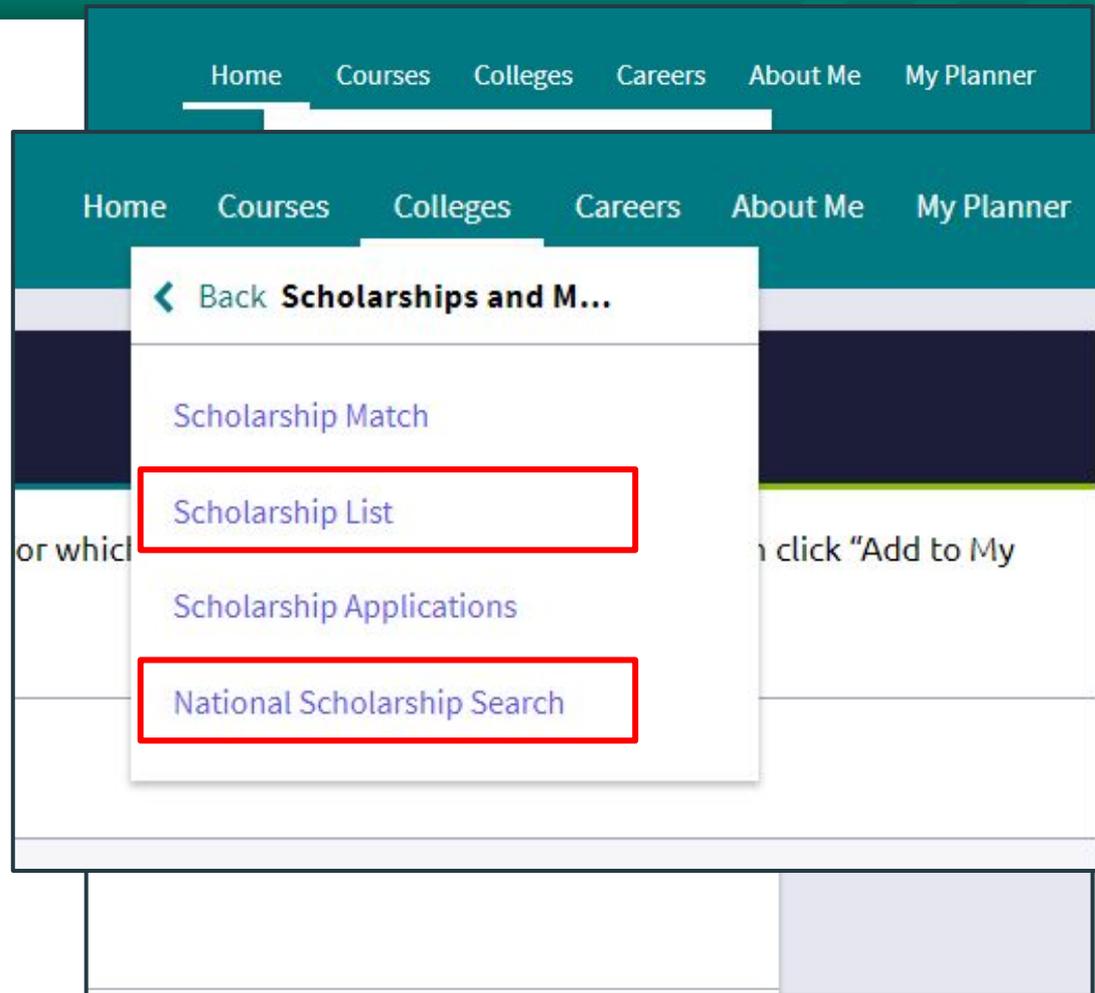
Fastweb

1. Access
https://fastweb.com
2. Click Sign-Up
3. Register and Fill out your profile
4. Search thousands of scholarships.

College Websites

1. Access each college's homepage and click on admissions or scholarships tab.
2. Many have scholarships listed on their site. Some will also direct you to outside scholarships.

Stay Organized- Tips

Applying to college

❏ **Create a college email**
  ❏ Be sure it's professional
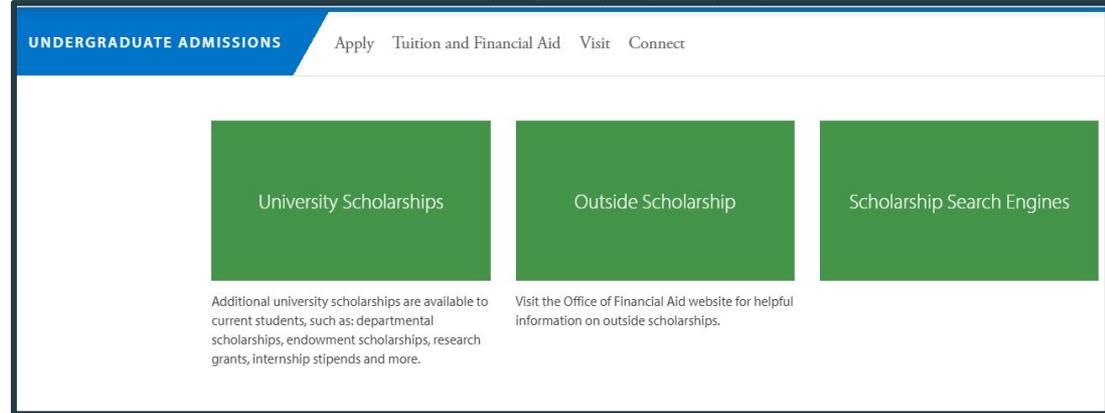 ❏ Create folders to stay organized- one for each college you apply to, one for scholarships, one for testing information, etc.
❏ **Keep track of all log-ins** (usernames/passwords) in your college accounts template or separate doc.
❏ **Keep a college account application folder** for important paperwork, like your transcript.

