Preparing for the World After High School: Getting to Where You Want to Go

- College Exploration
- College Entrance Exams
- NCAA Requirements
- Financial Aid (including Scholarships)
- Volunteering and Internships
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The above information is needed when completing many college and scholarship applications.

To complete most applications, counselors will also need a copy of student academic resumes.
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Part-Time Jobs/Resumes

- **Ms. Covington-Todd, Job Developer**
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  Students can stop by Room 326 to find the most recent job openings available every Monday through Thursday. Students can also get help with resumes and assistance preparing for job interviews.

  Look for additional job openings at:
  Indeed – [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)
  O*Net – [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)
  The College and Career Center Job Board (Room 332)

**Work Permit Applications are available on the table in front of the College/Career Center**

Ms. Gildon issues Work Permits in the College and Career Center – Students need to bring their Social Security Card (or a copy of the card) and completed Work Permit Application
University of California and California State University

“A-G” Requirements

- A History: 2 Years Required
- B English: 4 Years Required
- C Mathematics: 3 Years Required, 4 Years Recommended
- D Laboratory Science: 2 Years Required, 3 Years Recommended
- E Foreign Language: 2 Years Required, 3 Years Recommended
- F Visual and Performing Arts: 1 Year Required
- G College Prep Elected: 1 Year Required

* Grades of C or better required.

“D” and “F” GRADES ARE NOT ACCEPTED IN ANY OF THE COURSES

Entrance Exam (SAT or ACT) is also required
College and University Options

http://www.collegesource.org/home.asp

• California State Universities (CSU)
• University of California Schools (UC)
• Private, Independent Colleges and Universities
• Out-of-State Colleges and Universities (Public and Private)
• International Colleges and Universities
• Community Colleges in California and Out-of-State
What Colleges Consider

The first part of planning for college is understanding what factors colleges consider when looking at a student profile.

Primary Factors
- Quality/Rigor of Academic Courses
- Academic Performance/Grades
- Test Scores (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests, AP)

Additional Factors
- Essay/Personal Statements
- Extracurricular Activities (Commitment, Consistency, and Leadership)
- Counselor and Teacher Recommendations
- Demonstrated Interest in the College or University
Finding a College Match

• Help Identify Priorities (Majors Offered, Internships, Distance from Home, Activities including Sports and Clubs, Study Abroad Opportunities, Weather, School Size, Diversity, Class Sizes)

• Look for Schools that Match Student’s Strengths/Learning Style

• Location, Location, Location

• Consider the Size and Type of School (Liberal Arts, HBCU, Co-op, Arts, Same-Sex, Religiously Affiliated)

• Visit Colleges online at www.youvisit.com/collegesearch and https://www.campustours.com, and in person

• Meet with College Admissions Counselors in the College and Career Center and at College Fairs

Good News: 84% of all colleges accept more than 50% of the students who apply to them, according to the National Association for College Admission Counseling
Developing a College List

• List should consist of at least 8-12 schools (including community colleges)
• Range of Solid, Probable, Possible, and Reach Schools
• Research, Research, Research!
• Visit the College and Career Center (Room 332) and College Advisors Office (Room 326) to expand college list
• Major Exploration http://bit.ly/CollegeMajorResearch
• Discover More About Priorities http://playspent.org/
## The Balanced College List

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<td>These colleges accept a smaller percentage of applicants and student grades and test scores are toward the bottom of the school’s enrolled student profile</td>
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Definitions of Admission Options

- **Regular Decision**: Students submit application by institution’s specified date and receive a decision within a stated period of time.

- **Rolling Admission**: Schools review applications as they are completed and gives admissions decisions to students throughout the admissions cycle.

- **Early Action (EA)**: Students apply early to a school of preference and receive a decision in advance of the regular response date. Seniors admitted under EA are **not** obligated to accept the offer of admission.

- **Restrictive Early Action (REA)**: Students may apply early to **only one** college or university, and admission is **non binding**.

- **Early Decision (ED)**: Students make a commitment to a **first-choice** institution, where, if admitted, they definitely will enroll. When applying ED, student may apply to other institutions, but **may only have one** ED application pending. Students should check with individual schools regarding specific policies in their Early Decision Agreements. In most cases, admission is **binding** when applying ED, except in cases where financial need is not met.
California State University

https://www2.calstate.edu/apply - Filing Period: October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>

- 23 Campuses in California

- Student needs to take either the SAT or ACT test and complete the A-G requirements with C’s or better

- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is available if parents have not a Bachelor’s degree or higher and/or student qualifies for free or reduced lunch (get perks like scholarships, free tutoring, laptops to borrow)

- Encourage students to consider applying to at least one campus that is not impacted that he/she would consider attending:

  - Bakersfield
  - Channel Islands
  - Dominguez Hills
  - Humboldt
  - Maritime Academy
  - Monterey Bay
  - San Francisco
  - Stanislaus

- Also have students consider CSU Long Beach and/or CSU Northridge since Lakewood Students are considered inside the Local Service Area for admissions purposes.

