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# Apply Now!

## What is V-SOURCE?

V-SOURCE is a free program that provides help with the college application process. Participating students will receive reminders about deadlines and rewards (\$20 gift cards) for completing key steps in the college application process: signing up for the SAT, taking the SAT, submitting college applications, and submitting the FAFSA. Students will also have access to all kinds of online help, such as SAT prep, tips for searching for colleges, sample essays, and tips for filling out financial aid forms.

## What is the V-SOURCE Research Project?

V-SOURCE is a new program, so the V-SOURCE Research Project is designed to see how well it works. The V-SOURCE Research Project is a research study conducted by UCLA Professors Meredith Phillips and Sarah Reber. This research study aims to understand how students go through the college application process and, if they are involved in V-SOURCE, how they use the program and how much it helps them.

## If I apply for V-SOURCE, what happens next?

We are recruiting 3,200 eligible high school juniors this school year. All eligible students who complete the application will be asked to participate in two surveys and will receive a \$20 gift card for taking each survey. You'll receive the first survey in a few months and the second right before you graduate from high school. Of 3,200 applicants, 2,000 will be randomly chosen to receive V-SOURCE. The selection process is completely random, like a lottery, and does not consider your grades, test scores, or anything you put on the application.

## Who is eligible for V-SOURCE?

If you check all of the boxes, you are eligible:

- I am a high school junior this year.
- My school is participating (I learned about this program from my counselor or a V-SOURCE representative)
- I have taken Algebra I.
- I have taken (or am taking) Geometry or Algebra II.
- I did not receive more than one D or F (semester grade) in Algebra I, 9th grade English, or 10th grade English.

## How do I apply for V-SOURCE?

**Return all of the papers in this packet including:**

- Filled out Application Survey
- Signed Student Assent Form
- Signed Parent Permission Form

Mail the papers in the included envelope. We've addressed it and paid the postage. Just put it in a mail box!

Or get an application online at [www.edboost.org/vsource](http://www.edboost.org/vsource)

Fill out this application and remember to sign and have a parent sign. The included envelope is already addressed and stamped. Mail it by December 20th (or sooner!). Space is limited. **Apply early!**

# V-SOURCE APPLICATION SURVEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

School: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade now?

Yes  No

**\*If you answered No, you are not eligible for V-SOURCE at this time. Please do not continue with the application.**

2. What is your gender?  Male  Female

3. What is your date of birth?

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Month		Day		Year of Birth			

4. Have you taken Algebra I (in high school or middle school)?

Yes. What grade did you receive? First semester \_\_\_\_\_ Second Semester \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. Are you taking it now?  Yes  No

5. Have you taken Geometry?

Yes. What grade did you receive? First semester \_\_\_\_\_ Second Semester \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. Are you taking it now?  Yes  No

6. Have you taken Algebra II?

Yes. What grade did you receive? First semester \_\_\_\_\_ Second Semester \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. Are you taking it now?  Yes  No

7. What grade did you receive in 9th Grade English? First semester \_\_\_\_\_ Second Semester \_\_\_\_\_

8. What math class did you take in 10th grade?

Geometry  Algebra II  Trigonometry/Math Analysis/Pre-Calculus  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What grade did you receive? First semester \_\_\_\_\_ Second Semester \_\_\_\_\_

Was it Honors?  Yes  No What is AP or IB?  Yes  No

9. What science class did you take in 10th grade?

Biology  Chemistry  Physics  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What grade did you receive? First semester \_\_\_\_\_ Second Semester \_\_\_\_\_

Was it Honors?  Yes  No What is AP or IB?  Yes  No

10. What grade did you receive in 10th Grade English? First semester \_\_\_\_\_ Second Semester \_\_\_\_\_

Was it Honors?  Yes  No What is AP or IB?  Yes  No

11. What history class did you take in 10th grade?

World History  European History  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What grade did you receive? First semester \_\_\_\_\_ Second Semester \_\_\_\_\_

Was it Honors?  Yes  No What is AP or IB?  Yes  No

12. If you had to apply to college today, what would your GPA be? Make your best guess if you're not sure.

Example: 3.5 or 2.6

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13. What language do you speak most often with your parents and/or guardians? Check one.

- English     Spanish     Russian     Armenian     Korean     Japanese  
 Chinese     Arabic     Vietnamese     Farsi     Tagalog     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? Check all that apply.