Applications Open:

Private Schools: August 1st (Common App)

University of California: August 1st

California State University: October 1st

Recommended Timeline:

Now - July 30th:
- [Common Application basics](#) and essay can be started now
- Brainstorming for [UC PIQ](#)s can be started now

August 1st - September 30th:
1. Complete and submit [Common Application](#)
2. Complete [UC application](#)

October 1st - November 1st:
- Complete and Submit [FAFSA](#)/[CADAA](#) application
- Complete and submit [CSU application](#)
- Submit UC application (November 1st)

After all admissions applications are submitted, focus on scholarships.

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

Free Money For Getting College Ready!

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

- ❏ College Board is now offering hundreds of new scholarships to students simply for preparing for college.
- ❏ 50% of all scholarships go to students, whose families earn less than $60,000/year
- ❏ **You can get entered into scholarships for doing the following tasks:**
  - ❏ Build a list of colleges you want to apply to
  - ❏ Study for the SAT through Khan Academy
  - ❏ Submit your FAFSA
  - ❏ Apply to college

How ...

- ❏ Go... "Get Started"
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The Scholarships

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Complete all six, and you're eligible to earn $40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action.

1. Build Your College List: $500
Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in. Learn More

2. Practice for the SAT: $1,000
Use Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® to get ready for test day. Learn More

3. Improve Your Score: $2,000
Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score. Learn More

4. Strengthen Your College List: $500
Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools. Learn More

5. Complete the FAFSA: $1,000
Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid. Learn More

6. Apply to Colleges: $1,000
Apply to the schools you want to attend. Learn More

Complete Your Journey: $40,000
Complete all six scholarship steps to be eligible for a $40,000 scholarship. Learn More

Build Your College List

100 scholarships given every month January to June!!
$500 each

Link: https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/build

- Create a list of 6 colleges you are interested in applying to.
- First: Log-into Naviance to build your list under "Colleges I'm Thinking About"
- Once you have your Naviance list, enter the same schools onto Big Future- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
- Update your list in future months to receive further entries.

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Practice for the SAT

150 scholarships given every month January to October!!
$1,000 each

Link: https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/practice

- Practice for six hours on Khan Academy to earn an entry in the monthly drawing.
- Earn one entry for each additional hour you practice (up to 20)

Get Started

1. Join College Board Opportunity Scholarships program.
2. Sign in to your College Board and Khan Academy® accounts.
3. Link your College Board and Khan Academy® accounts.
4. Start practicing for the SAT on Khan Academy®.
5. Practice for six or more hours.
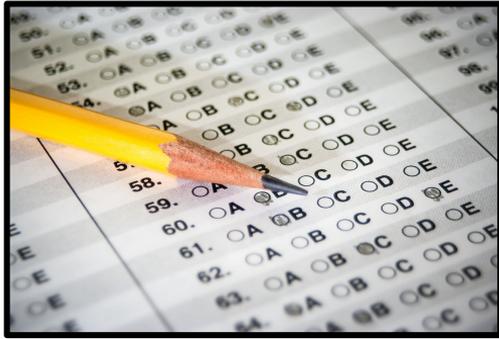
Improve Your Score

25 scholarships given after every SAT starting in April!!
$2,000 each

Link: https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/improve

- Practice for 12 hours on Khan Academy and improve your score by 100+ points.
- Either from PSAT to SAT or SAT to SAT.
- You can double dip your practice time with the "Practice for SAT" scholarship and earn extra entries

Strengthen Your College List

100 scholarships given every month from July to October

$500 each

Link:
https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/strengthen

- Update your college list on Big Future to have a mix of safety, match, and reach schools.
- Opens in July 2019

Complete the FAFSA

200 scholarships given every month from October to December and 100 from January to February!!
$1,000 each

Link: https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/complete

- Fill out your FAFSA- probably the easiest one!
- You need to do this anyway to receive financial aid.
- You will receive an entry every month, so the sooner you file, the better!
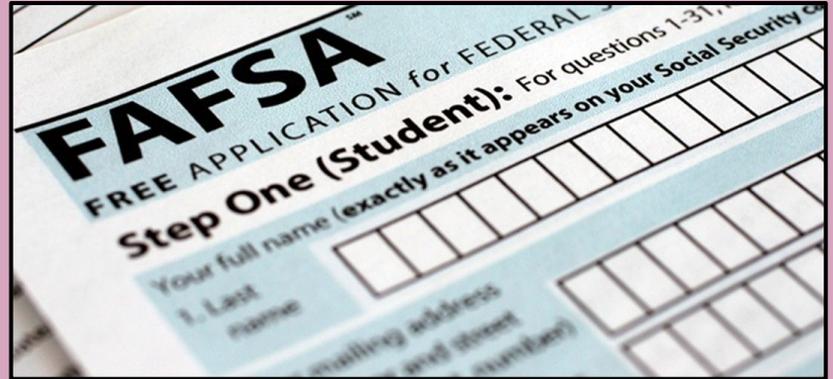
Apply to Colleges

500 Apply scholarships given in
February 2020!!
$1,000 each

Link: https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/apply

- Apply to two or more
  colleges for an entry.
- Opens in October
  2019.

Complete Your Journey

25 scholarships given in February 2020!!
$40,000 each

Link:
https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/complete-your-journey

If you complete the requirements of all six other scholarships, you will earn the chance to win a $40,000 scholarship!!