

College Admission Process Support Class of 2020 Meeting #8 – Youth & Parents December 2, 2019

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Common College Admissions Process Errors/Mistakes Made in December and Early January

- **Sending SAT Scores to each CSU and UC (\$\$\$) – Send once for CSU and Once for UC - Instruct**
- **Failure to Send 3-Year HS Transcripts to Private and Out-of-State Public Universities (Including those on the Common App)**
- **Transcripts are sent to CSU and UC without a formal request from either; Then when they actually ask, you think they already have the transcripts**
- **School fails to send scores or teacher/counselor recommendations to Private College by 1/15/2020**



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- Missed correspondence is HUGE for all types of schools
- Failure to properly submit FAFSA and/or CSS Profile – Loss of significant or all FA (GWU)
 - FAFSA Due Date for UC & CSU = 3/2/2020
- Missed priority scholarship admission application date when student meets the scholarship requirement (Boise State University?, USD, et al)
 - Boise State = 12/15/2019; USD = 12/15/2019; USC = 12/1/2019 (GPA 3.60 – Unweighted; 1170 SAT)
- University of California (UC) – Dropping any class 2nd semester without informing all UCs
- D or F in a **required** HS Class – 1st Semester/ Make up Immediately



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- **Missed CSU Information:** If student applied to CSU, student should be checking email each day – **VERY IMPORTANT EMAILS ARE CURRENTLY IN EMAIL!!**

The first email(s):

1. **Confirm that application was received**
 2. **Student ID is provided – General Information is Provided by the CSU**
 3. **“Portal Set-Up” is REQUIRED!!**
- **Communication from a CSU VARIES from CSU to CSU – Letters, Portals, Drops, E-mail, some even CSU email. CSULB doesn't even use letters!!**
 - ***Failure to properly do the above (1 to 3) most likely will result in DISENROLLMENT FROM CSU without you knowing it between December and May***



If We Submitted Your CSU with Our Username and Password.....

- We created an email address for each student. We have login information. Contact cmartinez.eep@gmail.com
- We want to help with portal set up!! Come into the office if you are having a problem setting these up.
- PLEASE REVIEW CSU E-MAIL REGULARLY!!!
- *If we did not set up an email account, you must watch close CSU E-mails!!!*



By the Way.....

CSUs That are Still Open

- *Humboldt State University – 2/28/2020*
- *CSU Bakersfield – 1/06/2020*
- *San Diego State – Imperial Valley Campus ONLY – 12/15/2019*
- *Sonoma State University – 12/15/2019*
- *CSU Poly Pomona – Hospitality Management Program ONLY -3/1/2020*
- *CSU Maritime – 3 Majors – 12/23/2019 (Must Join U.S. Merc*



Guidelines for the Addition of New College Applications

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4 Things that College-Bound Student Should be Doing Right Now

- **Stay on Top of Current Studies – Senioritis?? NO!!**
 - How we can help!!
- **Call Colleges and Confirm that You have Submitted All that's needed for Admission Decision**
- **Apply for 2- Year College and Plan to take GE course for College Credit in Spring or Summer 2020**
- **Add Affordable Colleges if Desired**
- **Submit Private College Applications by Christmas D**



From College Website 

Private College A - Cost of Attendance

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Tuition/Fees | \$48,200 |
| Room & Board | \$14,900 |
| Books & Materials | \$1,000 |
| Personal Expenses | \$2,800 |
| Transportation | \$2,100 |

Cost of Attendance \$69,000

From College Financial Aid Award Letter or Portal 

Private College A - Financial Aid Award

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Subsidized Direct Loan | \$3,500 |
| Un-Subsidized Direct Loan | \$2,000 |
| Federal Perkins Loan | \$3,000 |
| Merit Scholarship | \$25,000 |
| University Grant | \$9,500 |
| Federal Work Study | \$2,500 |