- American Indian/Alaskan     Asian/Asian American     Pacific Islander     Filipino  
 Hispanic/Latino     African American/Black     Caucasian/White  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. How far in school did your parents go? Check one box for each parent.

	Mother	Father
Elementary/middle school (grades 1-8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some high school (grades 9-12), but did not graduate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graduated from high school or received GED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended some college (no degree)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended vocational or trade school (such as cosmetology, computer repair, auto repair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed 2-year college (Associate's degree)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed 4-year college (Bachelor's degree)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed graduate school (J.D., M.D., Master's degree, Ph.D.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know and/or do not have that parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. What is your cell phone number? (    )    —     I do not have a cell phone

17. How often do you use your cell phone to:

	Every day	A few times a week	A few times a month	A few times a year	Never
Talk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Text	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use Facebook/MySpace/Google+	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Who is your cell phone carrier?

- AT&T     T-Mobile     Metro PCS     Tracfone  
 Verizon     Sprint/Nextel     Boost     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

19. What is your home phone number? (    )    —     I do not have a home phone

20. How often do you use the Internet?

	Every day	A few times a week	A few times a month	A few times a year	Never
On your phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On your own/your family's computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On a school computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On a friend's computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At the library or other public place	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have access to the Internet at all					

**21. What is your email address?**

Best:

Alternate:

**22. How often do you check your email?**

- Every day     A few times a week     A few times a month     A few times a year     Never

**23. What are the BEST ways for us to tell you if you have been selected to participate in V-SOURCE?**

*Check all that apply.*

- Call my cell phone     Call my home phone     Text me     Email me

**24. Thinking of the people in your life, which of the following people... *Check all that apply.***

	Parent	Sister/ Brother	Other Relative	Family Friend	Friend	Teacher	School Counselor	Mentor (from a program)
...attended a four-year college?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...did you talk to about which classes to take this school year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...have you talked to about where you might go to college?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...will remind you to turn in college applications?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...will help you with college applications if you ask?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...will <u>make sure</u> that you turn in college applications?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**25. When you get a lower grade than you wanted on an important test or assignment, how often do you... ?**

*Check one for each question.*

	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Once in a while	Never
...Ask your teachers how you can do better next time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Feel upset for a long time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Try to improve your study strategies so that you do better in the future.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Decide to stop trying in that class or subject.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Try to find someone who can help you do better in that subject.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Try to figure out what you can do differently next time to get a better grade.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Ask your friends or classmates what they did to get a better grade.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Feel so bad about it that you have trouble studying.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Start planning for how to do better next time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...Feel very discouraged about succeeding in that class or subject.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**26. How true are the following statements about you?**

	Very true	Mostly true	Somewhat true	A little true	Not at all true
I'm really looking forward to going to college.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I make sure I get my work done before I have fun.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers would describe me as a "hard worker."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a good system for remembering deadlines and important dates.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I use my time wisely.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am sure I will go to a four-year college.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I wait until the last minute to do things.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I miss out on things I want to do because I forget to sign up.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I always do "extra credit" when my teachers offer it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I have something important to do, I waste time on things that are more fun.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I put off starting things that I don't like to do.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A four-year college might be too hard for me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I always try as hard as I can to do school assignments well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I often miss important deadlines if no one reminds me about them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometimes when my life is really busy, I don't get all of my homework done.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**27. We want to follow-up on all V-SOURCE applicants to see what they decide to do after high school. We know that students move around and change phone numbers a lot. To help us reach you after high school, please give us contact information for a parent/guardian and one other relative or close friend who is usually easy to reach and **will know where to find you if you move or change your contact information:****

**Parent or Guardian Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to You: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

**Other Relative's/Friend's Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to You: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing the V-SOURCE Application Survey. Please be sure that you and your parent or guardian sign the forms before mailing.**

**PLEASE READ and SIGN this form and MAIL it back with your APPLICATION.**

University of California, Los Angeles  
**YOUTH (Ages 13-17) ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH**  
V-SOURCE Efficacy Study

You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by Meredith Phillips, Ph.D., Sarah Reber, Ph.D. and associates from the Department of Public Policy at the University of California, Los Angeles. This study is funded by a grant from the Institute of Education Sciences, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Education. One of the UCLA researchers, Meredith Phillips, is also a co-founder of EdBoost, the organization that will implement the V-SOURCE program. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you are a high school junior. Your participation in this research study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not adversely affect your relationship with your school counselor or your school.