- Calculate student eligibility at https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/eligibility-index

- Find the California State University that is right for your student at www2.calstate.edu/attend/campuses/campus-match
University of California

www.universityofcalifornia.edu — Application Available August 1st
Submission Period November 1st through November 30th

• 10 Campuses in California (9 High School Seniors can apply to for Fall 2019, 1 for Graduate Students Only)

• Students need to complete a minimum of 15 “A-G” courses, with at least 11 finished before their senior year. These courses must be completed with a 3.0 GPA or better with grades of “C” or better

• Students are required to take the SAT I or ACT plus Writing with a recommendation of also taking the SAT II if applying to an impacted major such as Engineering

• Guaranteed admission to a UC if student ranks in the top 9% of graduating class, otherwise known as "Eligible in the Local Context" (ELC)

• Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is available student is first generation student and/or if they qualify for free and reduced lunch

• Students are required to answer *Personal Insight Questions* – Four answers (from a possible eight questions) that are all 350-words or less

• Check majors offered at each UC campus: http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/resources/majors

• Check to see if *UC Merced* would be a good fit for your student (67% acceptance rate in 2018)
UC Personal Insight Questions

• Personal insight questions (Answer any 4 of the following 8 questions):

• Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

• Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

• What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

• Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an education barrier you have faced.

• Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected you academic achievement?

• Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.

• What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

• Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admission to the University of California?
Independent Colleges and Universities

76 independent colleges/universities in California, and more than 500 schools from California and around the country use the Common Application

- Includes research universities, small liberal arts colleges, faith-based colleges, and arts colleges all with different deadlines and requirements

- Sticker price is usually higher, but they have a greater variety of financial aid options and are not as restricted by current budget cuts of CSU and UC schools

Comparison of Student Graduation Rates in California

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Common Application Essay Prompts

• Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

• The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

• Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?

• Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.

• Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

• Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

• Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.
College essays are not traditional five-paragraph essays. Students are free to be creative in structure, can use dialogue, as well as vivid descriptions – “hear” their voices.

The essay or personal statements are the best way for admissions committees to get to know your student beyond their grades, class choices, and college admission test scores.

A few tips to accomplish this are:

• Show, don’t tell
• Be specific
• Choose active voice, not passive voice
• Avoid clichés

“Show, don't tell” is vital to writing an engaging essay, and this is the point students struggle with most. Instead of saying, “I struggled to make friends when I transferred schools,” students can show their emotions by writing, “I scanned the bustling school cafeteria, feeling more and more forlorn with each unfamiliar face. I found an empty table and ate my lunch alone.”

• In many cases, writing can include more specific word choice. For example, “As a kid, I always played basketball,” can be improved to be “Every day after school as kid, I ran home, laced up my sneakers, and shot a basketball in my driveway until the sun went down and I could barely see.”

• To use active voice over passive voice, be sure that your sentence’s subject performs the action indicated by the verb, rather than the action performing onto the subject. Instead of writing “this project was built by my own hands,” you would say “I built this project with my own hands.”

• Finally, avoid clichés like adages, sayings, and quotes that do not bring value to your essay. Examples include phrases like “Be the change you wish to see in the world” (it's also important to know that sayings like these are often seriously misquoted—Gandhi did not actually utter these words) and lavish claims like “it was the greatest experience of my life.”
Out-of-State Colleges and Universities

- Out-of-State colleges and universities need California students for their demographic statistics/on-campus diversity and will give extra scholarships to entice you to their schools.

- Fly-in Programs allow you to see schools in person for FREE at http://bit.ly/FlyInPrograms

- Out-of-State private schools have smaller classes and often allow you to more likely to graduate in four years.

- **Some out-of-state schools are willing to reduce or waive out-of-state tuition**

  - The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) will help:
    - Save money by allowing you to pay reduced tuition
    - Stay and study in the West
    - Choose from more than 140 colleges and universities

  www.wiche.edu/sep/wue

- **Colleges That Change Lives** – www.ctcl.org These 44 college and universities have low student-to-faculty ratios that foster collaboration, engaged learning, and personal attention. Classes are taught at these schools by professors, not teachers assistants.

