SUMMER PLANS - UC Santa Barbara offers two exciting summer research programs for students in 9–11th grades. Students and families are invited to attend an information session to learn about the Research Mentorship Program (RMP) and Science & Engineering Research Academy (SERA). During this presentation, you will learn pertinent information about the programs, requirements, application and admission processes.

Please join us to find out how these experiences can set you apart when applying to college. Students will be provided with a unique opportunity to gain university-level research experience while earning college credit. These programs are specifically designed to foster academic, professional, personal, and social development. Students will be challenged through exposure to the breadth of interdisciplinary, ground-breaking research currently being conducted at UC Santa Barbara.

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Location: Dos Pueblos High School Library

FINANCIAL AID: Excerpt continued from College Admission: Application to Acceptance, Step-by-Step, written by Robin Mamlet and Christine Vandevelde.

The following is written to the student…


4. Assuming a state university will be cheaper. We’ve seen this mistake dozens of times, especially when students are relying on their parents for information. It
used to be that not only were the state universities in your home state cheaper than private colleges (because you get in-state tuition) but also state universities in other states (where you have to pay out-of-state tuition) were still cheaper than many private colleges. No more. That’s because major state universities now view out-of-state students as “cash cows”: as a way of decreasing the state U’s dependence on the legislature, they charge out-of-state students as much as a private college would. Upshot? When applying to state universities outside your state, get the facts. And don’t think it’ll be easy to establish state residency after a year or two; they’ve got that thought out, too.

BEST-KEPT SECRET. A number of state schools offer in-state tuition to students from other states, especially neighboring ones. Find out if this is true for any state universities you’re considering.

Also, a number of private colleges will put together financial aid packages to match the price of tuition and fees at the flagship state university in their state. Always ask.

5. Not knowing the difference between merit-based and need-based aid. You might have thought that if you’re a brainiac—top of your class, great SAT/ACTs, boatloads of AP courses, and so on—you’d be a shoo-in for large cash awards at fancy colleges. Guess again. Some of the schools you might want to apply to award aid only on the basis of need—that is, how much help they think you need to be able to afford to go to their college; so no matter how smart you are, you won’t be getting scholarship money if your family can afford to foot the bill. However, some schools have money to award on the basis of merit—could be academic, athletic, or artistic—a way of buying talent. In every case, use the financial aid page of the college website to see what aid is being offered.”

Here is a website you can use to look up out-of-state schools that have a tuition reduction program for students in California: https://wuesavingsfinder.wiche.edu/search-results.php.
And, if you want to do some comparison shopping, here is a link you may find useful: https://www.kiplinger.com/tool/college/T014-S001-kiplinger-s-best-values-in-private-colleges/index.php?table=all

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