Total FA Award \$45,500

Direct Cost = _____

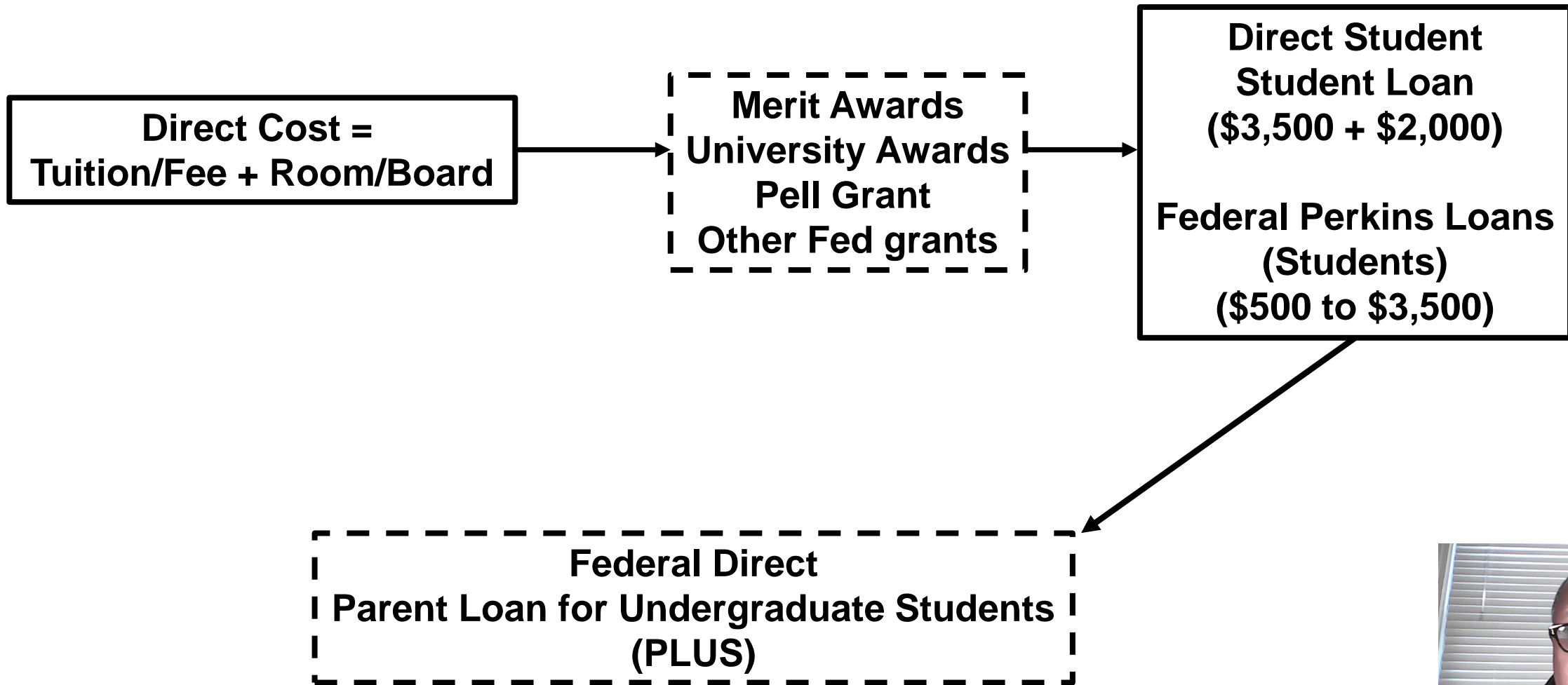
Relevant FA = _____

Maximum PLUS = _____

**What Will I Owe for College?
Review and Practice**



Paying for College



Out of Pocket College Cost Guide

- CSU

- Income Below \$50,000 – \$0 to \$6,000 Owed
- Income above \$55,000 - \$13,900 to \$21,000 Owed