**Why is this study being done?**

This study is being conducted to determine whether EdBoost's V-SOURCE program, which provides information about college, helps students like you attend college.

**What will happen if I take part in this research study?**

Please talk this over with your parents before you decide whether or not to participate. We will also ask your parents to give their permission for you to take part in this study. But even if your parents say "yes" you can still decide not to do this.

If you volunteer to participate in this study, we will ask you to do the following:

- Fill out the student survey included in this application. The survey will take 15-20 minutes and requests contact, demographic, attitude, and academic information.
- Complete a 20-30 minute online or phone survey after the winter holidays. This survey will ask additional questions about your demographic background, academic performance, preferences, attitudes, and educational expectations. You may refuse to answer any questions that you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.
- Possibly be offered the opportunity to participate in EdBoost's V-SOURCE program, which provides information about college. High school juniors who submit an application will be entered into a lottery to determine who is offered V-SOURCE. Approximately 63 out of every 100 students who submit an application will be offered the chance to participate in one of two versions of V-SOURCE. Approximately 37 out of every 100 students will not be offered the chance to participate in V-SOURCE.
- Complete a 30-45 minute online or phone survey in the spring of your senior year of high school. This survey will ask questions about the information/support you received during the college and financial aid application process, the college and financial aid application milestones you completed, and what you plan to do after high school. If you are no longer enrolled in high school at the time of the survey, you will still be invited to participate in the survey. You may refuse to answer any questions that you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.
- Give our research team permission to obtain information from your school district on your demographic characteristics; courses enrolled in during each semester of grades 9-12, and academic and comporment grades earned in those courses; attendance record for grades 9-12; PSAT, SAT, ACT, CST, CELDT and CAHSEE test scores for each year of high school for which scores are available; high school graduation status.
- Give our research team permission to obtain information from College Board and ACT on whether you took the PSAT, SAT, or ACT and the dates and scores of the tests.
- Give our research team permission to obtain information (to the extent it is available) from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), the University of California or the California State University systems, and other state or federal agencies about your demographic characteristics; SAT scores and high school GPA;

colleges applied to, date college applications were submitted, scholarships applied for, colleges accepted by; financial aid application including date application was begun and submitted, and whether tax forms were used to complete application; financial aid receipt, including grants and loans offered, work study offered, and expected family contribution; college enrollment; transfers among colleges; application for special programs such as EOP; and college units completed, college GPA, college major, and college graduation status.

- Allow our research team to contact you within five years of high school graduation to ask whether you would be interested in participating in an additional survey.

### **How long will I be in the research study?**

Your participation in the research will take between an hour and 90 minutes, from the time you apply to the program through the end of your senior year in high school. This does not include the time you may spend involved in the V-SOURCE program.

The research team will ask your school district for information about you in the summer after your senior year of high school. This information will cover all the years in which you were enrolled in high school.

The research team will ask the College Board and/or ACT for information about you in the summer after your senior year of high school. This information will cover all the years in which you were enrolled in high school.

The research team will ask the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), the University of California or the California State University systems, and other state or federal agencies for information about you during your first year of college (if you attend college), during your third year in college, and after you have graduated from college (or after your fifth or sixth year of college).

### **Are there any potential risks or discomforts that I can expect from this study?**

You may feel disappointed if you are not selected to participate in the V-SOURCE program. However, the process for selecting students for the program will be completely random. And even if you are not selected for the program, you will still have access to all the college and financial aid resources available in your school and community.

Your academic information is personal and there would be potential risks to your reputation if that information were disclosed. Because of that potential risk, only the research team will have access to information that could possibly identify you. We will store that information separately from other information about you and we will use strict security procedures to protect all data.

### **Are there any potential benefits if I participate?**

Yes. Some students (approximately 63 out of every 100 who apply) will be selected for enrollment in the V-SOURCE program. The V-SOURCE program may improve your chances of enrolling in a four-year college. The results of the research will help us understand how to help more students enroll in college.

### **Will I receive any payment if I participate in this study?**

You will receive a \$20 gift certificate as a token of our thanks for completing the first online survey, which will take place after winter break of your junior year in high school. You will receive a gift certificate of at least \$20 for completing the second online survey, which will take place in the spring of your senior year of high school.