  In addition, these schools have *holistic admission* policies including "test-optional" applications for admission. They take into consideration everything about an applicant—not just their numbers on the application.
Greenlight Scholars Application
https://www.collegegreenlight.com/

The Greenlight Scholars application is a new way for low-income and/or first-generation students to apply to college.

Start applying for FREE to 31 partner colleges today.

Greenlight-to-College Application Marathon (All Seniors)
Saturday, February 23, 2019 in the College and Career Center
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

The application “marathon” is on-campus and awards seniors for completing college, scholarship, and financial aid applications with the support of Lakewood’s College and Career staff. Not only will students be entered to win a $1,000 scholarship, they will be entered for gift cards for every application submitted.
Co-op Colleges and Universities combine classroom-based education with practical work experience.

Co-op schools provide academic credit for structured job experience – you can earn $$$ while you learn plus gain work experience and professional contacts.

Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY)
College at Brockport – SUNY (Brockport, NY)
Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA)
Endicott College (Beverly, MA)
Johnson & Wales University (Providence, RI)
Keuka College (Keuka, NY)
Merrimack College (North Andover, MA)
Miami Dade College (Miami, FL)

Oswego State - SUNY (Oswego, NY)
Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, NY)
University at Albany – SUNY (Albany, NY)
University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)
University of Massachusetts, Lowell (Lowell, MA)
University of Toledo (Toledo, OH)
Wentworth Institute of Technology (Boston, MA)

http://www.waceinc.org
Latino College Expo Features Hispanic Serving Institutions from around the United States and many other colleges and universities

November 10, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sheraton Fairplex Hotel and Conference Center
601 W. McKinley Avenue, Pomona

Many students who attend the event are admitted on-the-spot or are immediately awarded scholarships (some valued at over $100,000). Remember to bring your transcripts and SAT and/or ACT scores.

The event features top companies looking to recruit college-bound students.

There are also workshops such as “How to Find Money for College”, “Hot Careers”, “Why Attend a Hispanic Serving Institution”, and “Benefits of Attending a Private College”.

https://www.thecollegeexpo.org/events/latino-college-expo-pomona

Black College Expo and Black College Fair features Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and many other colleges and universities.

Black College Fair – December 1, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
*Long Beach Convention Center* (300 E. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach)

Black College Expo - February 2, 2019 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
*Los Angeles Convention Center* (1201 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles)

Many students who attend either event are admitted on-the-spot or are immediately awarded scholarships (some valued at over $100,000). Remember to bring your transcripts and SAT and/or ACT scores.

The Black College Expo’s Career Recruitment Pavilion also features top companies looking to recruit college-bound students.

www.thecollegeexpo.org/events/los-angeles

Find out more about HBCUs around the country at [http://hbcuconnect.com/colleges/](http://hbcuconnect.com/colleges/)

Apply for 52 HBCUs at the same time with the Common Black Application for $35 at [http://commonblackcollegeapp.com/](http://commonblackcollegeapp.com/)
National Collegiate Athletic Association

www.ncaa.org

REGISTER NOW!!!

Athletic eligibility can be earned by passing the 16 courses indicated below and have a 2.30 GPA or better plus a qualifying ACT or SAT score. 10 of the 16 core courses must be completed before senior year.

Register at the Eligibility Center at the following website:

www.eligibilitycenter.org

• English ........................................................................................................................................4 years
• Math (Algebra I or higher) ..................................................................................................3 years
• Science (1 year must be a lab science) ..............................................................................2 years
• Additional academic coursework in the above areas .....................................................1 year
• History/Social Science ...........................................................................................................2 years
• Additional academic coursework in any category above or foreign language, religion, or philosophy .................................................................4 years

If your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, he/she will qualify for a fee waiver for the Eligibility Center. Have your student stop by the College and Career Center in Room 332 after he/she registers.
SAT Reasoning Test (SAT I)

- **Critical Reading** – Sentence Completions, Reading Passages
- **Mathematics** – Algebra, Geometry, Statistics and Probability
- **Writing** – Essay, Identifying Errors, Improving Grammar and Usage

Scoring out of 1600 (1080 is average)

SAT Subject Tests (SAT II)

These tests are not required but students can submit scores for extra “points”:

- Demonstrate their mastery of a particular subject
- **Apply for a competitive major like Engineering or Biochemistry and your student’s preferred campus recommends certain subject tests** like Math Level II or Chemistry on the SAT II to prove their level of competency
- Use subject tests to satisfy the “A-G” requirements

October 10, 2018 on campus – Automatically Registered
November 3, 2018 (Late Deadline to register: October 25, 2018)
December 1, 2018 (Deadline to register: November 2, 2018)*

If your student qualifies for free/reduced lunch or is in the AVID program, he/she will qualify for a SAT Fee Waiver. Their fee waiver has been automatically entered on the College Board website if they qualify for free/reduced lunch and will be available when they register on the College Board website. If your student is only in AVID and doesn’t qualify for free/reduced lunch, have him/her stop by the College and Career Center to pick up a fee waiver application.

