



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Guidance Office

You are now more than half way through your senior year of high school. It is important that you finish the year off strong, keeping your grades up and staying on top of all college deadlines. Many of you will be receiving your financial aid packages within the next few weeks. It is important that you review these financial aid packages and discuss them with your parents. Those students who have applied for on-campus housing must be sure and submit all necessary information by the deadlines indicated for each campus.



Cal Grant letters should also be coming in the mail within a few weeks. As you receive your notification in the mail be sure to review and submit any necessary changes by the specified deadline. If you should have any questions regarding your Cal Grants and/or your financial aid packages please feel free to stop by and see your counselor in the guidance office.

Students who have signed up for AP tests should pay all AP fees in the bookstore prior to the day of your scheduled exam. If you have any questions see Ms. Grelle in the guidance office.



Just a few reminders ...

- * *Letters of Intent* are due by May 1st for many colleges and universities. Make sure that you do not miss this very important deadline.
- * If you need to send over an *official transcript* you may see Mrs. Bhoot in the guidance office
- * *ELM/EPT* : if your college/university is requiring you to take the ELM/EPT be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Many of the colleges/universities are requesting that you take these placement tests before the end of May.
- * *New Student Orientations*: Some of the colleges/universities will be hosting a New Student Orientation for incoming freshman. Check their websites to find out how and when you can begin to sign up. This will be a good time for you to get familiar with the



SOAR Test ...April 27th

The SOAR Test will be held in the cafeteria on Tuesday, April 27th, starting at 1:00pm. **Only take this test if you are going to Golden West, Orange Coast, or Coastline in the Fall.** Applications will be available from Ms. Fitzrandolph in the Guidance office on Monday, April 19. **Remember to bring your packets completely filled out, a photo ID, and #2 pencils on test day.** There is only room for 100 students, but don't panic, we have a list of alternate test sites for you. **See Ms. Fitzrandolph in the guidance office on April 19th for your application!**



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How to Apply for Scholarships

WHAT ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS?

Now is the prime time for you to pursue scholarship opportunities from private organizations, businesses, etc., Please read about all our scholarships as well as research your own. For every one we list, there are thousands more! Remember you and your parents can access the Senior Newsletter on La Quinta's web page at: www.laquintahs.org.

Check these out! www.fastweb.com, www.collegetoolkit.com, meritaid.com, www.collegeboard.org, www.salliemae.com, www.csac.ca.gov, www.edfund.org, www.mapping-your-future.org, http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial_Aid, www.ed.gov/index, www.usnews.com, www.scholarships.com, www.gocollege.com, www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php www.scholarshipcoach.com.

What if you don't get accepted to the university of your choice?

There are still many private universities accepting applications! Go to Collegeboard.com under "College Search" click "Find Your Match" under "What's Important to You?" click "See Results" change "Alphabetical" to "Application Deadline" and click "Sort".

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEAD-LINE
Golden West College Leadership Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500.00 Leadership qualities: Vision, Organization, Communication, Action, Empathy Winners must participate at GWC Student Senate or Council, for a semester or attend 1 leadership conference See Ms. Grelle for application 	April 19, 2010
Civil Service Employees Youth Automobile Safety Scholarship. 2010 Competition for Children of Public Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500.00 - \$1,500 Scholarships Child of a full-time public employee Essay: how to reduce teenage auto accidents Min GPA 3.0 Attend full-time in fall to accredited college/univ. Parent employed full-time by government entity. Apply http://www.CSEinsurance.com 	April 5, 2010
Hazel Cubbon Greenleaf Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend a community college, or university full time in the fall Have financial need \$1,000 renewed annually Apply: www.orangecoastcollege.com Search for Scholarship 	April 14, 2010 5:00 pm
Student-View Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500. - \$4,000. Scholarships Apply www.student-view.com 	April 22, 2010
Garden Grove Assistance League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduating Senior girl \$1,000 Above average GPA Financial need Community, school, or volunteer service 	April 5, 2010
Ford Motor Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st place \$3,000, 2nd place \$2,000 and 3rd \$1,000 Must attend a University in Fall 2010 Focused on academic career Community Service Write an essay: "What is your heart behind" Apply online at www.fordscholars.org 	April 9, 2010

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Oil Can Henry's Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • High GPA • Must attend a Community College or a 4-year University in the fall • Write a 300-word essay on "What trust means to me." • Demonstrated leadership and participation in community service, school activities, and work experience • Apply at www.oilcanhenrys.com/scholarship 	April 7, 2010
Disability Awareness Foundation, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,000 to one or more students who have a disability • Participating in at least one school program: club, sport, newspaper, etc. • At least a 2.0 GPA • Involved in a community program • Attend a Community College or a 4-year University in Fall 2010 • Apply on-line at www.disaf.org 	April 15, 2010
The J.E.D. Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are from a single-parent family • Up to \$5,000 per school year. Scholarship is renewable. • Must be under the custodial care of a single, working parent • Living at home during the school year • Must attend California State University, Long Beach, Fullerton, or UC Irvine. • See Ms. Grelle for an application! 	May 22, 2010
American Fire sprinkler Association Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not based on financial need • Read Fire Sprinkler Essay • Take a ten-question multiple choice test. • Questions answered correctly gets entry into drawing for \$2,000 scholarship • Apply http://afsascholarship.org 	May 3, 2010
Taiwanese American Community Scholarship Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3 \$500.00 scholarships • Essay 1000 words max of person who influenced you most • Essay 500 words max demonstrating leadership potential • Community involvement & service • Seniors with leadership quality pursuing higher education • Apply: http://tacl.org 	April 16, 2010
Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • Received awards and involved in school or community activities • At least a 3.0 GPA & Financial need • Vocational or college bound students are welcome to apply • If you win you get to ride in the parade on Saturday, May 29th • Strong career & educational goal • See Ms. Grelle for application 	April 26
PATH for Women Scholarship Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Islander and Southeast Asian Students • 12 students will interested in the Health Field could receive a \$1,000 • Interested in the Health Field • 600-700 word Personal Statement & a Letter of Recommendation • A copy of Student Aid Report obtained from FAFSA • Scholarships will be awarded in July 2010 & sent to LQ in August • Apply on line at www.ocapica.org 	May 3, 2010

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