



12TH GRADE

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Stay focused.

- Check in with your counselor about applying to colleges and scholarship opportunities.
- Ask for letters of recommendation. Connect with teachers and counselors early in the fall of your senior year and let them know you'd like a letter of recommendation.

Take math during your senior year.

- Be sure to take the right math for your future career. Use the flowchart on page 9-10 of this guide to help you figure out which math class is right for you.

Apply to college in the fall.

- Apply to colleges during the fall of your senior year. Participate in Utah College Application Week in November. Ask your counselors for more information.

*** If you're planning on serving a religious mission or joining the military, you should still complete your college applications and complete your college's FERPA form so your parents can communicate with the college on your behalf. Once you have been accepted to a college, you can defer your enrollment and most scholarships you have been offered until you return. Find out more information about the deferment process by visiting the admissions page on the college's website. ***

- If you want to improve your score, retake the ACT the fall of your senior year.

Fill out your FAFSA.

- Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as October at fafsa.gov.
- Get help completing your FAFSA by attending a FAFSA Completion Open House during the school year. Visit StepUpUtah.com/events to find dates.
- If you are an undocumented student check to see what options might be available for you at educate-utah.org.



CHOOSING A COLLEGE – START HERE *Worksheet*

Check all the items that are important to you. Also, add notes and comments.

Goals

Notes and Comments

Why do you want to go to college?
What do you want to get out of college?

- I see college as a journey of self-discovery to grow, learn, change, hear and understand differing opinions, and gain a broader perspective on the world.
- I see college as a chance to discover some particular passions and pursue them.
- I see college as a time to develop important skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and goal setting for life, career, and independence.
- I see college as a time for preparing for a specific career/job.
- I see college as a time for a liberal arts education that may prepare me for a variety of career choices.

Academics

Notes and Comments

What do you think you might want to study in college?
What are some possible college majors?

- I'm not sure...
No one is asking you to choose an exact major, in fact, most students change their minds two to three times before they settle on a major. However, you probably know some subject areas and majors that you definitely want your college to have so that when you do decide on a major, you'll most likely have that option. So take a moment to list a few areas that are of interest to you or simply list a few of your favorite classes in high school. Would you like to know what majors are available in college? Do the exercise below.
- I'm pretty sure I know...
List a few possible majors or areas of study that you would like your college to offer.

Notes and Comments

What academic programs and opportunities do you want the college to have?

- 2 year vs. 4 year program
- Honors programs
- Research opportunities for undergraduates
- Internships
- Co-op programs
- Study abroad programs
- Core curriculum
- Create your own majors/interdisciplinary studies
- Credit awarded for IB and AP scores and the ability to graduate with a degree in less than four years.
- A program that allows dual degrees or bachelor's and master's degree in four years.

Notes and Comments

Academic environment and learning needs – What do you need to be a successful learner?

- Small classes, easier access to professors, more discussion oriented, classes taught by professors rather than TAs
- Large lecture hall classes are acceptable
- Academic theme dorms with smaller classes at large universities.
- Tutoring and study skills support services
- Resources for students with learning disabilities (IEP, ILP, 504)

Selectivity

How selective should the school be regarding admissions?

- Name or prestige of the school is important.
- I am aware that the most selective colleges admit less than 10% of applicants. See **Highly Selective Colleges**
- I'm less concerned about the name of the school as long as it has the programs that are best for me.
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Notes and Comments

Paying for College

What is the cost (tuition, room and board, books and fees, transportation)? How will you pay for it?

Range of college costs: \$3,000/year for a community college to >\$70,000/year for some private colleges.

Questions to discuss at home, see **Talk to Your Family**:

- I know how much my family can contribute each year.
- I am willing to spend the extra time looking for and applying to outside scholarships.
- I am willing to work during the school year and the summer to help pay for my education.
- Taking on debt is a very serious decision. Are you or is your family willing to take on loans for college?
- Will you apply for financial aid?
- I understand that need-based and merit scholarships from a college rarely pay all college costs.