*Be aware that some schools, such as SDSU, will not accept the December 2018 test for Fall 2019 admission.
ACT TEST plus Writing

www.act.org

- **English** – Punctuation, Grammar and Usage, Sentence Structure
- **Math** – Pre-Algebra/Elementary Algebra/Intermediate Algebra/Coordinate Geometry/Plane Geometry/Trigonometry
- **Reading Comprehension**
- **Science** – Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and the Earth/Space Sciences

Average Score is 21 out of 36

December 8, 2018 (Deadline to register: November 2, 2018)*

Remember that Khan Academy ([www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)) and Ed Ready ([https://edready.org](https://edready.org)) can help your student prepare for the SAT and/or ACT for **FREE**

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AP Credit and College Placement


• Check which AP tests your student has taken to save your student time and money in college

• Search by school and find out:

  1) What AP score is required on each test to receive credit at each school?

  2) How many college credits your student will receive at that school for that score?

  3) What type of college credit will your student receive at each school (elective or subject)?

  4) What college classes, if any, will that score replace at each different college?
How to Register for a Parchment Account:

1. Sign in at www.parchment.com
2. Click **Sign Up** to log-in or register for your account
3. Click **Get Started**, add Lakewood High School
4. Complete the waiver form and complete the Transcript Authorization Form by **eSigning** the form

How to Submit a Request:

1. Select your Destinations such as Colleges, NCAA, Common Application, or Your Home
2. Review Destinations
3. Provide debit/credit card payment if there are any fees
4. The status of your request will be e-mailed **and** there will be updates in your Parchment.com Account under **Order History**
Sending ACT and SAT Scores

• When students register for ACT or SAT tests, they can send their scores to the colleges where they are applying. If they don’t send them now, they will have to pay to send them later.

• The “magic” code for sending SAT scores to the CSU schools is 3594. This sends scores to all of the Cal State and Cal Poly campuses using only one of the free codes!

• The NCAA Code, for athletes who may play sports in college, is 9999.

• If your student has listed a CSU or UC campus on the ACT registration, they can use the ACT Scores Manager to release their score to additional campuses without paying any additional cost.

• For the SAT, if students report their scores to one UC campus, they will be shared with all the UC campuses.

Find schools that do not require an SAT or ACT test at www.fairtest.org/university/optional
International Colleges and Universities

• Students have access to a wide variety of high demand majors and specialized programs
• Many California universities are becoming more difficult to get into due to lack of space or impacted programs
• In many cases, tuition costs are lower and in some cases, MUCH lower at international universities (in many cases including housing and food!)
• Going away for college in other countries increases student independence, life experience and cultural I.Q.

Advantages of Studying in Canada

• One of the best educational systems in the world
• Degrees are globally recognized
• Tuition fees and living costs are typically much lower than in the US - Students can work and use financial aid in Canada
• Immersion language study opportunities, including French!
• PAID internships are a part of most degrees

• Advantages of Studying in the United Kingdom (England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales)
• Unique Cultural and Historical experiences
• Opportunity to graduate from college in 3 years
• Degrees are globally recognized
• Tuition fees and living costs are typically lower than in the US
• Bring a portion of student financial aid with you
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<td>Public universities are tuition-free to international students, but Portuguese is the language of instruction.</td>
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<td>Czech Republic</td>
<td>Tuition is free for programs in which the language of instruction is Czech.</td>
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<td>Finland</td>
<td>The land of the midnight sun has 14 universities and 25 institutes of technology, all supported by the federal government. Many programs are offered in English. More than 6,000 degree-seeking international students study in Finland each year.</td>
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<td>Germany</td>
<td>Home to world-class higher education with many programs taught in English, Germany offers free tuition to international students in many of its universities. Go to <a href="http://www.daad.de/en">www.daad.de/en</a> to learn more about programs offered in Germany.</td>
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<td>Greece</td>
<td>Why not study in the birthplace of academia, democracy, and the Olympics? Studying in Greece is generally tuition-free, with some exceptions. The downside is that undergraduate courses are taught in Greek, so you’d have to brush up on your alphabet.</td>
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<td>Iceland</td>
<td>No tuition is charged at Iceland’s four public universities. About 5 percent of students are from outside Iceland, and a growing number of courses are taught in English.</td>
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<td>Luxembourg</td>
<td>A true multicultural environment, the University of Luxembourg, which is the only university in the country, provides instruction in French, German, and English. It charges no tuition for foreign students.</td>
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<td>Norway</td>
<td>With few exceptions, there is no tuition charged for state universities and university colleges, many of which offer courses and programs in English. About 15,000 foreign students study at Norwegian institutions. Go to <a href="http://www.studyinnorway.no">www.studyinnorway.no</a> to learn about programs offered in Norway.</td>
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<td>Panama</td>
<td>Tuition is free for everyone at public universities in this Central American country, where two universities are internationally ranked—Universidad de Panamá and Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá. The language of instruction is Spanish.</td>
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Community Colleges offer a smooth, low-cost transition to a 4-year school

