

"Making College a Reality"

Cal-SOAP
Student Opportunity and Access Program



Santa Barbara Cal-SOAP

College Readiness Calendar for 11th Grade Students

Fall | Eleventh Grade

- Explore ways to pay for college, starting with www.calgrants.org, www.csac.ca.gov,
- www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov and www.going2college.org.
- Sign up to take PSAT in October.
- Make a list of colleges you are considering.
- Learn the entrance requirements for the schools on your list.
- Review your class schedule with your counselor to make sure you're on track with your goals.
- Check out colleges or technical and career programs at www.californiacolleges.edu and www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator. Start a college folder with the information you collect.

Notes:

Winter | Eleventh Grade

- Look for your PSAT results to arrive in December.
- Sign up now to take the SAT or ACT in the spring.
- Apply for Cal-SOAP's **free** SAT Prep. Course (December)
- If accepted, attend Cal-SOAP's **free** SAT Prep. Course (February).
- With your family, make an appointment with your counselor. Ask about fee waivers for the SAT.
- Attend your high school's financial aid night. It's not too early to learn about your options.

Notes:

Spring | Eleventh Grade

- Review your senior year schedule with your counselor.
- Develop a list of 10-15 colleges that interest you.
- Take the SAT, ACT, or other college entrance exam.
- Prepare early for AP Exams.
- Apply on time for summer jobs or volunteer work.

Notes:

Summer| Eleventh Grade

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college.
- Get your FSA ID
- Make a draft of your personal statement if required.
- Register now for ACT, SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Tests in the fall (if you want a better score or missed it this year).
- Look into programs that let you earn money for college for volunteer service, including AmeriCorps (www.americorps.gov), California Volunteers (www.californiavolunteers.org) and the California Conservation Corps (www.ccc.ca.gov).
- Explore veterans (www.gibill.va.gov) and military service (www.myfuture.com) education benefits.

Notes:

Important Numbers and Websites

Santa Barbara Cal-SOAP

www.calsoapsb.org
805.730.7373

California Student Aid Commission

www.calgrants.org
www.csac.ca.gov
888.CA.GRANT (888.224.7268)

California Cash for College Workshops

www.calgrants.org

Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation

www.sbscholarship.org
805.687.6065

Federal Student Aid

FAFSA4caster
PDF version of the FAFSA
www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov
800.4FED.AID (800.433.3243)

The FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov