



# SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

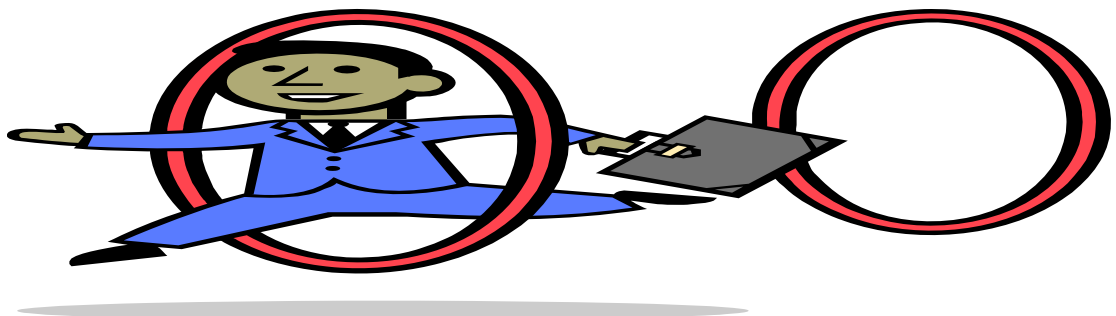
Congratulations! ... For many of you the stressful time of submitting your college applications, writing those dreaded personal statements, and taking the SAT/ACT has finally come to an end. You have succeeded at taking that first step towards pursuing a higher education. We commend you on all your hard work and dedication but must remind you that it's not over. It is most important now more than ever to pay close attention to all CSU and UC deadlines. Open your email often and submit documents as requested by the DEADLINES. Those of you who are applying to any private colleges/universities must remember to keep track of the important deadlines that you have coming up within the next few months. Many of these colleges will require you to get a letter of recommendation from a teacher and/or counselor. It's important that you give your teachers/coaches/counselors at least two weeks notice.

We would also like to remind you that you must submit official SAT and/or ACT test scores to the colleges that you applied to. Simply log onto [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and have your scores sent. Students who applied to multiple Cal State Universities may use code 3594 when submitting your SAT scores. This will send your scores to all of the Cal States. If you have any questions regarding submitting test scores or private applications please feel free to stop by the guidance office.

### Financial Aid

The next step in your college admission process is applying for Financial Aid. ALL Seniors should apply for financial aid regardless of where they will be attending college after their high school graduation. The counselors will be working with both students and parents to assist them through the financial aid process.

A **Financial Aid Workshop for your parents** is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 from 6:30—8:30pm**. The workshop will be offered by representatives from the University of California Irvine and Fullerton College. They will help parents understand the financial aid process and review the steps necessary in filling out the FAFSA. The workshop will be presented in English, Vietnamese, and Spanish.



LA QUINTA HIGH SCHOOL

# La Quinta High School Fall 2009

## **Do you need \$\$\$ for college?**



**Apply for financial aid January 1, 2010 - March 2, 2010.**

The counselors will be hosting a Financial Aid Workshop with the students on **Thursday, January 7th** during the school day. During this time we will be reviewing the financial aid process and introducing the students to the FAFSA website.

Students could qualify for:

\* Federal Aid

- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Academic Competitive Grants
- Federal Stafford Loans
- Federal Plus Loans

\* California Grants

- Cal Grant A (tuition and fees at public or private colleges)
- Cal Grant B (living expenses, transportation, books & supplies)
- Cal Grant C (books & supplies at Community and Technical schools)

**In order to be eligible for any of the financial aid opportunities listed above students must:**

- 1) File a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)  
**[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**
- 2) File a GPA Verification Form  
Completed individually or submitted electronically by the high school with permission

## **TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED EARLY .....**

- Turn in your GPA Verification Form with parent signature to Ms. Fitzrandolph ASAP. If you have misplaced the form stop by the guidance office to pick up a new one.
- Apply for a PIN number. The student and one parent will be required to get a pin number in order to electronically sign your FAFSA form. You can do so by accessing **[www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)**
- Gather all the things that you will need to successfully complete the FAFSA form:
  - Social Security Number
  - Driver's License Number
  - 2009 Federal Tax Information or tax return
  - Records of untaxed income, such as Social Security Benefits, Welfare Benefits, and Veterans Benefits

# How to Apply for Scholarships

## WHAT ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS?

Few scholarships will find their way to you. In the majority of cases you must look for them yourself. While many scholarships are available, their requirements vary greatly. Applying for scholarships takes work. Time has to be devoted to researching different kinds of scholarships. Not all scholarships require strong GPA's. Many scholarships require membership in service organizations or involvement in community and extra-curricular activities. The trick is to find a scholarship that fits you.

### Helpful Scholarship Databases

*The Internet is an invaluable resource for scholarship information. Scholarship searches can be done with immediate results coming directly to you through email. New websites become available on a weekly basis. Check these out:*

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund - [maldef.org](http://maldef.org), Merit-based scholarships - [meritaid.com](http://meritaid.com), The College Board - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), Sallie Mae College Answer Service Online - [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com), California Student Aid - [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov), EdFund - [www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org), U.S. Department of Education - [www.ed.gov/students](http://www.ed.gov/students), Mapping Your Future - [www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org), Yahoo - [http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial\\_Aid](http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial_Aid), United States Department of Education - [www.ed.gov/index](http://www.ed.gov/index), U.S. News & World Report - [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com), Scholarships: [www.scholarshipworkshop.com](http://www.scholarshipworkshop.com), [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com), [www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php](http://www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php), [www.scholarshipcoach.com](http://www.scholarshipcoach.com), [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
<b>Willamette University Music Scholarship Auditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarships to music majors</li> <li>Must Audition</li> <li>Go to <a href="http://Willamette.edu/cla/music">Willamette.edu/cla/music</a></li> <li>To schedule an audition: 503-370-6687</li> </ul>	<b>January 23, 2010 February 15 2010</b>
<b>Dr. Seuss Oh, the Places You'll Go!</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full tuition, room &amp; meals for 4 years</li> <li>Understands, values possibilities education can offer</li> <li>500 word, personal essay/memoir</li> <li>\$5,000 Scholarship</li> <li>See Ms. Grelle for application</li> </ul>	<b>February 15, 2010</b>
<b>National Commission for Cooperative Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you plan to attend: Drexel Univ., Johnson &amp; Wales Univ., Kettering Univ., Pace Univ., Rochester Institute of Technology, Univ. of Cincinnati, Univ. of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology</li> <li>3.5 or higher GPA</li> <li>500 word essay</li> <li>\$6,000 renewable up to \$24,000</li> <li>Apply online <a href="http://www.co-op.edu">www.co-op.edu</a></li> </ul>	<b>February 15, 2010</b>
<b>CSULB President's Scholars Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valedictorians, National Semifinalists and Finalists</li> <li>4 years tuition, room, board &amp; meals</li> <li>Apply to CSULB via <a href="http://csumentor.edu">csumentor.edu</a> by Nov. 30</li> <li>See Ms. Grelle for application</li> </ul>	<b>January 4, 2010</b>
<b>Disneyland Resort Scholarship Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of 100 hrs of community service</li> <li>Exceptional volunteerism, leadership and academics</li> <li>\$5,000</li> <li>3.0 min GPA</li> <li>Apply <a href="http://www.disneyland.com/publicaffairs">http://www.disneyland.com/publicaffairs</a></li> </ul>	<b>January 31, 2010</b>

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<b>University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Degrees in Music Therapy, Music History, Music Performance, Music Composition, Music Management, Music Education, Jazz Studies</li> <li>Schedule audition <a href="http://go.pacific.edu/conservatory">http://go.pacific.edu/conservatory</a></li> </ul>	<b>Audition Dates:</b> <b>January 23, or 30</b> <b>February 6 or 13</b>
<b>Marist College &amp; National Science Foundation (NSF)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 full scholarships, tuition, room, board</li> <li>Highly talented students</li> <li>Majoring in computer Science or Information Technology Systems</li> <li>SAT/ACT scores</li> <li>Essay</li> <li>Apply online at <a href="http://www.marist.edu/admission">www.marist.edu/admission</a> on the application, check box labeled "National science Foundation Scholarship Program"</li> </ul>	<b>February 15, 2010</b>
<b>Gates Millennium Scholars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American</li> <li>Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3</li> <li>Leadership through participation in community service, extracurricular activities</li> <li>Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility</li> <li>Completed and submitted the Nominee Personal Information Form, Nomination Form, and Recommender Form</li> <li>Funding at a credited university up to undergraduate through doctorate degree</li> <li>Apply <a href="http://www.gmsp.org">www.gmsp.org</a></li> </ul>	<b>January 11, 2010</b>
<b>KFC Colonel's Scholars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entrepreneurial spirit</li> <li>Demonstrate a financial need</li> <li>Minimum GPA of 2.75</li> <li>Plan to pursue a Bachelor's Degree</li> <li>Enroll in a public University in CA</li> <li>Apply on-line at <a href="http://www.kfcscholars.org">www.kfcscholars.org</a> or call 866-KFC-7240</li> </ul>	<b>February 10, 2010</b>
<b>California Association of Collectors, Inc. (CAC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application</li> <li>Essay on "Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Credit during Your College Years."</li> <li>Apply <a href="http://www.cacesf.org">www.cacesf.org</a></li> <li>\$2,500, \$2,000 or \$1,500 based on essay</li> </ul>	<b>February 1, 2010</b>
<b>Baptist Life Association Scholarship Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be an insured member of Baptist Life for a minimum of 2 years</li> <li>Excellence in academics &amp; personal life</li> <li>Several \$1000 grants</li> <li>Apply <a href="http://www.baptistlife.org/benefits.html">www.baptistlife.org/benefits.html</a></li> </ul>	<b>May 31, 2010</b>

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
<b>American Fire sprinkler Association Scholarship Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not based on financial need</li> <li>• Read Fire Sprinkler Essay</li> <li>• Take a ten-question multiple choice test.</li> <li>• Questions answered correctly gets entry into drawing</li> <li>• Drawing for \$2,000 scholarships for tuition</li> <li>• Apply <a href="http://afsascholarship.org">http://afsascholarship.org</a></li> </ul>	<b>May 3, 2010</b>
<b>AXA Achievement Scholarship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fifty-two winners - one from each state</li> <li>• \$10,000</li> <li>• Ambition and drive</li> <li>• Determination to set and reach goals</li> <li>• Respect for self, family community</li> <li>• Ability to succeed in college</li> <li>• Community Service</li> <li>• Go to <a href="http://www.axa-achievement.com">http://www.axa-achievement.com</a></li> </ul>	<b>December 15, 2009</b>
<b>Junior League of Orange County</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For young women who belong to or want to join JLOCC (free membership)</li> <li>• Scholarships Up to \$10,000</li> <li>• GPA of 2.5 or above</li> <li>• Agree to attend JLOCC meeting in June</li> <li>• Apply <a href="http://www.jlocc.org/?nd=grants">www.jlocc.org/?nd=grants</a></li> </ul>	<b>January 30, 2010</b>
<b>The Friends of Arts Education at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you wish to pursue a career in the performing arts either on stage or as teacher, therapist, administrator, entertainment lawyer, etc.</li> <li>• Scholarships in Classical Voice, Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, and Musical Theatre (voice)</li> <li>• Apply <a href="http://www.friendsofaecc.com">www.friendsofaecc.com</a></li> </ul>	<b>January 15, 2010 5:00 pm</b>
<b>KFC Colonel's Scholars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5,000 a year up to 4 years</li> <li>• Minimum 2.75 GPA</li> <li>• Plan to pursue a Bachelor's degree, may start at community college if necessary</li> <li>• Demonstrate financial need</li> <li>• Apply <a href="http://www.kfcscholars.org">www.kfcscholars.org</a></li> </ul>	<b>February 10, 2010</b>
<b>Southern California Mothers of Twins Club Scholarship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twins, triplets, or higher</li> <li>• \$250-\$1,500 annually for 4 years</li> <li>• High GPA, financial need, 300 word essay</li> <li>• 2 letters of recommendation, activities</li> </ul> <p>Apply <a href="http://www.scmotc.org/Scholarshi">www.scmotc.org/Scholarshi</a></p>	<b>February 1, 2010</b>
<b>Young Entrepreneur Foundation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,000 - \$10,000</li> <li>• Demonstrates entrepreneurial spirit/initiative</li> <li>• Merit based, not based on financial need</li> <li>• Apply <a href="http://www.NFIB.com/YEA">http://www.NFIB.com/YEA</a></li> </ul>	<b>December 31, 2009</b>