



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Congratulations! ... For many of you, 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.

Financial Aid

ALL Seniors should apply for financial aid regardless of where they will be attending college, or trade school after their high school graduation. Even if you do not qualify for free money, you will be put on different college lists for possible scholarships. Counselors will be working with both students and parents to assist them through the financial aid process. Help for completing your **Financial Aid application is available every day during lunch in the Library!** When you come in for help please be prepared, if you have not entered your parent's income part please bring the following items:

- Your social security number
- Your parent's 2015 tax return
- The date your parents got married, divorced, or separated
- The date you and your parents moved to the US

CSU Student Portals

All students applying to CSUs will receive a letter in the mail or email with your assigned student ID and password to log onto online student accounts for each campus you applied to. You must use the information from the letter to create an account and log into CSUF's website for updates and "to do" items. You can also check your admission status and financial aid status through this portal. Visit La Quinta's homepage for instructions on how to create and navigate CSUF's portal.

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2017 CSU EOP Deadlines



Cal Maritime	02/15/17
Cal Poly Pomona	02/01/17
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	03/01/17
CSU Bakersfield	03/02/17
Channel Islands	01/31/17
CSU Chico	11/30/16
CSU Dominguez Hills	11/30/16
CSU East Bay	2/1/17
CSU Fresno	11/30/16
CSU Fullerton	ASAP
CSU Long Beach	01/31/17
CSU Los Angeles	11/30/16
CSU Monterey Bay	11/30/16
CSU Northridge	12/16/16
CSU Sacramento	11/30/16
CSU San Bernardino	11/30/16
CSU San Marcos	02/15/17
CSU Stanislaus	11/30/17
Humboldt	11/30/16
SDSU	ASAP
SFSU	01/31/17
SJSU	12/15/16
Sonoma State	03/02/17

Why apply for EOP?

The Educational Opportunity Program is designed to help low-income and educationally underserved, disadvantaged students succeed in college. Go to CSUMentor.edu, click on the apply Online tab and choose Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) application which requires two recommendations. Space is limited and deadlines vary for each CSU. Additional instructions can be found on La Quinta's homepage

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, Merit-based scholarships - meritaid.com, The College Board - www.collegeboard.org, Sallie Mae College Answer Service Online - www.salliemae.com, California Student Aid - www.csac.ca.gov, EdFund - www.edfund.org, U.S. Department of Education - www.ed.gov/students, Mapping Your Future - www.mapping-your-future.org, Yahoo - http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial_Aid, United States Department of Education – www.ed.gov/index, U.S. News & World Report – www.usnews.com, Scholarships: www.scholarshipworkshop.com, www.scholarships.com, www.gocollege.com, www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php, fastweb.com, www.scholarshipcoach.com, www.collegeanswer.com, Academicinvest.com

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEAD-LINE
California Association of Educational Office Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • This scholarship is to assist business education students who wish to continue higher education and pursue a career in business administration or education • Must apply to college in fall 2017 with the intentions of majoring in a business related field • To apply: www.caeop.org and click programs 	December 12, 2016
AXA Achievement Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,500, \$10,000, and 25,000 • Are you active in your community? • Have you led a project that benefits others? • Have you overcome personal challenges • Visit: www.axa.com/achievers to learn more and apply 	December 15, 2016
NFIB Yef Young Entrepreneur Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between \$2,000 - \$15,000 scholarships so far, over 2.5 million! • Are you a young entrepreneur? Have a business, babysitting, lawn care, dog walking, tutoring, etc. • Must enter a 2 or 4-year university, or vocational school in Fall 2016. • Graduating high school seniors who operate your own small business are eligible to receive a 2016 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award from the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation • Submit typed 1,000 word essay describing your entrepreneurial experience & involvement w/small business. Financial need not a factor • Apply: www.nfib.com/YEA 	December 18, 2016

