



Utah College Application Week

Diamond Ridge High School

Purpose of UCAW:

The purpose of UCAW is to help high school seniors navigate the college admissions process and ensure each participating student submits at least one admissions application.



Step #1 – The Application

- Submit your application to the college(s) you want to attend.
- Check the school deadlines

Early Deadlines/Merit Based Scholarships based on 2023-2024

Merit scholarships are based on grades/ACT at the time of admission. Students are automatically considered at the time of application.

There are cutoffs for merit scholarships.

Southern Utah University	December 1 st (Presidential award has limited funds, apply early)
Utah State University	January 10 th
U of Utah	December 1 st /Honors Deadline 11/1
Utah Valley University	March 1 st
Westminster College	December 1 st
Dixie State	March 1 st
Snow College	November 30 th
Brigham Young University	December 15 / Priority Deadline Nov 1 st
BYU Idaho	March 1 / Priority Deadline Feb 1
Weber State University	December 1 st
USU Eastern	August 1 st
SLCC	February 1 st



Early Action vs Early Decision

Early action

- Apply early
- Receive admission decision early
- Do not have to commit upon receipt
- Make sure you meet or exceed admission profile

Early decision

- Plans are binding. If you are accepted you must attend that college
- Apply only to one college early decision
- Make sure you meet or exceed admission profile

Meet with a College Representative & Campus Tours

Admission representatives are coming to Diamond Ridge High School to meet with students on

10/25/23 from 230-630!

Seniors will be taking a fieldtrip to SLCC and UVU Campus this fall!

Application Fees Waived During UCAW

Brigham Young University:	35.00	They will accept a ACT, SAT, NACAC waiver.
Mountainland Tech College:	NONE	
SLCC:	Waived	Use code: UCAW2023
Snow College:	Waived	Use code: UCAW24
SUU:	NONE	
Utah Tech University:	Waived	Use code: UT2024
U of Utah:	Waived	No code needed for Utah residents!
Utah State University:	Waived	Use code: USUUCAW23
Utah Valley University	Waived	Use code: UCAW2023
Weber State	Waived	Use code: ucaw23
Westminster College	NONE	

Step #2 – Send transcript

–Request your transcript in the Registrar's office.

Step #3 Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid

- FAFSA
- Merit based scholarships
- College/departmental scholarships
- Need based scholarships
- Grants
- Loans



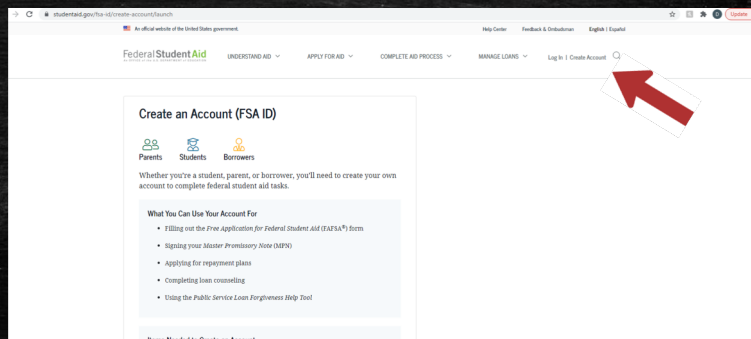
Need-Based Scholarships/Grants

- FAFSA – applications opened October 1st. Apply early! (fafsa.gov) & apply each year. The following are awarded through the FAFSA:
 - Federal PELL grants
 - Federal supplemental educational opportunity grants
 - Teach grants
 - Work study

These awards do not need to be re-paid

Creating a FAFSA Account (FSA ID)

- 1. Go to www.studentaid.gov
- 2. Click "Create and Account"
- 3. You are the "Student"



Loans

▪ Student loans

Direct subsidized loans (FAFSA)

- * school determines loan amount
- * government pays interest while in School

Direct unsubsidized loans

- * No financial need requirement
- * School determines loan amount
- * Interest accrues while in school

▪ Parent loans

Direct plus loans

- * can borrow up to the cost of attendance
- * have good credit
- * can defer while student is in college
- * interest accrues from time of disbursement

Step # 4 Scholarships

- Merit Based Scholarships
 - Regents/Opportunity Scholarship
- College and Departmental Scholarships

Merit Based Scholarships How much money can I get??

Utah State University

ACT/SAT does not include writing/essay portion.

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Opportunity Scholarship

- Beginning September 2021
- 2021 graduating class can apply for either Opportunity or Regents scholarship
- Applications open this fall. Check website regularly! www.ushe.edu
- Requirements:
 - 3.3 GPA
 - Complete 3 advanced courses in core area (math, science, language art)
 - Complete FAFSA application
 - Graduate from high school

College and Departmental Scholarships

- Awarded after admission
- Scholarships are listed on a college's website
- Scholarships can be college (ie. College of Health) or major specific (ie. Nursing)
- Scholarships are added throughout the year, so check back often
- Housing scholarships are available
- Don't be afraid to contact college directly and ask for additional money.

The College Essay

When will I have to write an essay?

1. Applying to out of state schools/ BYU.
2. Scholarships

Tips for a Great College Essay

1. Write about something important to you.
2. Don't just recount, reflect
3. Humor (Know your audience)
4. Start early and write several drafts
5. No repeats
6. Write how you speak. Use your voice.
7. Have someone edit your essay.
8. Do NOT have your parents write it!

Choosing your topic

Write about something important to you. What has had an impact on your life? What do you care about?

Your essay should show how you think, or what you value, or a personal strength.

Some of the most memorable essays were written on the dining room table (a place), a bathroom (someplace where I lose track of time) , the commute (an activity).