- UC

- Income Below \$70,000 - \$0 to \$8,000 Owed
- Income Above \$70,000 - \$9,000 to \$30,000 Owed

- Private Colleges

- Income Below \$50,000 - \$4,000 to \$30,000 Owed per year
- Income Above \$50,000 - \$25,000 to \$50,000 Owed per year



FAFSA Status – What You Should be Doing

- After filing – Please order your 2018 Federal Tax Transcript in case it's requested by youth's chosen college – Usually in March-April
- **How to order:** Call (800) 908-9946, listen to the options carefully; It will take 6-8 working days/ NOTE: **This is NOT a Copy of the Tax Return!!!**
- **Order & Review the FAFSA Student Aid Report(s):** Note that the FAFSA is converted to a Student Aid Report (SAR) by the FEDs. The Student Aid Report (SAR) is sent digitally to each college
 - Verify that all colleges to which the student is applying are on one c



How to Print Out FAFSA Student Aid Report(s)

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov

Click the “START a New FAFSA” button on the left

Click on the fill in button on the LEFT for “Enter Your (the Student’s) FSA ID.

Enter FSA Username and FSA Password, Click NEXT in lower right corner.

Click on “View Correction History”

Click on the “View or Print Your Student Aid Report” for SAR-01 (-01 is on the right).

Click on “Print This Page” at the top middle of the page.

Repeat steps 6 and 7 until all SARs are printed.



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How to Add Colleges

- **First**: **FREEZE** your college list NOW!!! Stop Adding Colleges! *What is your reason for adding a college and more cost and time expenditure?*
- COMPARE your college list to the SAR College List. What Colleges are missing?
- Make a list of the colleges not on the FAFSA first
- Use steps on the next slide to ADD the college.
- **DO NOT CHANGE INCOME OR ANYOTHER INFORMATION** without telling me if I filed the original FAFSA.
- Promise me that you will follow the college addition information perfectly!



Procedure for ADDING a College to the FAFSA

- Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov & log in with STUDENT'S FAFSA Username and Password...Remember to log in as the **STUDENT**
- Click on "Make FAFSA Corrections"
- Type in a "SAVE KEY" and click CONTINUE...you will not need to use it again. This is not your login!!! (Many think so)
- Look at the top and click on "School Selection"
- Click "REMOVE" and remove ALL SCHOOLS – This is the "Trust EEP step"
- Then add each school – Search for each school by entering State, City and School Name; Click "ON CAMPUS" for housing!
- Repeat the search and add for each school
- Then click CONTINUE when the last school is added
- Review Changes
- Click SUBMIT FAFSA at the top & follow directions to submit the New FAFSA (I



CSS Profile – What is It? Do I Need it?

- The CSS Profile is a College Board ONLINE Document that requires additional financial and other information above and beyond the FAFSA.
- If you are applying to selective private colleges, you may have a CSS Profile Requirement
- It is submitted from the College Board website – www.collegeboard.com
- Schools that do not require it:
 - CSUs, UCs, Most local private colleges, Public Universities in the West, HBCUs and Black State Schools
 - Over 600 Private College and FEW Public Universities Require it
 - Examples: Locally – Occidental, USC and All of the Claremont Colleges
 - Other Examples: GWU, All Ivy League Colleges, Georgetown, Syracuse, Fo



CSS Related Information

- **Non-Custodial Parent** –After the CSS Profile is Submitted, the College Board will send a link to the student stating the need for financial information from the non-custodial parent. 55% of all CSS Profile Colleges require non-custodial parent data.
- You can know if it is required by a college – There is a list.
- See CSS “Booklet”
- **Cost?** The first CSS is \$25 PLUS \$16 for each additional college; It’s paid during CSS Submission
- **CSS Profile Colleges also require FEDERAL INCOME TAX Data & do not fully accept the FAFSA Transcripts and Tax Return Data Retrieval**
 - *They have a third party process know as “IDOC” to upload PDFs of ALL S from the 2017 Federal Income Tax Return, W2’s from students & parents student non-filer forms*
 - *GWU Requires the Actual Tax Return PDFs*



