UC application

Helping your students submit a UC application that avoids common mistakes



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How to help your students start their application







UC Application timeline Date/Deadline Task August 1 **UC** Application opens **UC Application:** September 1-30 TAG application open for submission https://apply.university October 1- November 30 UC Application filing period ofcalifornia.edu/ December 15 TAU opens, priority deadline Jan. 31 January - March 31 TAU remains open March - April Admission decisions released by campuses June 1 Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) deadline July 1 Official transcripts due July 15 Submit UC IGETC and exam scores (AP, IB) TRANSFER SUCCESS

Starting with the fall 2023 application cycle, UC will extend the application submission period. Students will be able to submit their UC application between October 1 - November 30. Students will have access to this information on the UC application webpage, along with resources which cover details we will be sharing today. Please encourage your students to download the resources before they begin their fall 2023 application. The link to access UC application instructions is https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html

Reminder:

Each UC campus that participates in TAG will share details about their TAG submission requirements. Students are encouraged to do their research for the campuses/majors of interest.

Statement of application integrity

"We want all applicants to present themselves in the best possible light on their application, and we encourage applicants to seek help from friends, parents, counselors and teachers. However, UC expects all applicants to complete their own application material and ensure all information in the application is complete, accurate and truthful."









Accuracy of Details:

- Academic History: MUST be accurately reported--all enrollment, every school/college, all courses and grades (even/especially if a course was repeated). If a student accepts an offer of admission, UC requires official academic records to verify the information reported.
- "Additional Comments" box in the Academic History section can be used to provide detailed information or explanations about specific academic issues declining grades, course selection issues, etc.
- Examination scores:
 - Report results for AP, IB, and International exams completed.
- Activities/Awards: Applicants should not exaggerate or fabricate awards or activities because the information submitted is subject to verification.
 - In fact, UC does verify information that students report on the application. It is critical that students do not misrepresent or falsify information, as this is a serious offense and will result in serious consequences. Honesty is the best policy.

Statement of integrity PDF

What students need for the UC application

- Unofficial transcripts
- Test scores, if applicable
- Annual income information
- List of awards & honors

- List of extracurriculars
- Non-classroom activities
- Volunteer/job timelines with hours & job duties
- Updated UC TAP account

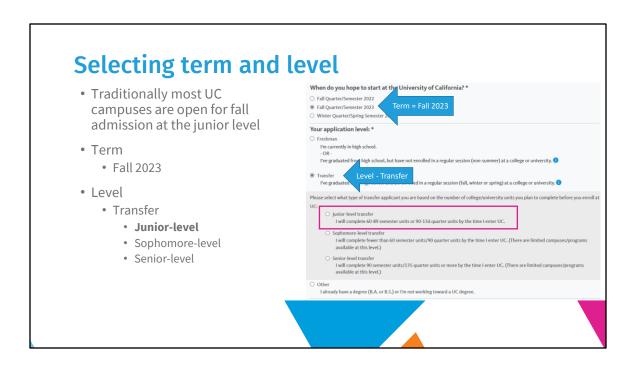
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To ensure your students' successful completion of their UC application, encourage them to do all the heavy lifting before actually beginning the application process, such as:

- Collecting all necessary documents, transcripts, etc., prior and putting them in a folder for easy reference
- Creating a spreadsheet or timeline with self made deadlines for each section of the application allowing for extra time for feedback
- Have final Personal Insight Question responses in a separate document ready to input rather than writing them directly in application. This prevents concerns which occur when a student spends more time than allotted due to the UC application 20-minute timer.
- If a student is not eligible for the application fee waiver, they should have payment ready in the form of a credit card to pay online or a check which can be mailed to UC no later than December.



If students select sophomore or senior level, the campuses and majors available to them may be limited. This is why students often can't find their major or they think a campus is closed – encourage your students to review their term and level.

Additionally, the unit question is always something that confuses students. We want to know how many units they plan to complete before they transfer to UC. But remember that only UC units or upper-division units from a 4-year university can put students into senior standing. If your students have only ever taken courses at a CCC, even if they have 120 semester units, they should select 'Junior-level transfer.'

Reminder: Some campuses might be open for multiple terms, ensure that students are selecting the **correct term and level.** A handful of UC campuses are open for a spring or winter term. This means that for a short period of time each fall, there are two active UC applications. Students should verify the term they wish to apply to.

The 'About you' tab sets personal context







✓ About you **About you** Personal information Personal information **Contact information** Contact information Citizenship & residency Citizenship & residency Demographics Demographics Your background · Your background Your household Your household Parent information · Parent information Statement of legal residence • Statement of legal Residence [NEW!] Review ENSURING TRANSFER SUCCESS

The first tab of the UC application is called "About you". A common mistake students make is skipping around in the application. They don't realize that the application has conditional logic. In the background details submitted in the application will be used to show applicants relevant information. For example, in the citizenship tab, the answers a student shares will determine the fees associated with the UC application.

New this year UC has added details about residency for tuition in the "About you" tab, we'll show you these new questions on the upcoming slides.

We won't go through every subsection – only the sections that generate the most questions from students and counselors.



Citizenship and Residency area ask questions regarding

- Country of Citizenship
- SSN or ITIN number (Optional)
- Enrolled member of an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe (U.S.)
- California Residency for admission purposes

Demographics area ask questions regarding:

- Ethnicity and Ancestry
- Gender and sexual orientation

In April 2022 the University of California introduced the Native American Opportunity plan. This opportunity if available to applicants from Federally or state recognized tribes. Although not connected, the application started to collect this information in a more streamlined way in the Citizenship & Residency section of the application.

Applicants that have a racial and ethnic background that includes American Indian or Alaska Native can still indicate this in the Demographics section.



The UC is required to send a notice to all UC citizens and legal permanent residents that don't provide a SSN. This message is usually sent the middle of December, or early in January. Students are not required to provide a number if they do not have one. Applicants that didn't initially proved an SSN or ITIN can add it by logging in to the UC Application and clicking "Update Personal Information."

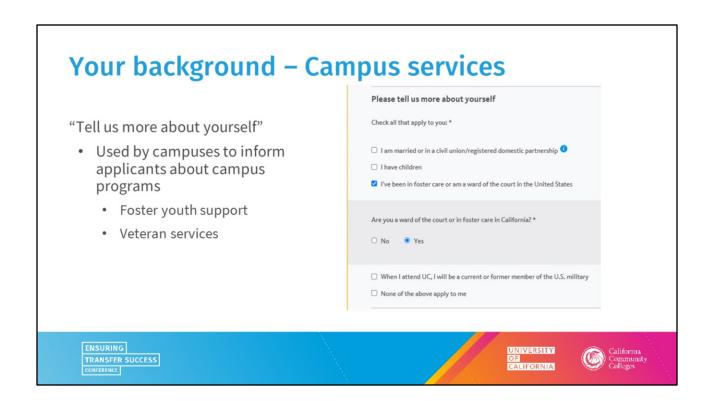
As some reminder when working with undocumented applicants (with or without DACA):

- Students should choose "No Selection" from the drop down menu when asked about their country of citizenship. Choosing a county is likely to indicate the applicant is an international level applicant. This will affect the application fee they pay, is likely to disqualify them from the fee waiver, and is likely to require visa information.
- Although the SSN or ITIN field is optional it's highly recommended if the applicant has one. We
 use this to match an applicants Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California
 Dream Act (CADA) application. It is also used to report back to the federal government for the
 Taxpayer's Relief Act of 1997.

Demographics Optional – for statistical purposes Ethnicity / Ancestry only which of the following groups best describes your background. Select all categories that apply to you. Remember, this information is used for statistical purposes only by UC, government Housing and medical designations agencies and researchers (not for admission purposes). may initially use application gender International students may need Gender and sexual orientation gender to match their country-We're committed to ensuring our campuses are welcoming to all students. As with all other demographic questions, providing your gender identity and sexual orientation is voluntary, issued visa optional, and not considered in admission decisions. Any information you provide in this section will be used for statistical analysis and Not visible to admission reader TRANSFER SUCCESS

The Demographics area collects information that's for statistical purposes only. Application readers do not see answers provided from this section! Applicants can select multiple racial and ethnic backgrounds depending on their background.

We encourage applicants to select the gender they identify with. Housing and health offices on the UC campuses may initially use this gender for housing assignment and medical files. International applicants may want respond with the gender their government has on file to avoid any Visa issues.



The "Your Background" area will allow applicants to tell the UC more about themselves. They can indicate if they have been in the foster care system, a current or former member of the military or if they are an independent applicant by being married or having children. The answers to these questions may allow campuses that have services for these populations to contact the applicant regarding these services.

If they were in foster care or a ward of the state we will ask them an additional question if it was in California or not.

Reminder

Campuses cannot fill in the blanks about a students situation due to being in the military, being a military dependent, or being in foster care. A student can (and should) consider adding context to their circumstances through the "additional comments" tab or within a Personal Insight Question response.

NEW: Statement of legal residence (SLR)

Statement of legal residence

- Moved from 'review and submit' area to 'aboutyou'
- Most questions have not changed, only placement of questions has changed
- SLR section includes more detailed language about residency qualifications
- Change allows residency to be determined for majority of students at time of application

Undocumented students should:

- Choose 'yes' to be evaluated for CA residency for tuition purposes
- Choose 'yes' to questions about physical presence in CA, attendance at a CA high school, and establishing CA as a permanent home
- Choose 'unknown' to questions about Parent 1/2 physical presence in CA and U.S. citizenship status
- Choose 'I believe that I qualify for an AB 540 nonresident supplemental tuition exemption based on the number of years I have attended school in California' in the Special Circumstance, Nonresident Supplemental Tuition Exemptions, and Tuition Waivers section

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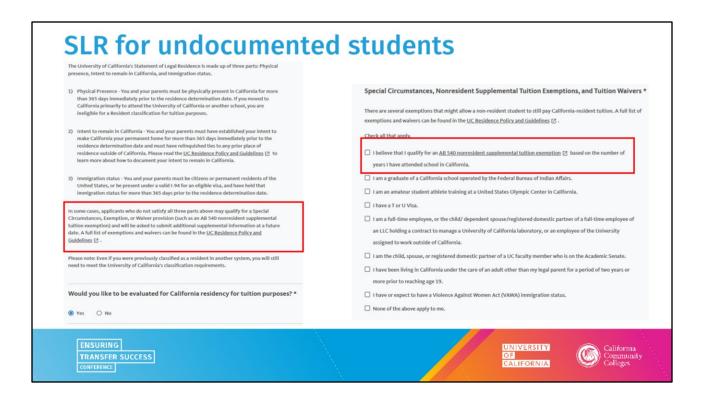
New for fall 2023, the University of California is adjusting the Statement of Legal Residency process to simplify residency for tuition purposes.

In previous years the Statement of Legal Residency (commonly known as the SLR) responses were collected in the Review and Submit area of the UC application. This year we have moved them to the 'About you' tab.

Applicants will have the option to be reviewed for California Residency for Tuition purposes.

- If they choose **not** to be reviewed, they will need to indicate why and are given a list of common exemptions.
 - O I am an international student
 - O My permanent home is in a state other than California
 - O None of the above
- Examples of exemptions:
 - O Qualify for AB 540 nonresident supplemental tuition exemption
 - O California school operated by the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.
 - Full-time employee, or the child/ dependent spouse/registered domestic partner of a full-time employee of the University

Depending on these responses, an applicant may be contacted to provided additional information. The majority of applicants will know earlier in the admission process if they will be charged in-state or non-resident tuition by the residency office.