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Odenza Marketing Group Volunteer Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 • Minimum GPA 2.5 or higher • Must have contributed at least 50 hours of volunteer (non-paid) service within his/her community over the last 12 months. • Apply: http://www.studentscholarships.org/college.php 	December 30th, 2016
University of La Verne Performance Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000 a year with a full tuition paid fourth year in Art, Music, Theatre, Photography, Speech and Video Production. Many students qualify for financial aide that covers a large portion of the remaining tuition costs. • Visit: sites.laverne.edu/performance-scholarships/ • You can also contact Don Pollock at 909-448-4751 for more information 	December 31, 2016
The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program at the University of Texas at Dallas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-year full tuition to The University of Texas at Dallas • Old-Style two-part SAT 1450 or higher, or New-Style two-part SAT = 1490 or 33 or higher on ACT • Class rank in the top 5% of graduating class. Accepts all majors • A long list of community, volunteering, and leadership in school • Broad and eclectic interest in science, literature, and the arts • Welcomes all majors! • Early application deadline 11/7 w/3 letters of recommendation • http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott/award-qualifications • Or call 972-883-4610 with questions 	January 4, 2017
2016 Profile and Courage Essay Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20,000 first place prize, cash award to top 25 essays! • Essay no more than 1,000 words but must be a minimum of 700. • Must describe an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born. • Go to: www.jfklibrary.org/essaycontest 	January 4, 2017
APIASF Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,500 - \$15,000 Must also apply for federal financial aid • Asian and/or Pacific Islander as defined by the U.S. Census • US citizen, national, or legal permanent resident • Enroll in a college or university in the Fall of 2016 • Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale • Submit one letter of recommendation online • Apply: http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html 	January 11, 2017
Orange County Mensa Scholarship Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300 to \$2,000 • Must enroll in a degree program & be an Orange County resident • Essay 550 word max • Winner is all about the essay, nothing more • Apply: http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships 	January 15, 2017

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Ronald McDonald House Charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be A-G eligible • Minimum 2.7 GPA • The RMHC scholarship program seeks to invest in students who are exemplary role models in their communities and have the initiative to fulfill their educational goals • Apply at: http://aim.applyists.net/RMHC 	January 18, 2017
California Association of Collectors, Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,500- \$2,500 • Attend college, university or vocational school full time in the Fall • Fill out a 1 page application • Write 700-1000 word essay on “The Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Financial Credit During Your College years • Apply at: www.cacesf.org 	January 20, 2016
GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10,000/year for 4 years toward Bachelor degree at university • Exceptional student leaders are invited to apply in honor of the legacy and character of President Ronald Reagan. • Academic achievement minimum GPA 3.0 & financial need • Community service and demonstrated leadership potential • Apply: http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx 	February 19, 2017
I Have a Dream Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,500 • Must enroll in University or Community College Fall 2017 • Respond: 250 words max “what do you dream about?” • Apply: http://scholarshipexperts.clickmeter.com/em5k/ 	January 31, 2017
So Cal Edison Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 scholarships of \$10,000 renewable for 3 years • 3.0 GPA or higher • Major in: Electrical, Mechanical, Civil, Computer, Industrial, or Environmental Engineering, or Computer Services/Information Systems, or Environmental Sciences, • Plan to attend a 4-year university and demonstrate financial need • To apply visit: www.scholarshipamerica.org/edisonscholars 	February 1, 2017
PG&E Employee Resource Groups (ERGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 to \$6,000 • Students must complete the general scholarship application and the supplemental application to the specific Employee Resource Group. If you are applying for multiple scholarships, complete applications for each • http://www.pge.com/about/community/scholarships/ 	February 1, 2017
Gilder Lehrman Institute Civil War Essay Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$1,000 • Examine Civil War era through letters, speeches, songs, photographs, newspapers, military orders, etc. Use a minimum of five primary sources. • http://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-exhibitions/civil-war-essay-contest 	February 27, 2017