1,462 community colleges in the United States (112 in California)

***NEW*** Assembly Bill 19 – California College Promise – First Year Tuition-Free at California Community Colleges

- Honors Program offered at each school – The SAT or ACT may be part of an Honors Program admission requirement
- Associates Degree in Arts and Sciences
- Transfer to Four-Year College/University
- Career Tech Education Certificate Programs - WASC accredited programs where you can earn a certificate or have an “earn while you learn” experience (like Cerritos College’s Center for Advanced Transportation Technology - Imports, Ford, GM, Chrysler, and Alternative Fuels Technician Programs)
- Some community colleges now offer Bachelor’s Degrees like Mt. San Antonio College (http://bit.ly/MtSACBABS)
- Find community colleges around the country with dorms or other types of on-campus housing at http://bit.ly/CCDorms
Community College Honors/Scholars’ Programs
http://htcca.org/students/

The Honors Transfer Council of California negotiates special transfer agreements linking community college honors/scholars’ programs to specific universities, large or small, public or private.

Recent graduates of the LBCC Honors Program have received guaranteed priority consideration when applying to:

UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, CSU Long Beach, CSU Fullerton, Chapman University, USC, and Pepperdine University

Additional benefits include:

• Smaller class sizes
• Priority enrollment in Honors classes
• Honors academic counseling
• College tours
• Library cards for local universities
• Priority Acceptance Consideration for partner universities
• Special Scholarships
• Housing Priority at partner universities

Check each community colleges’ Honors or Scholars’ Program website to see which four-year colleges and universities have partnerships with each school.
Unique Degrees, Trade, and Certificate Programs at Local Community Colleges

**Cerritos College** - [http://bit.ly/CerritosPrograms](http://bit.ly/CerritosPrograms) - Court Reporting Program, Teacher TRAC Program, Pharmacy Tech Program, Dental Assistant and Dental Hygienist Programs, Paralegal Program, Cosmetology Program, Culinary Arts Program, EMT Program, and Automotive Programs


Types of Financial Aid

Students must fill out the FAFSA (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) from October 1\textsuperscript{st} - March 2\textsuperscript{nd} to determine the type of financial aid they are eligible for at \url{www.fafsa.ed.gov}.

- **GRANTS**
  No repayment and is based on financial need

- **LOANS**
  Repayment with low interest (from the Federal Government through FAFSA)...you get to say “yes” or “no” to any loans offered through the FAFSA

- **WORK STUDY**
  Employment and no repayment

- **SCHOLARSHIPS**
  No repayment, but you must apply or be nominated

  Local Scholarship Applications are in the Senior Folders and are available in the College and Career Center and in the College Advisors Office. You need a resume, at least two letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. The deadline is November 9\textsuperscript{th} by 3:00 pm in the College and Career Center (Room 332).
More ways to find out about Financial Aid...

2nd Cash for College Night is on Wednesday, December 5, 2018

This financial aid assistance lab will be available from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the LHS Library.

We will help 12th Grade families how to fill out the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) or Dream Act Application (https://dream.csac.ca.gov). Families must bring their 2017 tax returns in order to complete the financial aid application on that night.

Students can win one of several $1,000 scholarships just for attending (Assistance will be available both in English and Spanish).
Great Scholarship Applications/Search Locations

**goingmerry**
www.goingmerry.com

- One common application for many, many scholarships

**JLV College Counseling**


- Search for scholarships by grade, by potential major, by gender, by ethnicity, and so many more ways to search

**raise.me**

- Achieve a goal, like getting good grades or doing extracurricular activities, and earn scholarships that begin adding up as early as 9th grade
- Keeps track of achievements/the money earned
- More than 180 partner-colleges and universities like Michigan State, Oberlin, Carnegie Mellon, Arizona State, and the University of Rochester