This year, the application includes updated questions about students' residence for tuition purposes. The questions are largely the same as in prior years but have been moved earlier in the application process. UCOP worked with campus Registrars and Residence Deputies to refine the questions so that residency will be determined for a majority of students at the time of application. Based on feedback from counselors, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions updated the instructions for undocumented applicants who may qualify for the AB 540 nonresident supplemental tuition exemption.

Don't send transcripts: the selfreported academic history tab







Academic history

This tab requires students to input all the colleges that they have attended or will attend before enrolling at UC, as well as their coursework and grades.

Gaps in education

Ensure that students are providing explanations for the gaps in education flagged by the system

Omitting coursework

Ensure all courses are reported accurately. If courses are repeated, both grades must be reported. If a student received an Academic Renewal, this must also be reported on the application.

International coursework

Students need to report all coursework, including courses taken outside of the US or at other institutions







Now we'll be covering common pitfalls when it comes to filling out the academic history. These are things that we as reviewers have come across when reviewing transfer application and it is our hope that when you are working with students you keep these things in mind.

The academic history section is where students will enter all the colleges they have attended or will attend before enrolling at UC, including coursework and grades. In addition, we would like to know the last high school attended.

Make sure that students are using transcripts (or academic records) as they fill out this information — no guessing on what class they took or when. It's important that they report all schools, courses and grades exactly as they would appear on official transcripts or academic records.

- Some students might have started their community college journey a bit later, or maybe they needed to take a break before return. Whichever the reason, the application will flag these gaps in education, and its important that students are providing an explanation for these gaps. There are no wrong answers. Also, keep in mind that students who completed dual enrollment courses in high school may see a gap in education warning if they weren't consistently enrolled every term. They can simply say that they were in high school as their gap explanation.
- Remind students that the units that are counted are UC transferable courses up to the Spring prior to transferring. Look for any duplications or limitations that might affect the unit count.
- All coursework must be reported, whether is a D/F, Academic Renewal, Incomplete, etc. Even courses that are nontransferable must be reported. All classes are important
- Again, all coursework needs to be reported, this includes any coursework taken outside of the US or at other institutions.

Academic history

Unit count

- For fall enrollment, units are counted through the spring prior to transferring.
- Only UC-transferable courses are taken into consideration when calculating the unit count.
- Students should review course limits when calculating their unit count.



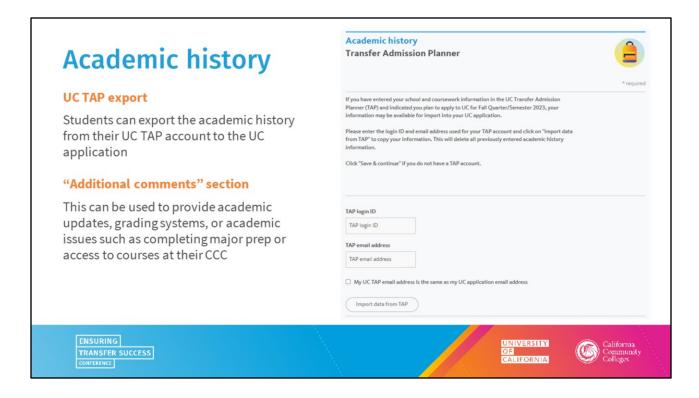
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As students are working on their UC application, they should keep in mind:

- For most UC campuses, transfer applicants must meet junior level standing, which is 60 semester/90 quarter credits completed by spring prior to enrollment. When admissions reviews courses they will look at duplication rules. Unit counts can vary if a student doesn't review for course duplication. All students at a California community college can view duplication rules by reviewing assist.org.
- Students can import the information on their Transfer Admissions Planner! The UC TAP import saved time.



As students are working on their UC application, they should keep in mind:

- Students can export the information on their Transfer Admissions Planner (UC TAP) into the
 "Academic history" tab of the UC application. The UC TAP export saves time but students should
 always double check that everything exported correctly.
- The additional comments section can help in the selection process! The academic history comments should focus on giving additional comments related to the academic history. This is where students can address poor grades, academic renewal, major prep issues or access, assist.org changes, etc.

