MHS Class of 2024

Senior Year Information Packet

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TRACY LEARNING CENTER

Tracy Learning Center

51 E. Beverly Place Tracy, CA 95376 www.tracylc.net

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Millennium High School Senior,

Senior year is finally here! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back your High School student.

Please see the enclosed packet to view important dates, deadlines, and post high school information. Please note that senior year comes with many deadlines and special activities for your graduate. My goal is to keep you well informed.

Throughout the year, reminders and notifications will be sent via text message to seniors from the REMIND App. If you would like to be added to the text group, please text the following

code: **@mhskes** to the number 81010

GRADUATION INFO:

IMPORTANT: The Class of 2024 Millennium High School Graduation Ceremony will be on our Tracy Learning Center Athletic Field.

Save the Date for the morning of Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Doors will open at 8:00 am, ceremony begins at 8:30 am.

Also, please take a moment to make sure that your child's name in Aeries matches their legal documents as we prepare to order diplomas. If the name in Aeries needs to be edited to match with their legal name, please email a request and provide proof of a legal document with the correct spelling to mhscounseling@tracylc.net

We hope this helps with planning purposes for the upcoming festivities. Please contact the Counseling Office at 209-627-8299 or email mhscounseling@tracylc.net with any questions. We look forward to a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Lauren Moore

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Lead Guidance Counselor LMoore@tracylc.net

Senior Year & Graduation Info Section

- Senior Activities Calendar
- Cap/Gown Flyer
- Senior Portrait Letter

SENIOR ACTIVITIES for Graduating Class of 2024

| Activity | Date | Estimated Cost |
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| Senior Pictures (for yearbook) The Photographic Art Studio: 209-830-8830 | You must make an appointment with the Photographic Art Studio by October 14, 2023 in order to be in the yearbook. | No cost for sitting fee for Yearbook Photo (Limited photo selections with free photo) Picture Packages vary in price. |
| Cap & Gown Ordering Info Company: HERFF Jones Carlos Courtade – Sales Representative CECourtade@herffjones.com www.highschool.herffjones.com 866.238.5336 | Ordering date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 4:00-6:00 (Right Before Financial Aid Night) Tracy Learning Center, Room 203 | \$31.95 plus tax for Cap, Gown, & Tassel Package |
| Graduation Announcements Suggested vendors: www.highschool.herffjones.com www.thephotographicartstudio.com/ www.costco.com www.vistaprint.com www.shutterfly.com | Make sure to order them well in advance as each vendor has their own processing and shipping time. | Prices vary depending on the package chosen from individual vendors |
| Homecoming Week: September 25 th – 29th Powderpuff Game – Millennium High Homecoming Parade – Downtown Tracy Homecoming Game – West High Homecoming Dance – TLC Gym | Wed, September 27, 2023 6:30pm Thurs, September 28, 2022 1:30pm Fri, September 29, 2023 7pm TBD | No charge No charge \$5 per Student \$ TBD |
| Winter Ball Location: TLC Gymnasium | Friday, January 19, 2024 7pm | To be Determined |
| Graduation Speech | Friday, April 19, 2024 3pm | The deadline for applications for presenting a speech at graduation. |
| Millennium High Prom Location: The River Mill 1672 West Bowman Road French Camp, CA 95231 | Friday, April 26, 2024 | Approximate cost of \$100.00 per ticket Dress, Tux, Dinner, etc. extra! -Pictures available for additional cost |
| MHS Awards Ceremony Location: Tracy Learning Center | Friday, May 17, 2024 | Parents of students receiving an award will get an invitation in the mail. Students will have an invitation delivered to them. |
| Senior Breakfast Location: Golden Corral | Monday, May 13, 2024 8:00am – 10:00am | Free, and for MHS Students Only |
| Senior Grad Nite – Senior Trip (CA Disney Private Party) | Wednesday, May 15- Thursday, May 16, 2024 | Approximate cost of \$475 includes admission and transportation. Final price to be determined. |
| Senior Send Off Location: Tracy Learning Center | Directly after Graduation Rehearsal, Friday, May 24, 2024 | Free, and for MHS Students Only |
| Graduation Rehearsal Location: TLC Athletic Field | Friday, May 24, 2024 10am-12pm | Free, and for MHS Students Only |
| Graduation Ceremony Location: Tracy Learning Center Athletic Field 51 E. Beverly Place Tracy, CA 95376 | Saturday, May 25 , 2024 Doors open at 8:00AM Ceremony begins at 8:30AM | General Admission – tickets required for entry. Maximum of 8 guest tickets per graduate. |

^{*}Dates and Fees Subject to change

Updates for Senior Class of 2024 will be posted at:

https://millenniumcounseling.weebly.com/seniors-class-of-2024.html

Grad. Ordering Info

Order your cap and gown at school!
 October 11, 2023 4:00-6:00 pm in
 Room 203, Mr. Bird's Classroom
 (Before Financial Aid Night Presentation)

The Herff Jones Representative will also be able to provide information about class rings and graduation announcements.