### **Will information about me and my participation be kept confidential?**

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can identify you will remain confidential. It will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. Confidentiality will be main-



tained by keeping any information that can identify you separate from data collected about you. Information that can identify you will be kept in a secure data enclave to which only the researchers conducting this study have access. Identifying data will be destroyed upon study completion.

**What are my rights if I take part in this study?**

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty or loss of benefits to which you were otherwise entitled.

You can choose whether or not you want to be in this study. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may leave the study at any time without consequences of any kind. You are not waiving any of your legal rights if you choose to be in this research study. You may refuse to answer any questions that you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.

**Who can answer questions I might have about this study?**

In the event of a research related injury, please immediately contact the researcher listed below. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the research, you can talk to one of the researchers. Please contact either one of the Principal Investigators, Meredith Phillips, at 310-794-5475, Meredith.Phillips@ucla.edu, or 3250 Public Affairs Building, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095 or Sarah Reber, at 310-825-1960, sreber@ucla.edu, or 3250 Public Affairs Building, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095.

If you wish to ask questions about your rights as a research participant or if you wish to voice any problems or concerns you may have about the study to someone other than the researchers, please call the Office for Protection of Research Subjects at (310) 825-7122 or write to Office for Protection of Research Subjects, UCLA, 11000 Kinross Avenue, Suite 102, Box 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694.

**SIGNATURE OF STUDY PARTICIPANT**

I understand the procedures described above. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to participate in this study. I have been given a copy of this form.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Study Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Study Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE have your PARENT or GUARDIAN READ and SIGN this form. MAIL it back with your APPLICATION. Your parent may sign EITHER the English or Spanish side.**

University of California, Los Angeles  
**PARENT PERMISSION FOR MINOR TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH**  
V-SOURCE Efficacy Study

You are asked to allow your child to participate in a research study conducted by Meredith Phillips, Ph.D., Sarah Reber, Ph.D. and associates from the Department of Public Policy at the University of California, Los Angeles. This study is funded by a grant from the Institute of Education Sciences, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Education. One of the UCLA researchers, Meredith Phillips, is also a co-founder of EdBoost, the organization that will implement the V-SOURCE program. Your child was selected as a possible participant in this study because he or she is a high school junior. Your child's participation in this research study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to allow your child to participate will not affect your, or your child's, relationship with your child's school counselor or your child's school.

**Why is this study being done?**

This study is being conducted to determine whether EdBoost's V-SOURCE program, which provides information about college, helps students like your son or daughter attend college.

**What will happen if my child takes part in this research study?**

If you agree to allow your child to participate in this study, we would ask him/her to:

- Fill out the student survey included in this application. The survey will take 15-20 minutes and requests contact, demographic, attitude, and academic information.
- Complete a 20-30 minute online or phone survey after the winter holidays. This survey will ask additional questions about your child's demographic background, academic performance, preferences, attitudes, and educational expectations. Your child may refuse to answer any questions that he/she does not want to answer and still remain in the study.
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University of California, Los Angeles  
**PERMISO DE LOS PADRES PARA MENORES PARA PARTICIPAR EN LA INVESTIGACIÓN**  
Investigación de Eficacia de V-SOURCE

A usted y a su hijo(a) se le pide participar en un estudio de investigación realizado por Meredith Phillips, Ph.D., Sarah Reber, Ph.D. y asociados del Departamento de Políticas Públicas en la Universidad de California en Los Ángeles. Este estudio es patronado por el IES, el área de investigación del Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos. Meredith Phillips, investigadora de UCLA, es también co-fundadora de EdBoost, la organización que implementará el programa V-SOURCE. Su hijo(a) fue seleccionado como participante posible en este estudio porque su hijo(a) es un estudiante de tercer año en la preparatoria. Su participación en este estudio es voluntaria. La decisión sobre si procede o no a participar no afectará negativamente su relación, o la relación de su hijo, con el consejero de la escuela de su hijo o la escuela de su hijo.

**¿Por qué se realiza este estudio?**

Este estudio se lleva a cabo para determinar si el programa V-SOURCE de EdBoost, que proporciona información sobre la universidad, ayuda a los estudiantes como a su hijo o hija asistir a la universidad.

**¿Qué sucederá si tomamos parte en este estudio de investigación?**

Si está de acuerdo para permitir que su hijo participe en este estudio, se le pedirá a él/ella que:

- Llene la encuesta de los estudiantes incluida en esta solicitud. La encuesta se llevara 15-20 minutos y requiere información de contacto, demográfica y actitud, y información académica.
- Completar una encuesta por computadora o teléfono de 20-30 minutos después de las vacaciones de invierno. Esta encuesta contiene preguntas acerca de los antecedentes demográficos de su hijo, el rendimiento académico, actitudes y expectativas educativas. Su hijo(a) puede negar a contestar cualquier pregunta que él/ella no quiere contestar y aun así permanecer en el estudio.
- Es posible que se le ofrecerá la oportunidad de participar en el programa V-SOURCE de EdBoost, que proporciona información sobre las universidades. Estudiantes de tercer año de la preparatoria que presenten una solicitud serán incorporados a un sorteo para determinar a quienes se les ofrecerá V-SOURCE. Aproximadamente 63 de cada 100 estudiantes que pre-

participate in one of two versions of V-SOURCE. Approximately 37 out of every 100 students will not be offered the chance to participate in V-SOURCE.

- Complete a 30-45 minute online or phone survey in the spring of your child's senior year of high school. This survey will ask questions about the information/support your child received during the college and financial aid application process, the college and financial aid application milestones your child completed, and what your child plans to do after high school. If your child is no longer enrolled in high school at the time of the survey, he or she will still be invited to participate in the survey. Your child may refuse to answer any questions that he/she does not want to answer and still remain in the study.
- Give our research team permission to obtain information from your child's school district on your child's demographic characteristics; courses enrolled in during each semester of grades 9-12, and academic and comportment grades earned in those courses; attendance record for grades 9-12; PSAT, SAT, ACT, CST, CELDT and CAHSEE test scores for each year of high school for which scores are available; high school graduation status.
- Give our research team permission to obtain information from College Board and ACT on whether your child took the PSAT, SAT, or ACT and the dates and scores of the tests.
- Give our research team permission to obtain information (to the extent it is available) from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), the University of California or the California State University systems, and other state or federal agencies about your child's demographic characteristics; SAT scores and high school GPA; colleges applied to, date college applications were submitted, scholarships applied for, colleges accepted by; financial aid application including date application was begun and submitted, and whether tax forms were used to complete application; financial aid receipt, including grants and loans offered, work study offered, and expected family contribution; college enrollment; transfers among colleges; application for special programs

senten una solicitud se les ofrecerá la oportunidad de participar en una de las dos versiones de V-SOURCE. Aproximadamente 37 de cada 100 estudiantes no se les ofrecerá la oportunidad de participar en V-SOURCE.

- Completar una encuesta por computadora o teléfono de 30-45 minutos en la primavera del último año de su hijo de la preparatoria. Esta encuesta hace preguntas acerca de la información/apoyo que recibió su hijo durante el proceso de solicitud de admisión y ayuda financiera a la universidad, los pasos de solicitud de ayuda financiera que su hijo(a) a completado, y lo que su hijo piensa hacer después de la preparatoria. Si su hijo ya no está inscrito en la preparatoria en el momento de la encuesta, él o ella serán invitados a participar en la encuesta. Su hijo puede negar a contestar cualquier pregunta que él/ella no quiere contestar y aún así permanecer en el estudio.
- Dar permiso a nuestro equipo de investigación para obtener información de el distrito escolar de su hijo sobre las características demográficas de su hijo, matrícula de cursos en cada semestre de los grados 9-12, y los grados académicos y de comportamiento obtenido en los cursos, registro de asistencia para los grados 9-12; resultados de las pruebas PSAT, SAT, ACT, CST, CELDT y CAHSEE para cada año de la preparatoria por cual las puntuaciones están disponibles, y el estado de graduación de la escuela.
- Dar permiso a nuestro equipo de investigación para obtener información de College Board y ACT sobre si su hijo ha tomado el PSAT, SAT o ACT y las fechas y resultados de las pruebas.
- Dar permiso a nuestro equipo de investigación para obtener información (en la medida en que esté disponible) a través del National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), los sistemas de University of California o de California State University, y otras agencias estatales o federales sobre las características demográficas de su hijo(a); resultados del SAT y el GPA de la preparatoria, las universidades al cual a aplicado, fecha al cual las aplicaciones fueron sometidas a la universidad, las becas al cual fueron aplicadas, admisiones de las universidades, aplicación de ayuda financiera, incluyendo la fecha cuando se inició y sometió, y si los formularios de impuestos se usaron para completar la solicitud, recibo de ayuda financiera, incluyendo subvenciones y préstamos que se le han ofrecido, trabajo y estudio que se le ofrece, y la contribución familiar prevista, la matrícula universitaria, las transferencias entre las universidades, la aplicación

such as EOP; and college units completed, college GPA, college major, and college graduation status.

- Allow our research team to contact your child within five years of high school graduation to ask whether he or she would be interested in participating in an additional survey.

### **How long will my child be in the research study?**

Your child's participation in the research will take between an hour and 90 minutes, from the time your child applies to the program through the end of his/her senior year in high school. This does not include the time your child may spend involved in the V-SOURCE program.

The research team will ask your child's school district for information about your child in the summer after his or her senior year of high school. This information will cover all the years in which your child was enrolled in high school.

The research team will ask the College Board and/or ACT for information about your child in the summer after his or her senior year of high school. This information will cover all the years in which your child was enrolled in high school.

The research team will ask the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), the University of California or the California State University systems, and other state or federal agencies for information about your child during his or her first year of college (if he or she attends college), during your child's third year in college, and after your child has graduated from college (or after his or her fifth or sixth year of college).

### **Are there any potential risks or discomforts that my child can expect from this study?**

Your child may feel disappointed if he or she is not selected to participate in the V-SOURCE program. However, the process for selecting students for the program will be completely random. And even if your child is not selected for the program, he or she will still have access to all the college and financial aid resources available in your school and community.

Your child's academic information is personal and there would be potential risks to your child's

de programas especiales como el EOP, y unidades de la universidad completa, el GPA que tiene en la universidad, la especialización de estudio, y el status de graduación de la universidad.

- Permita que nuestro equipo de investigación contacte a su hijo(a) dentro de cinco años después de graduarse de la preparatoria para preguntarle si él o ella estaría interesado en participar en una encuesta adicional.

### **¿Cuánto tiempo estaría mi hijo en el estudio de investigación?**

Participación de su hijo en la investigación durará entre una hora y 90 minutos, desde el momento en que su hijo aplica al programa hasta el final del año en la preparatoria. Esto no incluye el tiempo que su hijo(a) puede pasar involucrado en el programa V-SOURCE.

El equipo de investigación le pedirá al distrito escolar de su hijo(a) información acerca de su hijo(a) en el verano después del último año de la preparatoria. Esta información cubrirá todos los años que su hijo(a) estuvo en la preparatoria.

El equipo de investigación le pedirá a College Board y/o ACT para obtener información acerca de su hijo en el verano después del último año de la preparatoria. Esta información cubrirá todos los años en que atendió la preparatoria.

El equipo de investigación le pedirá al National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), a los sistemas de University of California o California State University, y otras agencias estatales o federales para obtener información sobre su hijo(a) durante el primer año de la universidad (si él o ella asiste a la universidad), durante el tercer año de su hijo en la universidad, y después de que su hijo se haya graduado de la universidad (o después de su quinto o sexto año de universidad).

### **¿Hay algún riesgo potencial o molestias que mi hijo puede esperar de este estudio?**

Su hijo puede sentirse decepcionado si él o ella no es seleccionado para participar en el programa V-SOURCE. Sin embargo, el proceso de selección de estudiantes para el programa será completamente al azar. Y aunque su hijo no es seleccionado para el programa, él o ella tendrán acceso a todos los recursos de ayuda financiera y universitarios disponibles en su escuela y comunidad.

Información académica de su hijo es personal y habría riesgos potenciales para la reputación de su hijo si esa

reputation if that information were disclosed. Because of that potential risk, only the research team will have access to information that could possibly identify your child. We will store that information separately from other information about your child and we will use strict security procedures to protect all data.

**Are there any potential benefits if my child participates?**

Yes. Some children (approximately 63 out of every 100 who apply) will be selected for enrollment in the V-SOURCE program. The V-SOURCE program may improve your child's chances of enrolling in a four-year college. The results of the research will help us understand how to help more students enroll in college.

**Will my child receive any payment if he/she participates in this study?**

Your child will receive a \$20 gift certificate as a token of our thanks for completing the first online survey, which will take place after winter break of his or her junior year in high school. Your child will receive a gift certificate of at least \$20 for completing the second online survey, which will take place in the spring of your child's senior year of high school.