CSS Profile – Miscellaneous Information

- **Waivers of the Non-Custodial Parent (NCP) Requirement is more difficult to get approved.**
- **Probably it should be considered when applying to private colleges**
- **The Cost of the Profile is something to be considered when colleges are added**
- **The ONLINE CSS Profile has been streamlined, but it is still very tedious**
- **Yes, Colleges do fully consider the NCP, property equity, investments, savings and even 529 Savings in determining y for financial aid.**



How to Send Test Scores

- SAT – CSU/ When you are sending SAT Scores to multiple CSUs, send the scores ONCE to ONE PLACE and all CSUs will see the scores. Use the College Name “California State University Apply”. When the screen says “CSU Apply – Long Beach”, it means the MAIN OFFICE of CSU Central NOT CSU Long Beach.
- SAT UCs/ When you want to send SAT Scores to multiple UCs, send the scores to ONE UC and all see the scores.
- ACT Scores are to be sent individually to CSUs and UCs
- SAT and ACT Scores are sent to all other colleges individually
- Websites are www.collegeboard.com for the SAT & www.act.org for ACT
- If you lose or have lost the log-in information, call (866) 756-7346 and (310) 319-337-1000 for ACT



All About HS Transcripts

- **UC and CSU Applications are Submitted without HS Transcripts; Only send them when/if requested**
- **CSU and UC often request transcripts when college courses are reported on the application; Order Official CC Transcripts NOW (4) and store them away safely**
- **UC & CSU do request a FINAL Transcript in July 2018**
- **Send 3-Year Transcripts to all other schools; Update with the 7th Semester Transcripts if this is a good thing!**
- **When Mailing Transcripts: NEVER use Certified MAIL; Address as follows:**
 - (School Name)
 - Undergraduate Admissions Office
 - Street Address
 - City-State
 - Attention: Transcript Review



What Do I Send to Which Colleges: Transcripts vs. SAT/ACT Scores

| | <u>3-Yr Transcripts</u> | <u>SAT/ACT Scores</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| CSU* | | X |
| UC* | | X |
| OOS Public Colleges | X | X |
| Private Colleges | X | X |
| HBCUs | X | X |

***Transcripts Sent ONLY WHEN REQUESTED via E-Mail**



College Decision Process

Here is How the College Decision Process Should Go:

- 1. College Application(s) Delivered + Fees Paid**
 - ACT/SAT Scores & Transcripts (not to UC/CSU unless requested)
- 2. FAFSA Information – Check Student Aid Reports (SARs)**
 - All College Covered?
 - Any Need CSS Profile??
- 3. College Acceptance – Via e-mail, letter, portals**
- 4. Review of Options**
 - Campus Tours
 - Comparison of Net Direct Cost – Direct Cost minus Relevant Financial Aid Awarded
 - Payment Planning: Loans, Cash, Other Options
- 5. Admissions Offer Acceptance/ Non-Refundable Deposit**
- 6. Inform Other Colleges of the Decision to Attend Somewhere Else**
- 7. Housing Deposit – Partially Non-Refundable**
- 8. Activate Student Direct Loan**
- 9. Apply for Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)**
- 10. School and Class Enrollment Process**



Upcoming Travel

- **CSU Bakersfield/ Friday – January 24th**
- **Sonoma State/ Friday – February 13th**
- **Boise State/ Sunday-Monday - March 1-2**
- **Seattle Pacific University/ Friday – March 20th**

Next Session

- **Sunday - December 8th**
 - *More on Loans, Private School & UC Timelines for Enrollment, More on FA Award Reading, Scholarships, Career & Major*
- **Sunday – December 15th – Youth ONLY**
 - *Christmas Fellowship*
 - *Special Video Showing*

