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Reminder...Reminder...Reminder!

Just a few last minute reminders



- As 1st semester is coming to an end, many of you will be receiving letters from colleges requesting that you send an updated transcript. It is very important that you come to the guidance office and fill out a "Transcript Request Form" and give it to Ms. Bhoot. Your transcript will be sent out once grades have been posted.
- Those of you applying to private colleges don't forget to get your Mid-Year Reports completed and submitted before the deadlines. Remember to give your counselor enough notice to fill out the required forms.
- If you happen to change your classes for second semester you must remember to notify ALL campuses to which you have submitted an application. You should contact the admissions office either by email or telephone as soon as possible.
- And lastly, official SAT, ACT and/or SAT II scores must be sent to the campuses that you have submitted an application to. In order to do so, access www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org. If you have any questions please stop by and see a counselor.

IMPORTANT!!!

- **Counselors are available every day in the Library to provide help with your FAFSA, and to help you create your college account. Please don't wait. Come to the Library during lunch time and ask questions!!!**

La Quinta High School 2017

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	02/01/17
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

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

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, www.scholarshipcoach.com, www.collegeanswer.com, www.fastweb.com, <http://www.cappex.com/scholarships>

GRAN-TOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
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
Edit Revise Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10,000 • The \$10,000 Grand Prize, awarded to one of the four \$2,000 Monthly Winners or one of ten other Grand Prize Finalists they select, also requires a one-hour interview. 50 words essay and recommendation letters • Apply: https://prompt.com/scholarship/ 	January 15, 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
Dell Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in a Michael & Susan Dell Foundation approved college readiness program in grades 11 and 12 (AVID, GEAR UP, Upward Bound) - see full list of college readiness programs on http://www.dellscholars.org/ • Min GPA 2.4, demonstrate financial need, Eligible for Pell Grant • Enroll full-time in a bachelor's degree program in the fall • Apply http://www.dellscholars.org/ 	January 15, 2017

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CSUF Scholarship! The Guardian Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full cost of attendance including Year-round On-campus housing, priority registration, one-on-one academic advising, individual counseling/life coaching, life skills workshops, community room, computer lab • Must be a current or former student in the Foster Care System • Must apply for FAFSA and qualify as an “Independent Student • Must apply for the CSUF EOP • Personal statement essay and Two letters of recommendation • Unofficial high school or community college transcript • Verification Letter of Foster Care Status from Social Services • Apply: http://www.fullerton.edu/guardianscholars/ 	January 15, 2017
(HEEF) The Hispanic Education Endowment Fund Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 to \$5,000 • Latino/a who has lived in Orange County for the past 6 years • Qualify for financial aid & enroll in college/university fulltime in fall • US Citizens, Permanent Residents & Dream Act/AB 540 students • Family income limit of \$45,000 & first generation college student • Apply: https://oc-cf.org/scholarships 	January 17, 2017
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
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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, 2017
Intertribal Timber Council Scholarship – Truman D. Picard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,000 • Validated enrollment in federally recognized tribe, Alaska Native Corporation, established by the U.S. Government, or photo of enrollment front/back. Certificate of Indian Blood will suffice • Click on Scholarship • Letter of application, resume & 3 signed letters of reference on letterhead dated w/in last 6 months • Go to: http://www.itcnet.org/ 	January 20, 2017

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Music Scholarship Auditions - Mount St. Mary's College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form & short description of musical background • On-site audition/interview with music faculty. Performance of two compositions representing different periods of music • https://www.msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/music/music-scholarship-auditions.aspx 	Jan 21 Feb 11 Apr 1
Asian Pacific Islanders for Professional and Community Advancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded • If not awarded the \$2,000 you will be considered for \$1,000 one • Minimum 3.4 GPA & Must attend a college or university in the fall • Apply at: http://www.apca-att.org/scholarship.html 	January 31, 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
Asian Pacific Islanders for Professional and Community Advancement (APCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,000 • Minimum GPA 3.4 • Any ethnic or cultural background who will attend a 4-year university in the fall 2017 • United States citizen or permanent residence • Student essay required and one letter of recommendation • Apply: http://apca-att.org/ 	January 31, 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
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
Asian Pacific Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 Scholarship programs! • Each program is tailored to reflect the donor's personal interests, whether targeted to specific ethnicities, career paths (eg. engineering, business, journalism), or backgrounds (eg. children of farm or restaurant workers). • In 2016, they distributed nearly \$200,000 in scholarships to 76 students, primarily from low-income communities. • Apply: www.asianpacificfund.org/scholarships 	February 24, 2017

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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
Prompt Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,500 • Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: • "Not every gift has to be expensive or extravagant. In fact, sometimes it's the sweet and simple things that make a real difference in our lives. Think back and tell us about something you received as a gift and why it meant so much to you." • Apply: http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx 	February 28, 2017
Taiwanese American Scholarship Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,500 renewable scholarship • United States citizen AND direct blood descendant of a Taiwanese citizen • Plan to attend a California State University or California Community College in the Fall of 2016 • Min GPA 3.0 & Open to all majors • Have a household income at or below California state low income level (Must be able to show 2015 or 2016 tax return should applicant be selected for award.) • Apply: www.TAScholarshipFund.org 	Feb 29, 2017
SCAD Distinguished Scholars Award in Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20,000 per year toward tuition to attend SCAD in Atlanta, Hong Kong, Savannah or online via eLearning • Min GPA of 3.75 & Min 1350 SAT combined math and critical reading score, or ACT composite score of at least 30 • Outstanding visual arts, performing arts, writing capabilities • Honors awards from competitions, or other recognition. • Leadership, co-curricular or extra-curricular involvement • Apply: SCAD.edu/apply 	March 1, 2017
Navy ROTC Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$180,000 - earn your commission as a Naval Officer • Tuition, books, fees to 150 universities, & monthly stipend • Guaranteed employment for 5 yrs, potential Masters degree-no charge! • SAT requirements: 530 Critical Reading & 520 Math or • ACT requirements: 22 English & 21 Math • Release scores to code 0656 via Collegeboard.com or Actstudent.org • Apply: https://www.nrotc.navy.mil Questions: call Travis Dobson: 714-396-2227 or 858-537-8044 	If interested apply immediately after graduation in June 2017