**Will information about my child's participation be kept confidential?**

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can identify your child will remain confidential. It will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. Confidentiality will be maintained by keeping any information that can identify your child separate from data collected about your child. Information that can identify your child will be kept in a secure data enclave to which only the researchers conducting this study have access. Identifying data will be destroyed upon study completion.

**What are my rights if my child takes part in this study?**

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty or loss of benefits to which you were otherwise entitled. You can choose whether or not to allow your child to be in this study. If you agree to allow your child to be in this study, you may withdraw your consent at any time without consequences of any kind. You are not waiving any of your legal

información sea revelada. Debido a que el riesgo es potencial, sólo el equipo de investigación tendrá acceso a la información que pudiera identificar a su hijo. Vamos a guardar esa información por separado de otra información sobre su hijo y usaremos estrictos procedimientos de seguridad para proteger todos los datos.

**¿Hay beneficios potenciales si mi hijo participa?**

Sí. Algunos niños (aproximadamente 63 de cada 100 que correspondan) serán seleccionados para la inscripción en el programa V-SOURCE. El programa de V-SOURCE puede mejorar las probabilidades de su hijo de matricularse en una universidad de cuatro años. Los resultados de la investigación nos ayudarán a comprender cómo ayudar a más estudiantes a que se matriculen a la universidad.

**¿Mi hijo recibirá algún pago si él / ella participa en este estudio?**

Su hijo recibirá un certificado de regalo de \$20 como muestra de nuestro agradecimiento por completar la primera encuesta en línea, que tendrá lugar después de las vacaciones de invierno del tercer año en la preparatoria. Su hijo recibirá otro certificado de regalo de por lo menos \$20 por completar la segunda encuesta en línea, que tendrá lugar en la primavera del último año de su hijo(a) en la preparatoria.

**¿La información sobre la participación de mi hijo se mantendrá confidencial?**

Cualquier información que se obtiene en relación con este estudio y que pueda identificar a su hijo se mantendrá confidencial. Sería compartida únicamente con su autorización o conformidad con la ley. Se mantendrá la confidencialidad al mantener cualquier información que pueda identificar a su hijo por separado de los datos recogidos acerca de su hijo. Información que pueda identificar a su hijo se mantendrá en un enclave de datos segura a la que sólo los investigadores que realizaron este estudio tienen acceso. Datos de identificación serán destruidos al finalizar el estudio.

**¿Cuáles son mis derechos si mi hijo participa en este estudio?**

Usted puede retirar su consentimiento en cualquier momento e interrumpir su participación sin penalización ni pérdida de beneficios a los que tenían derecho de otro modo. Usted puede elegir si desea o no permitir a su hijo que participe en este estudio. Si está de acuerdo para permitir a su hijo a participar en este estudio, usted puede retirar su consentimiento en cualquier momento sin consecuencias de ningún tipo. Us-

rights if you choose to allow your child to be in this research study.

**Who can answer questions I might have about this study?**

In the event of a research related injury, please immediately contact the researchers listed below. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the research, you can talk to one of the researchers. Please contact either one of the Principal Investigators, Meredith Phillips, at 310-794-5475, Meredith.Phillips@ucla.edu, or 3250 Public Affairs Building, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095 or Sarah Reber, at 310-825-1960, sreber@ucla.edu, or 3250 Public Affairs Building, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095.

If you wish to ask questions about your rights as a research participant or if you wish to voice any problems or concerns you may have about the study to someone other than the researchers, please call the Office for Protection of Research Subjects at (310) 825-7122 or write to Office for Protection of Research Subjects, UCLA, 11000 Kinross Avenue, Suite 102, Box 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694.

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**

I understand the procedures described above. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to allow my child to participate in this study. I have been given a copy of this form.

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Name of Child

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Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Date

ted no renuncia a ninguno de sus derechos legales si decide permitir que su hijo participe en este estudio de investigación.

**¿Quién puede responder a las preguntas que pueda tener acerca de este estudio?**

En el caso de una lesión relacionada con la investigación, por favor comuníquese inmediatamente con los investigadores mencionados a continuación. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o inquietud acerca de la investigación, usted puede hablar con uno de los investigadores. Por favor, póngase en contacto con uno de los Investigadores Principales, Meredith Phillips, al 310-794-5475, Meredith.Phillips@ucla.edu o 3250 Edificio de Asuntos Públicos, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095 o Sarah Reber, al 310-825-1960 , sreber@ucla.edu o 3250 Edificio de Asuntos Públicos, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095.