Notes and Comments

Location and Physical Environment

What is important to you?

- Area of the country
- Climate
- Urban, suburban, or rural
- Close to home
- Travel: nearness to major airports, travel time, cost
- Campus architecture and beauty
- Campus safety
- Access to shops, movies, event centers, public transit, etc.
- Ability to do the things you love in this location (mountain bike, ski, run, visit museums, major concerts and theater)

Notes and Comments

Size

Does size/enrollment matter in your college choice?

Small school - <3,000 students
Medium school - 3,000-10,000 students
Large school - >10,000 students

- I want a small college that has a close community, most students live on campus all four years, generally classes are smaller and professors are more accessible.
- I want a medium college with more choices but still a distinct community.
- I want a larger college with more choices; majors, clubs, activities, sports, diversity and possibly larger classes.

Notes and Comments

Campus Life

Interests and Activities – What else is important to you about your college choice and life on campus?

- Campus housing – theme dorms, honors dorms, housing guaranteed for four years
- Fraternities/sororities
- Sports – I want to play (club, intramural, Division I, II, III)
- Sports – I want to attend popular sporting events
- Religious Interests/organizations
- Clubs that interest me
- Performing arts open to all to participate
- Special dietary requirements
- Single gender
- Strong alumni network
- Volunteer opportunities and community involvement
- Study abroad and international experiences
- I want a college with _____

Notes and Comments

Personality and Social Environment – Are these my people? Will I fit in? Are these the students and professors I want to interact with?

- I want a strong sense of community; student involvement, a feeling of belonging.
- I want a college with a strong campus spirit.
- I'm looking for an atmosphere of academic rigor.
- I'm looking for colleges with less drugs and alcohol.
- I want a college with major athletic events.
- I'm looking for a college that values integrity, character, and the importance of giving back.
- I'm looking for students that enjoy philosophical discussions and are lovers of ideas?

Notes and Comments

SENIOR DATES AND DEADLINES 2020-2021

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| *October 12 | Senior Night @ 7:00 p.m.
(Admissions, Scholarships, FAFSA info) |
| *October 15 | Sterling Scholar Applications Due |
| *October 19-23 | Utah College Application Week |
| *November 15 | REGENTS opens |
| *January 31 | CTE Scholarship Deadline |
| *February 1 | REGENTS final Deadline |
| *April 5-16 | Local Scholarship Applications |
| *May 10 | Awards Assembly @ 8:00 a.m. |
| *May 11 | Scholarship Night @ 7:00 p.m. |
| *May 28 | GRADUATION @ 4:00 pm |

TEST DATES



United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico

2020 | 2021

TEST DATE

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Regular Deadline Late Fee Required Photo Upload/Standby Deadline

September 12, 2020	August 31	No late fees	September 4
September 13, 2020 (Sunday)			
September 19, 2020			
October 10, 2020			
October 17, 2020	September 25	No late fees	October 2
October 24, 2020			
October 25, 2020 (Sunday)			
December 12, 2020	November 6	November 7-20	December 4
February 6, 2021	January 8	January 9-15	January 29
April 17, 2021	March 12	March 13-26	April 9
June 12, 2021	May 7	May 8-21	June 4
July 17, 2021*	June 18	June 19-25	July 9

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No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.



2020 Application Fee Waiver Information

Only to be used in conjunction with Utah College Application Week for approvedUCAW partner high schools in the 2020-21 academic year.

For specific questions on fee waivers please contact the institution's admissions office directly.

