

## COLLEGE—In a nutshell

### Junior/Community Colleges:

- **No entrance requirements**
- Application Online in Spring
- Apply at [www.cccapply.org](http://www.cccapply.org)
- Facts:
  - May earn Associates Degree (2 years) or Vocational Ed Certificate.
  - Designed as the first half of a 4 year education path. (2 years at JC, then transfer to finish 2 years at CSU or UC to earn a bachelor's degree)
  - Impacted (longer waitlists/harder to get classes)
  - It often takes more than the planned 2 years to complete general ed. for transfer due to various reasons such as needing remedial classes, going to school part time, having to retake classes.
  - It is crucial if a student decides to start at MJC, that they are motivated. We encourage students to take math all four years of high school and to do well in English to avoid having to take remedial classes.
  - Lower cost; Financial Aid available.

### California State Universities (CSU's)

- **Minimum 2.0 GPA, SAT or ACT, met A-G requirements**
- Online Application Only- Oct 1-Nov 30
- Apply at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- Separate ADDITIONAL application for EOP students (for students who are 1<sup>st</sup> generation college student and qualify for free/reduced lunch)
- Facts:
  - May earn a bachelor's degree (4 year degree).
  - Bachelor's degrees are required for most professional careers for your students' generation.
  - Smaller waitlists than JC's (easier to get classes that you need).
  - Costs vary by school but extensive financial aid is available for those who qualify.
    - Most Ceres Unified students qualify for some sort of financial aid.
  - Higher percentage of students who START at a CSU will FINISH and earn their degree!

### Universities of California (UC's)

- **Minimum 3.0 GPA, SAT or ACT with writing, met A-G Requirements**
- Online Application—Nov 1-Nov 30
- [www.univeristyofcalifornia.edu](http://www.univeristyofcalifornia.edu)
- Personal Statement
- Facts:
  - Similar to CSU's but more research based majors/ more competitive.
  - More expensive than CSU's/JC's but more financial aid is available.
    - Example: the Blue and Gold grant pays for a student's entire tuition and cost of school if their family earns less than \$80,000 and the student meets academic qualifications (3.0, a-g eligibility, qualifying SAT/ACT scores).

### OTHER/PRIVATE

- **Do your own research and check with your Learning Director for specific requirements for Private/out of state schools!**
- Applications and deadlines VARY