UC TAP

There are several benefits to students for creating a TAP account.

- UC campuses may use TAP accounts to let students know when they will be visiting their schools
- Counselors and students can track academic progress and know early if a requirement is missing
- Prefills the Academic History on the UC Application
- Allows for students who attend multiple CCCs to have Academic History in one accessible place for counseling and meeting with UC representatives
- If a student plans to submit a Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG) application, they MUST have a UC TAP account. The TAG application is located in the UC TAP login.

Academic history	College / University English composition Prior to transfer, will you complete two transferable college courses in English composition (not including English as a secon language courses)?
Academic mstory	What is the status of the first course? * In progress
UC-E and UC-M	O Planned
The UC application may need additional	None planned / not completed Completed with a grade of C or better
information from students that have non-	What is the status of the second course? * In progress
CCC coursework, especially for UC-E and	○ Planned
UC-M	None planned / not completed
	○ Completed with a grade of C or better
Advanced Placement Exams	College / University mathematics
Exams meeting UC-E or UC-M will be	Prior to transfer, will you complete one transferable college course in mathematical concepts and qualitative reasoning? *
reported in the exam scores section of	O In progress
the application	○ Planned
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	○ Completed with a grade of C or better

If the coursework your students entered indicates that the student has met the minimum English (2 courses) and math (1 course) requirements for transfer to UC, they will not see this screen. This would appear if the system needs additional help identifying UC-E and UC-M courses, which may happen most for students with non-CCC coursework.

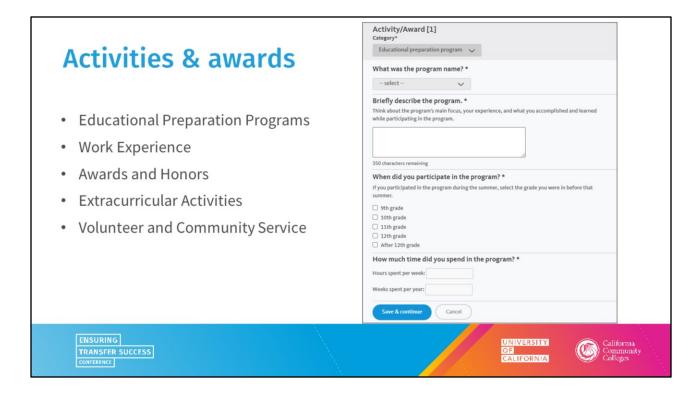
Additionally, a student that has only ever taken ONE UC-E course and has an appropriate AP exam score to meet the first UC-E, may also see this page. Students will be able to identify completing an AP exam in the 'Scores' section of the application and the UC campuses will see that the exam meets first UC-E. Please be sure your students do not skip the exam scores section if they need that exam to be eligible.

Activities & awards can add detail to a student's review









Activities and Awards

What is considered an activity or award?

- Educational Preparation Programs: programs include but are not limited to: EOPS, Cal Works, College specific
 programs. A list of common programs appear in a drop-down menu. If a program is not included, students
 should manually enter it.
- Work Experience: both paid and unpaid jobs that a student has had. Job shadowing experiences and internships should be included here.
- Awards & Honors: awards which are significant in nature county-wide, statewide and national indicate a
 high level of achievement with significant competition. School-based awards are more meaningful to readers if
 context is provided, such as "5th place out of 500 students" to earn award, but even "perfect attendance" can
 be insightful.
- Extracurricular Activities: Continued participation over time indicates passion, commitment, and sometimes leadership. Enter details about each activity. activities can be categorized differently so it's up to the student, hours per week,
- Community Service: consistent participation over time may indicate commitment and dedication.

