

Santa Barbara Cal-SOAP College Readiness Timeline for 12th Grade Students

September| Twelfth Grade

- Check out other ways to pay for college at www.calgrants.org, www.csac.ca.gov and www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov.
- If you have not registered for ACT and/or SAT Tests, do so now (if you haven't taken them already).
- Create a list of at least 4-8 colleges you are interested in attending..
- Talk to your counselor to see if you are eligible to receive fee waivers for tests and applications.
- Ask 3 adults (your teachers, counselors, employers, friends, neighbors, and family) to write you a letter of recommendation.

Notes:

October| Twelfth Grade

- Complete and submit the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible, starting in October.
- Attend a Free **Cash for College Workshop** (held October-February) for help completing the FAFSA and other forms.
 - For a list of Workshop locations and dates, visit calsoapsb.org.
- Create a master list or calendar with application fees, deadlines, test dates, and your school's application processing deadlines.
- Begin online college applications and financial aid forms.

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November| Twelfth Grade

- Finish your applications.
- Apply to CSU and UC campuses. The deadline for both campuses is **November 30th**..
- Send your SAT scores and ask your counselor to submit your high school transcript.
- Start applying for private scholarships. Some may

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have early deadlines.	
December Twelfth Grade	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you haven't done so, complete the FAFSA to apply for federal and state grants and loans. • Apply to Scholarship Foundation of SB for Scholarships: Deadline 01/15/2017 • Continue searching for scholarships at: http://www.calsoapsb.org 	Notes:
January/February Twelfth Grade	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure college applications are submitted. <p>*If you have not started the application process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find schools with later deadlines to create and finalize your list of choices, and work on completing your applications. 	Notes:
March Twelfth Grade	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your FAFSA has been submitted. The California deadline is March 2nd. • If you plan to attend community college in the fall, apply now. 	Notes:
April Twelfth Grade	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for admissions decisions (and financial aid awards). • Compare award letters. • Consider grants, work-study, and other aid you don't have to repay before accepting a student loan. • Let your college know the financial aid awards you are accepting and the ones you're declining. • Prepare for the AP Exams. 	Notes:
May/June Twelfth Grade	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your AP scores qualify, make sure to send your scores to the college you will attend in the fall. • Confirm that your final transcripts have been sent to the college you will attend. • Find out about test dates for any placement exams your college might require. • Read and respond promptly to all the information and forms you receive from your college. You'll need to set up orientation activities, financial aid, housing, 	Notes:

meal plans and more, so be careful not to miss any deadlines.