Brigham Young University	Application Fee: \$35
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepts ACT, SAT, and/or NACAC waiver. https://enrollment.byu.edu/admissions/fee-waiver 	
Dixie State University	Application Fee: WAIVED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepts ACT, SAT, and/or NACAC waiver. Application fee waived duringUCAW; code:UCAW2020 	
Salt Lake Community College	Application Fee: \$40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not accept fee waivers. Does not accept ACT, SAT, and/or NACAC waiver. 	
Snow College	Application Fee: WAIVED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application fee waived duringUCAW; code:UCAW_2021 	
Southern Utah University	Application Fee: WAIVED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application fee waived duringUCAW; no code needed 	
University of Utah	Application Fee: WAIVED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application fee waived duringUCAW using the common app. Please be sure to review the specifics for how to request aUCAW fee waiver on the UofU Application Information sheet. 	
Utah State University	Application Fee: \$50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not accept ACT, SAT, or NACAC waiver. Application fee is required unless waived by Jeff Sorensen or Katie North in the Admissions Office for extenuating circumstances. In this case, the student is required to send an appeal explaining why he/she is unable to pay. USU does not charge a late fee. 	
Utah Valley University	Application Fee: \$35
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If students are interested in a partial fee waiver, they are encouraged to complete the application up-to the point of payment atUCAW and then attend a virtual open house to receive the partial fee waiver. 	
Weber State University	Application Fee: \$30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not accept ACT, SAT or NACAC waiver. Some waivers may be available through established outreach programs such as TRIO, AVID, GEAR UP. 	
Westminster College	Application Fee: FREE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application is free when using either the Common App or Westminster application. 	

Fee waiver	Information
National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC)	https://www.nacacfacts.org/learn/fee-waiver
ACT Waiver	https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/FeeWaiver.pdf
SAT Waiver	https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees/fee-waivers

State of Utah Institution Information

Campus Visits:

Dixie St.: Face to face, go to <https://explore.dixie.edu/visit-dixie-state-university/>
or virtual at <https://dixie.edu/dsu-virtual-tour/>

Snow College: Face to face, go to <https://www.snow.edu/admissions/visit.html>
or virtual at <https://www.snow.edu/general/virtualtour/index.html>

Southern Utah University: Known as the Red Riot \$25 go to: <https://www.suu.edu/redriot/>
Overnight experience including tour of campus, meals on Friday evening and Saturday morning, overnight accommodations, tickets to SUU events, info on classes, T-shirt, scholarship advising and waived application fee.

Utah: Virtual Session: Go to <https://admissions.utah.edu/virtual-events/>

Utah Valley: Face to face tour: Go to <https://www.uvu.edu/admissions/visit/>

Utah St. University Logan or Price: Face to face <https://www.usu.edu/admissions/campustour/>

Salt Lake CC: Virtual Session, to sign up go to: <https://www.slcc.edu/admissions/tours.aspx>

Weber St: Multiple options at: <https://weber.edu/GetIntoWeber/VisitCampus.html>

BYU: Virtual Session: <https://enrollment.byu.edu/admissions/campus-tours>

State of Utah Institution Information

Institutions	Tuition & Fees	Fall Deadline	Scholarship Deadline	Average On-Campus Meal Plan	Average On-Campus Housing	Application Fee
BYU	\$5970	Nov. 1 st	Dec.15 th	\$4250	#351 6	\$35
Dixie State	\$5662	Year-round	March 1 st	\$2898	\$271 0	\$35
Ensign College	\$3550	Sept.1 st	August 1 st	N/A	N/A	\$35
SLCC	\$3929	Aug. 16 th	Sept. 15 th	N/A	N/A	\$40
Snow College	\$3936	Aug. 20 th	March 1 st	\$2500	\$120 0	\$30
Southern Utah	\$6770	Year-round	March 1 st	\$4024	\$332 5	\$50
U. of Utah	\$8350	Nov. 1 st	Nov. 1 st	\$4855	\$553 6	\$55
Technical Colleges	(\$2 – 2.50) per clock hour	Year Round	Year Round	N/A	N/A	\$0
Utah State	\$7859	Year-round	Jan. 10 th	\$3700	\$314 9	\$50
Utah State Eastern	\$4367	Year-round	July 1 st	\$3420	\$191 6	\$50
UVU	\$5820	Aug. 1 st	Feb. 1 st	N/A	N/A	\$35
Weber State	\$6078	Year-round	Dec. 1 st	\$2900	\$400 0	\$30
Westminster	\$37960	Dec. 1 st	Dec. 1 st	\$3258	\$569 2	\$50