



Additional Resources to Accompany Is Your Student College Bound Workshop July 10, 2026

California Community Colleges

Find which programs and majors are at which colleges -- <https://icangotocollege.com/>
Career Education Certificates: <https://icangotocollege.com/career-ed-certificate>
Transfer Tool: <https://icangotocollege.com/transfer-tool>
Associate Degree for Transfer: <https://icangotocollege.com/associate-degree-for-transfer>
Bachelor's Degree Programs: <https://icangotocollege.com/bachelors-degree#programs>

CSU (California State University)

CSU Admissions Handbook for Counselors:
<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/Documents/csu-admission-handbook.pdf>
Freshman Admissions Requirements – pg. 10-12
Homeschool Requirements – pg. 12-13

UC (University of California)

Requirements for homeschoolers: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/first-year-requirements/home-schooled-students.html>
a-g subject requirements: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/freshman-requirements/subject-requirement-a-g.html>

Private colleges

Each sets its own admission requirements – check the college's website
Many use the Common Application for admission: <https://www.commonapp.org/>

Christian colleges and universities

Usually offer similar degrees as private college but courses are taught from a Christian or Biblical worldview

Ask for its definition of “Christian” and about any doctrinal distinctives that are important to you

Bible College

Designed to prepare students for careers in which serving Christ is part of the job description

Usually offers a different degree than a Christian college – for example:
BBS (Bachelor of Biblical Studies) instead of BA (Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies)

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Vocational Schools

To find a legitimate program:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/choosing-vocational-school-or-certificate-program>

Workforce Pell Grant Program -- <https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/us-department-of-education-issues-final-rule-create-new-workforce-pell-grant-program>

For College Admissions:

Application to the College

High School Transcript

Letters of Recommendation (teachers, extracurricular activities, employers, volunteer opportunities)

Tests – Optional at some colleges

SAT – <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>

ACT – <https://www.act.org/>

CLT - <https://www.cltexam.com/tests/clt/>

California Proficiency Program -- <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/cp.asp>

Paying for College

2 kinds of aid: merit aid (earned) and need-based aid (based on family finances)

Financial Aid Applications:

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid -- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

CSS Profile – required by some schools -- <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

Check if your college has its own application

SAI – Student Aid Index – an index number used by colleges to create a financial aid offer

Replaced the old EFC – Expected Family Contribution formula

What is SAI -- <https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/article/what-is-sai>

SAI estimated calculator -- <https://finaid.org/calculators/saicalculator/>

Cal Grant – California state financial aid – needs a GPA from an accredited school or a GPA Verification Form plus test score -- <https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2025-10/G4-Cal-Grant-GPA-Verification-Form-2026.27.pdf>

Conclusion:

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?” Matt 16:26 ESV

Lean on the Lord to lead you and your student on the next stage of life’s journey!

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