

## College Application Tips

1. Start a file. Keep a copy of everything you send and everything you receive. Check your e-mail on a regular basis and make sure your address is appropriate for college admission directors and scholarship coordinators. Please list the colleges you are applying to on your Naviance Family Connection page – my colleges.
2. Get a certificate of mailing whenever you send something to a college. It cost about a dollar and will give you a dated receipt of when you mailed the information. **Do Not** send anything certified or registered mail. Many times there is not anyone there to sign for the envelope or package.
3. Stay organized and when you speak to someone at a college or a testing center, write down the person's name and the date that you spoke to him/her, as well as what you discussed.
4. Apply early! You can begin your applications on line and save the information until it is time to submit the application. Check each college's website to see if it has its own application or if you can submit a common application.
5. On line resources are very helpful. Calculations can be done online at: [www.UniversityofCalifornia.edu/admissions/scholarshipreq](http://www.UniversityofCalifornia.edu/admissions/scholarshipreq) or [www.csumentor.edu/planning/high\\_school](http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school). You can also review the eligibility index in your St. Joseph Student Handbook.
6. December of your senior year is the last month to take the SAT and ACT tests in order for your scores to be included in your application process. Cal State Schools require the ACT or the SAT Reasoning test; UC Schools require the ACT or the SAT Reasoning AND two Subject tests. Private schools will post the information on their web pages.

### Helpful Websites:

Naviance Family Connection – [www.sj-jester.org](http://www.sj-jester.org) Click on the Family Connection link.

Provides information and links to research colleges, careers, and includes free SAT Test Preparation.

Online personal statement tutorial – [www.ucgateways.org](http://www.ucgateways.org)

Cal State Universities – [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

University of California schools – [www.ucop.edu/pathways](http://www.ucop.edu/pathways)

Common Application – [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Colleges – [www.csjstpaul.org/ministry\\_education](http://www.csjstpaul.org/ministry_education)

California Community Colleges – [www.ccccoledu](http://www.ccccoledu)

Independent California Colleges and Universities – [www.aiccumentor](http://www.aiccumentor)

Princeton Review Scholarships and Aid – [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

A-G class lists, testing information – [www.pathways.ucop.edu](http://www.pathways.ucop.edu)

NCAA Clearinghouse Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete – [www.ncasclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncasclearinghouse.net)

SAT and ACT online practice admission test site – [www.4tests.com](http://www.4tests.com)

Dictionary of Occupations – O\*NET

Fast Web Scholarship Search – [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

College Confidential, on line discussion threads on college topics – [www.collegeconfidential.com](http://www.collegeconfidential.com)

College Prowler, written by students for students – <http://collegeprowler.com/>