Reminder: It is important for students to remember to describe their **role**, **responsibilities** and **accomplishments** in the activity rather than focusing on describing the activity itself. Transfer students should focus on what they have done in the recent past. Highlighting activities and awards from infancy is not as impactful and what happened while they were enrolled at your college/university.

Additional Information:

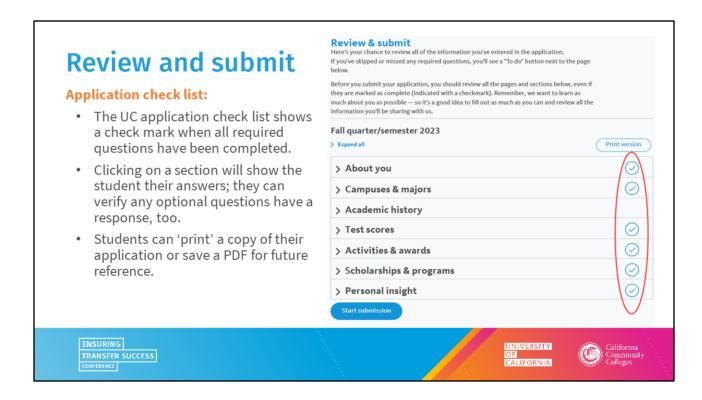
- Level of recognition (regional, state vs nation)
- Character counts are lower. Eligibility requirements allow students to tell us how they were chosen for an award, but they only have 250 characters.
- We want to know more about this award, and what you did to earn this recognition. Tell us about it, but you are limited to 250 characters.

The submission process







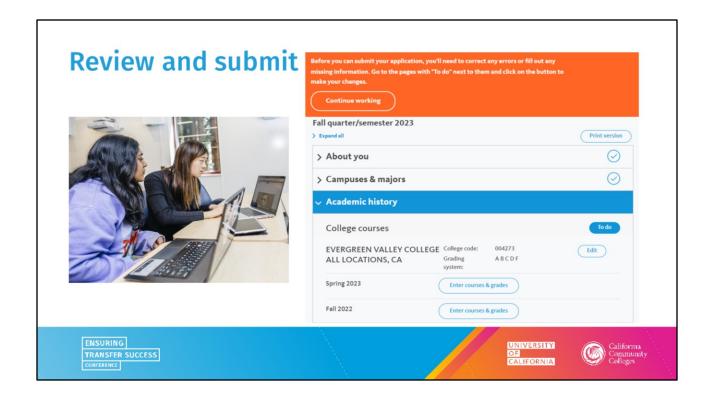


Review and Submit

Students will have the opportunity to review each section of the application before submitting. A check mark will appear beside each completed section. If a check mark is missing, the student is able to click the tab where required questions are missing.

Reminder: students should read through all tabs to verify that optional questions are also complete before they submit their UC application.

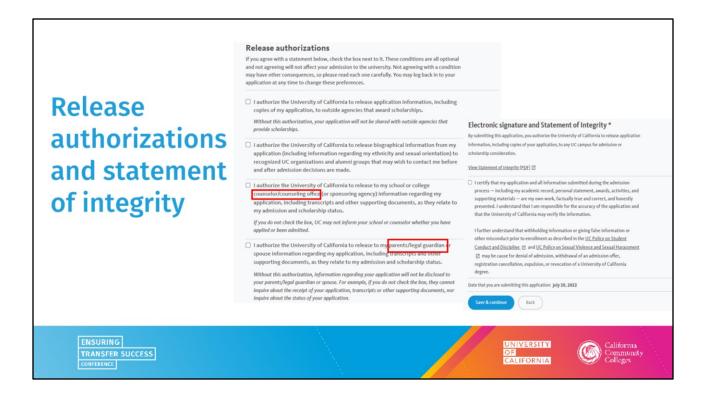
Tip: Once the UC application is final, a student can use the "print version" button to create a PDF copy of their whole UC application.



Review and Submit

Students will be prompted to correct any errors before they can continue with the submission process. They can simply click on the "edit" button to return to the section where information is missing.

