

## Santa Barbara Cal-SOAP College Readiness Timeline for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

### September| Twelfth Grade

- Check out other ways to pay for college at [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org), [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) and [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://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.

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### October| Twelfth Grade

- Complete and submit the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup>**..
- 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.	
<b>December  Twelfth Grade</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you haven't done so, complete the FAFSA to apply for federal and state grants and loans.</li> <li>• Apply to Scholarship Foundation of SB for Scholarships: <b>Deadline 01/15/2017</b></li> <li>• Continue searching for scholarships at: <a href="http://www.calsoapsb.org">http://www.calsoapsb.org</a></li> </ul>	Notes:
<b>January/February  Twelfth Grade</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure college applications are submitted.</li> </ul> <p>*If you have not started the application process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find schools with later deadlines to create and finalize your list of choices, and work on completing your applications.</li> </ul>	Notes:
<b>March  Twelfth Grade</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure your FAFSA has been submitted. The California deadline is <b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>.</li> <li>• If you plan to attend community college in the fall, apply now.</li> </ul>	Notes:
<b>April  Twelfth Grade</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look for admissions decisions (and financial aid awards).</li> <li>• Compare award letters.</li> <li>• Consider grants, work-study, and other aid you don't have to repay before accepting a student loan.</li> <li>• Let your college know the financial aid awards you are accepting and the ones you're declining.</li> <li>• Prepare for the AP Exams.</li> </ul>	Notes:
<b>May/June  Twelfth Grade</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your AP scores qualify, make sure to send your scores to the college you will attend in the fall.</li> <li>• Confirm that your final transcripts have been sent to the college you will attend.</li> <li>• Find out about test dates for any placement exams your college might require.</li> <li>• 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,</li> </ul>	Notes:

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