GRADUATION INFORMATION For MILLENNIUM HS CLASS OF 2024

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the cost for the official graduation outfit?

CAP * GOWN * TASSEL

\$31.95

plus tax

When do I receive my cap and gown?

All caps and gowns are delivered a few weeks before your graduation ceremony

When do I receive my announcements and other things I ordered?

Any items that were not delivered when you placed your order will be delivered in the Spring

Do I have to pay for everything in advance?

Not at all. The minimum deposit for graduation orders is \$60. You can go online to <u>high-school.herffjones.com</u> to make payments.

Balance is due March 1, 2023

What happens if I don't graduate or move and I order a cap and gown?

If for some reason you will not be participating in the graduation ceremony, we will refund your cap & gown not including any late fees

Refund Requests Deadline June 1, 2024

ORDERING INFORMATION

Your HJ Representative Carlos Courtade

ORDER ONLINE highschool.herffjones.com

Mail the Order Herff Jones, LLC

9630 Bruceville Road. Ste 106 #389 Elk Grove, CA 95757

HJ SERVICE CENTER

Email: highschoolcs@herffjones.com Phone: (866) 238-5336

GRAD FAIR

October 11th 4:00 - 6:00 pm

This is the time There is no next time!

DEADLINE TO ORDER December 15, 2023

Expedited Shipping May Be Charged For Any Order Placed after The Deadline



2023-2024 Yearbook Portrait Pricing

1. Your Choice of Sessions:

- A. A Basic Yearbook session, which includes the <u>Studio's</u> choice of a lightly soft filtered image from (4) head and shoulder poses, with the attire of the school's choice **OR**
- B. A Yearbook Plus session:
 - which includes your choice of images from approximately (50) head and shoulder poses, **fully retouched** images photographed in both the formal attire and cap and gown (in your school colors). A \$40.00 <u>non-refundable</u> yearbook reservation fee is required at the time you make your appointment.
 - This fee will be applied as a credit to a portrait package if purchased from The Photographic Art Studio. OR
- C. A Yearbook Plus Mini session The seniors will have the opportunity to be photographed in a **third** outfit of their choice with a different background and full body poses (all for an additional \$40 charge, due at the time you make your reservation).
- 2. Girls will be photographed with a Drape & Cap & Gown (Yearbook Plus/Mini).
- 3. Boys will be photographed with a tuxedo shirt and jacket, Cap & Gown (Yearbook Plus/Mini).
- 4. Payment plans are available at no additional charge, but no packages will be printed until paid in full.

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Digital files available with additional charge only with the purchase of a printed package

| Senior Yearbook Pricing | WITH \$40 CREDIT |
|--|---------------------|
| Package E - 3 units – one pose | \$210.00/\$170.00 |
| Package D - 6 units –2 poses | \$345.00/\$305.00 |
| Package C - 7 units -3 poses (includes (2) Bonus 5x7 prints free) | \$472.00/\$432.00 |
| Package B - 8 units - up to 6 poses (includes 11x14, 6 pose folio and 3 image showcase) | \$635.00/\$595.00 |
| Package A - 10 units - up to 10 poses (includes 11x14, 8 pose folio, 3 image showcase plus digital files of the 10 poses purchased) | \$950.00/\$910.00 |
| Best Deal - 12 units - up to 15 poses (includes custom logo frame w/print & tassel, custom 11x14 frame, 15 high res images on flash drive, 12 pose folio, 3 image showcase & Celebration Package including (25 announcements, 1 Lawn sign & 1 Fathead) | \$1210.00/\$1170.00 |
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One unit is your choice of either (1) 8 x 10 or (2) 5 x 7's or (8) wallets or (4) 4x5's

- A la Carte prices available without package purchases.
- · Additional units may be purchased.
- Full retouching included with purchase
- Image alterations (ex: braces removed, tan lines, glass glare) available at an additional cost
- All images will have our copyright sticker on the back of each portrait.

