

College / University	TCU	Chapman	LMU	Occidental	Univ. of Denver	Whittier	USD			
Application Deadlines										
Application Form	Common	Common	Common	Common	Common	Common	Common			
Early Deadline	EA: 11/1	EA: 11/1	EA: 11/1	ED: 11/15 - EDII: 1/2	EA: 11/1	EA: 11/15	n/a			
Regular Deadline	2/15	1/15	1/15	1/10	1/15	2/1	12/15			
App Submitted	10/28	10/28	10/30	12/6	10/21	10/21	12/14			
Confirmed file is complete	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Application Requirements										
Rec letters required?	Counselor and 1 teacher	Counselor and 1 teacher	Counselor and 1 teacher	Counselor and 2 teachers	Counselor	Counselor and 1 teacher	Counselor			
Outside Rec letters allowed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
Teacher Recs Sent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Outside Recs Sent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
Test Score Reporting Plan	Send SAT scores	Send SAT scores	Send SAT scores	Send SAT scores	Send SAT scores	Send SAT scores	Send SAT scores			
Official test scores sent	10/21	10/21	10/21	11/21	10/21	10/21	11/21			
Official transcript sent	10/28	10/28	10/30	12/6	10/21	10/21	12/14			
Mid-year report sent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Résumé allowed	No	Submit with on-campus interview	No	Submit with on-campus interview	No	No	No			
Résumé submitted	n/a	Bring to interview	n/a	Bring to interview	n/a	Bring to interview	n/a			
Interview options	n/a	On-campus	n/a	On-campus	n/a	On-campus	n/a			
Interview date	n/a	11/15	n/a	11/21	n/a	11/21	n/a			
Notes/ Additional Requirements										
Financial Aid Applications										
FAFSA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
CSS Profile required?	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			
Deadline	2/15	3/2	1/15	2/1	2/15	3/2	3/2			
Financial Aid Notes	Early Action applicants need not file CSS Profile before Jan. 1	CAL Grant (deadline March 2)	Students accepted under Early Action: Special Early FAFSA Priority Filing Date: January 15, 2014 Need-based award announced along with merit-based award: End of January	From website: After you and your parent(s) have filed taxes, submit copies to our office. We prefer to receive documents by mail, but you can submit them by fax and e-mail as well. Families must submit paper copies of their tax returns and W-2s directly to the Financial Aid Office.	From website: Applying for aid by Feb 15 will increase your chances of receiving highly sought-after awards like Federal Work Study.	California residents should complete the CAL Grant GPA Verification Form. Postmarked by March 2.				
Merit Aid Notes	No separate application process	No separate application process	Merit-based awards announced: End of January (to those who qualify)	No separate application process	No separate application process	No separate application process	No separate application process			
CATEGORY EXPLANATIONS										
Application Deadlines										
Application Form	Common App? Universal App? Different colleges use different forms. Many schools use the Common App.									
Early Deadline	What's the date of the early deadline? What sort of deadline is it? Early decision, early action, etc.									
Regular Deadline	What's the date for the regular deadline?									
Application Submitted	Self-explanatory. Imagine how you're going to feel when all these columns have an "X" in them.									
Confirmed file is complete	This is important. Contact the college after you've applied and verify that they are not missing any part of your application.									
Application Requirements										
Rec letter required?	Ask for two teachers and one counselor, if possible. Additionally, consider asking for one outside rec letter (from a coach or an employer, for instance) in case some of the schools on your list will accept them.									
Teacher Recs Sent	Self-explanatory. Ask for rec letters from two teachers and one counselor, just to be prepared.									
Outside Recs Sent	Additionally consider asking for one outside rec letter (from a coach or an employer, for instance) in case some of the schools on your list will accept them.									
Test Score Requirements	Which tests does this school want you to have taken? ACT? SAT? SAT Subject Tests? Or is this school test-optional?									
Test Score Reporting Plan	If they do require scores, which do they require? Do they want all of them, or can you choose which scores to send? Keep track of what you've sent to each school.									
Official test scores sent	You can just put an "X" here - or you can put the test scores you sent them.									
Official transcript sent	Same as above. Keep track of whether (and when) all the required elements of your application have been sent.									
Mid-year report sent	You can put an "X" here, or you can specify whether one is required for a particular school with an "N/A."									
Résumé allowed	Not all schools expect or accept a résumé. If they do accept one, make a note here.									
Résumé submitted	Have you forwarded your résumé to the schools that allow it?									
Interview options	What sort of college interviews does this college offer? On-campus interviews, alumni interviews, etc. Knowing this about all the school on your list will help you plan your interviews.									
Interview date	Self-explanatory. Keep track of all your interview dates so that you allow time for preparation.									
Notes/Additional Requirements	Anything not covered in the fields above should be entered here.									
Financial Aid Applications										
FAFSA	When you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, you specify which schools receive the resulting Student Aid Report (SAR). Record that information here.									
CSS Profile	Many schools require the CSS profile, but not all do. Also, many private grants and scholarships require it. Track this information here.									
Deadline	What is each school's deadline for your application for student aid? Each school imposes its own deadline, and deadlines can be different if you apply early.									
Financial Aid Notes	Use this row for any other financial aid-related information you need to keep track of on a per-school basis.									
Merit Aid Notes	Use this row for any merit aid-related information you need to keep track of on a per-school basis.									