Reminder: Does the student need to add context to their application? Did your school limit coursework during the student's tenure? Was there anything that impacted their academics? How does the student's personal life impact their accomplishments?



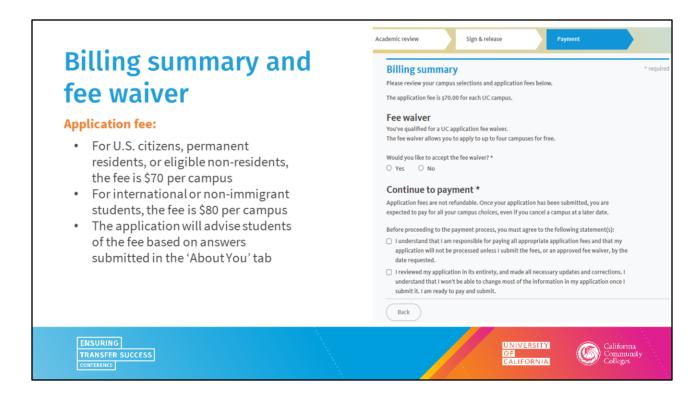
Release authorizations and Statement of Integrity

- The application cannot be submitted without the applicant's electronic signature and acknowledgement of the Statement of Integrity.
- Students will have the option to share their information with parents/guardians, school contacts counselors/educators, and UC campus organizations.

The Statement of Integrity is to affirm that all information in the application is accurate and the personal insight responses were written by the applicant. *If information is withheld, such as poor grades, or falsification is detected, the application is subject to cancellation.*

Signature Releases

- Review and check the release authorizations to share application information with scholarship agencies, parent/guardian, counselors and/or UC organizations and alumni groups.
- Electronically sign and date the application to verify accuracy and acknowledge that the applicant is the author of their personal insight responses.
- The electronic signature also authorizes the release of official examination score(s), if submitted, to all UC campuses to which the student applied.
- Information in the application is subject to verification. If an applicant is selected for verification, non-compliance will result in cancellation of the application and the application fee will not be refunded.
- Verification of activities and PIQ. Request comes via email from UC Office of the President in January/February.



The payment process is the final step in submitting a UC application.

Application Fees

- For U.S. citizens or permanent residents students, the application fee is \$70.00 per campus.
- For International and non-immigrant applicants the application fee is \$80.00 for each campus selected
 - O If an international or non-immigrant student currently attends school in the U.S., they may be eligible to pay the lower application fee of \$70.00 per campus.
- The application will advise students of the fee amount on this page.

Fee Waiver

A fee waiver is automatically calculated for California and domestic residents. The Fee waiver calculator is activated from answers about the applicant's family size and income.

- If a fee waiver is granted, the applicant must select YES to accept the fee waiver.
- If an applicant decides not to answer those questions, they may qualify for a fee waiver but would not receive one.

If the applicant makes a mistake on the family income amount, they can correct the information with an 'edit' button; eligibility for the fee waiver will automatically recalculate with the revised information.

Fee Waiver Eligibility

 For U.S. citizens or permanent residents or students who have attended a CA high school for at least 3 years, if students meet the low-income criteria used to qualify for free or reduced lunch, they will qualify for a UC application fee waiver for up to 4 campus choices, but will be

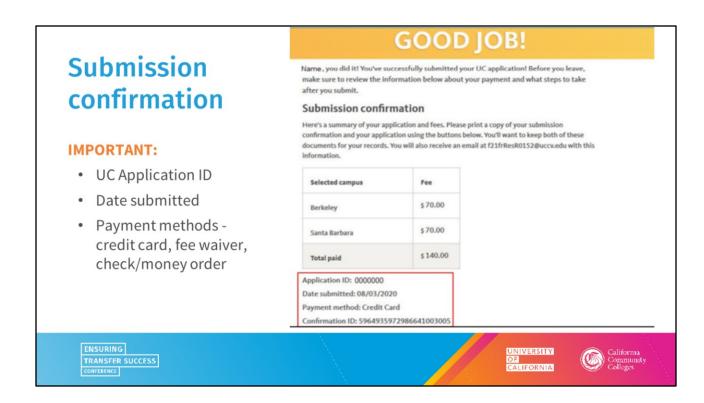
- responsible for payment for any additional campus(es) to which they choose to apply.
- Students in California on a visa are not eligible for the UC application fee waiver.
- UC also accepts the College Board, SCOIR, ACT or NACAC fee waiver. Only one waiver may be used.