Remember take \$40 off of your Package as credit for your Reservation fee





Congratulations! You've made it to your senior year! Let us help you turn these once in a lifetime moments into lasting memories. The Photographic Art Studio is proud to have been chosen by your school as the only photographer for the Senior Class of 2024. *Only* The Photographic Art Studio's photographs will appear in the yearbook.

Photography Session Choices:

- Basic Yearbook Session This is a <u>free</u> session for those of you who only want to have your photograph taken for the yearbook. We will take 4 photographs of you in the attire of your school's choice, and <u>we</u> will choose the best image. A basic retouched file will be sent to the editor to be used in the yearbook.
- Yearbook Plus Session -- Want something more? Would you like to be photographed in both the formal attire and the cap and gown . . . and also have the ability to choose your own yearbook image? Then choose our Yearbook Plus Session. This session is \$40. The session fee of \$40 will be applied as a portrait credit if a package is purchased. We will provide the required yearbook attire and also photograph you in a cap and gown. These portraits are head and shoulder poses only. You can view your portraits within 7 days, choose your yearbook image and purchase portraits from this sales session. Payment plans are available and there are special incentives if you purchase on the day of your sales session.
- *Mini Session* -- Our *Mini Sessions* are only \$30 more than the Yearbook Plus. Include an additional outfit of your choice (you can bring your letterman's jacket or another outfit as well as props). In addition to the photos taken for the plus session you will also be photographed on a different background for this outfit, including full length portraits with different lighting for more variety.
- Creative Session Show the Real You! Express it in a Creative Session, the ultimate senior portrait experience. These fun filled photo shoots can be done indoors or outdoors, or both. You may bring with you many of your favorite outfits and props such as cars, horses, dogs, etc. We have a design consultation meet with you a week prior to make sure we get the shots you are looking for. The session fee on this is \$100 for indoor or outdoor and \$150 for both. Book a creative session between JULY 1-JULY 29 for 50% off.

Summer is the best time to take your senior pictures as your senior year is packed with lots of activities. Appointment times are limited and fill quickly, so call today at 209-830-8830.

We invite you and your parent(s) to visit our studio. We look forward to your session and know that you will have an awesome time this year as well as receive portraits that you and your family will treasure forever.

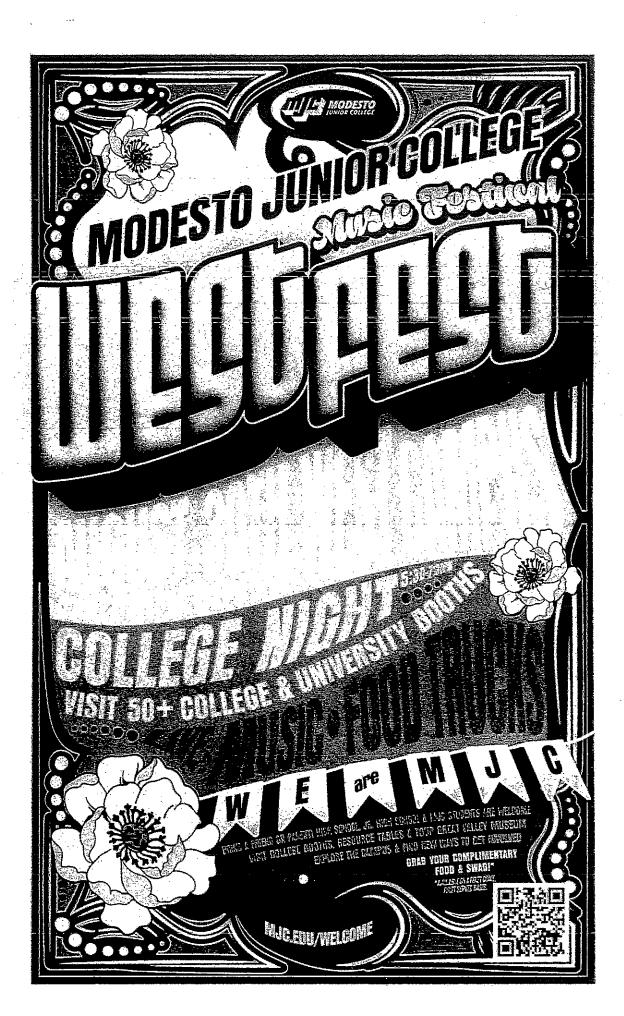
Call today at 209-830-8830 to schedule your appointment.
We are located at 44 W. 10th Street, in historic downtown Tracy.
Studio hours: Tues-Sat (10-5), extended days and hours starting Aug. 15