Si desea hacer preguntas sobre sus derechos como participante de una investigación o si desea expresar sus problemas o inquietudes que pueda tener sobre el estudio a otra persona que los investigadores, por favor llame a la Oficina para la Protección de Sujetos de Investigación al (310) 825 -7122 o escribir a la Oficina para la Protección de Sujetos de Investigación de UCLA, 11000 Kinross Avenue, Suite 102, Caja 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694.

**FIRMA DEL PADRE O GUARDIÁN LEGAL**

Yo entiendo los procedimientos descritos anteriormente. Mis preguntas han sido contestadas a mi satisfacción, y estoy de acuerdo en permitir que mi hijo participe en este estudio. He recibido una copia de este formulario.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre de Hijo(a)

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Nombre del Padre o Guardián Legal

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Firma del Padre o Guardián Legal

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# ¡Aplica Ahora!

## ¿Qué es V-SOURCE?

V-SOURCE es un programa gratis que proporciona ayuda con el proceso de aplicar a la universidad. Los estudiantes participantes recibirán recordatorios sobre sus aplicaciones de la universidad y también recibirán premios (tarjetas de \$20 de regalo) para completar cada paso clave en el proceso de aplicar a la universidad: inscribirse para el SAT, tomar el SAT, someter aplicaciones de la universidad, y someter la FAFSA. Los estudiantes también tendrán acceso a todo tipo de ayuda en línea, tales como preparación para el SAT, consejos para la búsqueda de universidades, los ensayos de muestra, y consejos para llenar los formularios de ayuda financiera.

## ¿Qué es el Proyecto de Estudio V-SOURCE?

V-SOURCE es un nuevo programa, por lo que el Proyecto de Estudio V-SOURCE está diseñado para ver lo bien que funciona. El Proyecto de Estudio V-SOURCE es un estudio de investigación realizado por profesores de la UCLA Meredith Phillips y Sarah Reber. Este estudio de investigación tiene como objetivo entender cómo los estudiantes pasan por el proceso de aplicar a la universidad y, si están involucrados en V-SOURCE, cómo utilizan el programa y lo mucho que les ayuda.

## ¿Si aplico a V-SOURCE, qué pasa después?

Estamos reclutando 3,200 jóvenes elegibles de la preparatoria este año escolar. Todos los estudiantes elegibles que completen la aplicación serán invitados a participar en dos encuestas y recibirán una tarjeta de regalo de \$20 por cada encuesta. Usted recibirá la primera encuesta en unos pocos meses y la segunda justo antes de graduarse de la preparatoria. De 3,200 solicitantes, 2,000 serán elegidos al azar para recibir V-SOURCE. El proceso de selección es completamente aleatorio, como una lotería, y no tiene en cuenta sus calificaciones, resultados de exámenes, o cualquier cosa a que pongas en la solicitud.

## ¿Quién es elegible para V-SOURCE?

Si usted puede marcar todas las casillas, usted es elegible:

- Estoy en mi tercer año de la preparatoria.
- Mi escuela está participando (Me enteraré de V-SOURCE por mi consejero o un representante de V-SOURCE).
- He tomado Álgebra I.
- He tomado (o estoy tomando ahora) Geometría o Álgebra II
- No he recibido más de una D o F en Álgebra I o Inglés de grados 9 y 10.

## ¿Cómo puedo aplicar para la V-SOURCE?

Llenar los papeles en esta solicitud y enviarla por correo en el sobre prepagado incluido (sólo cierra el sobre y entrega al correo—no necesita sello).

### Asegúrese de incluir:

- La encuesta completa
- Forma de Asentimiento firmada por el estudiante
- Forma de Permiso firmado por el padre

O obtiene una solicitud en línea al  
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1. **Fill out** this application (the application is the **inner pages**, you can throw away the orange cover).
2. Use the enclosed envelope to **mail** the application to us.
3. The application is due on **December 20** — but space is limited so apply as soon as possible!

There are three parts to this application. Please make sure to:

- Have your **parent or guardian** read and **sign** the Parent Permission Form (in either English or Spanish).
- Read and **sign** the Student Assent Form.
- Fill out the **V-SOURCE Application Survey** (answer the questions about you).
- Put the **entire application** (inner pages) in the U.S. mail (the enclosed envelope is already addressed to us and we've paid the postage, so just drop it in a mail box!).

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