Payment

- Application fee payment is required and non-refundable.
- Payment may be submitted by credit card in the application tool; or by mailing a check or fee waiver if a student didn't qualify for the UC application fee waiver but meets criteria established by the waiver provider.

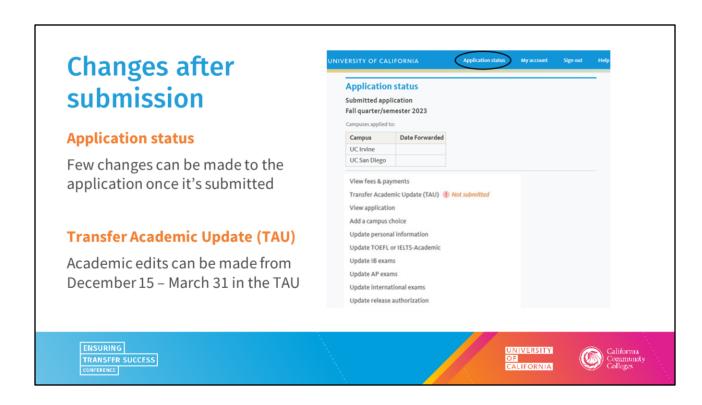
Reminder:

Applicants must email their non-UC fee waivers to the application center. Do not mail the fee waiver to a UC campus; doing so could slow "payment" down or make it difficult to process.



Review and Submit

When a student is successful in submitting their UC application, they see a confirmation page and receive a confirmation email. Your students should make note of their UC application ID, which is both in the confirmation email and on the confirmation submission page.



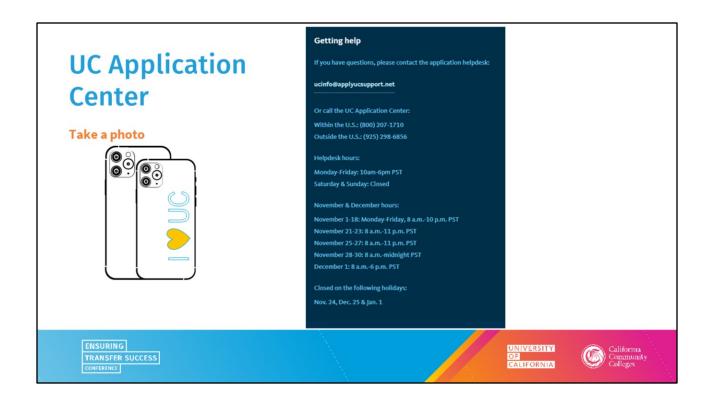
After Submitting a UC Application

Students can see when their application was forwarded to the campus. Each UC campus will download applications and import them into individual systems for review. No later than January will students receive confirmation emails from each campus sharing that their application was received and is being reviewed.

Reminder: Transfer students will need to return to the application to make academic updates, this is called the TAU. Students will have access to the TAU in mid-December this year. The priority deadline for adding fall grades and confirming spring courses is January 31.

Tip: Updates can be made in some sections of the UC application. The Academic history section cannot be updated, except for the current academic year, which is updated in the TAU.

Tip: A student can submit more than one TAU. If academic edits need to be made students should submit another TAU. The TAU process closes in March.



Additional Information

Details about how to get help with the UC application are found on https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/. Scroll down to see details and links that can help your students with submitting a complete application to UC. We encourage you and your students to review the FAQ links before emailing UC Information.

Questions & Answers

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