College Info

- College calendar
- Upcoming College Fairs
- SAT/ACT Testing & Registration
- UC Personal Insight Questions
- www.californiacolleges.edu parent info
- Freshman Application Checklist

College Calendar Graduation Class of 2024

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| Activity | Dates/Deadlines | Details/Information | | |
| Entrance Exams: SAT | October-December SAT test dates: October 7, 2023 (September 7, 2023 regular registration deadline for October test.) November 4, 2023 (October 5, 2023 regular registration deadline for November test) December 2, 2023 (Nov 2, 2023 regular registration deadline for November test) | *SAT: www.collegeboard.org \$60.00 (SAT Only) Writing portion is currently discontinued and not required. *ACT: www.actstudent.org \$68.00 (ACT Only) & \$93.00 ACT w/ Essay (Recommended) | | |
| **See Counselors for Fee Waiver information for both.** | ACT test dates: October 28, 2023 (September 22, 2023 regular registration deadline for October test.) December 9, 2023 (Nov 3, 2023 regular registration deadline for November test) | UC's and CSU's will no longer use SAT/ACT scores for admissions purposes. | | |
| California State University Application Window | Oct 1 – November 30, 2023 Current deadlines may be different based upon CSU campuses. Some are extended through December 15th or later. Check the website for deadlines. | *All seniors should access their www.californiacolleges.edu account and then click on California State University Application: https://www2.calstate.edu/apply Approximate application fee is \$70 for each campus Fee may increase for Fall 2024 applicants | | |
| University of California Application Window | Oct 1 – November 30, 2023 Current application window deadlines are firm. Applications open in August, but cannot be submitted until after October 1st. | *All seniors should access their <u>www.californiacolleges.edu</u> account and then click on University of California Application: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html Application fee is \$80 for each campus | | |
| Financial Aid Information Night | Wednesday, October 11, 2023 6:00PM - 7:00PM | M-203 Come to learn more about financial aid options and get a head start on the FAFSA/CADAA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) | | |
| CSU Application Workshop | Tuesday, October 17, 2023 12:30 | Millennium High School, Room to be Determined | | |
| UC Application Workshop | To be Determined | Millennium High School, Room to be Determined | | |
| CA Community College Application Window | Fall 2024 Application opens November 1, 2023, ongoing open admission | All seniors should access their www.californiacolleges.edu account and then click on California Community Colleges Application: www.cccapply.org ***All seniors will have an opportunity to apply for Fall 2024 enrollment and meet with a Delta College Counselor on Millennium's campus. Details to follow. | | |
| Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) | Filing Date: December, 2023 to March 2, 2024 | Submit your FAFSA/CADAA application by March 2, 2024 to be eligible for CAL Grant Awards -Check with each Private College you apply to for their Financial Aid Deadlines www.fafsa.ed.gov/ FAFSA or CADAA required for CA 12th grade students. | | |
| Cash for College Night | Wednesday, January 31, 2024 4-6pm | Come receive help with your FAFSA/CADAA application. | | |
| AP Tests: AP Gov and Politics AP English Literature AP Macroeconomics | Monday, May 6, 2024, 8 am Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 8 am Friday, May 10, 2024, 12 pm | Each test is \$98. Sign up process to be shared in AP classes. | | |



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M. FREE ADMISSION

California State University, Sacramento 6000 J Street Sacramento, CA 95819

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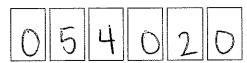
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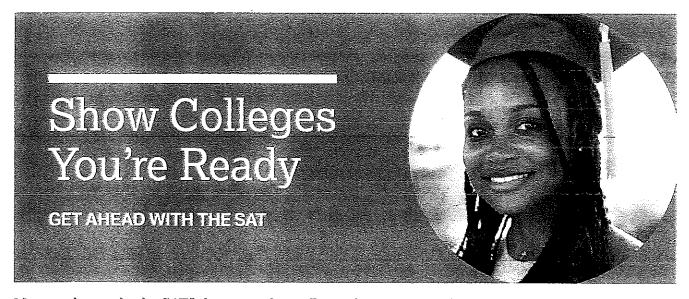
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The SAT will transition to digital for U.S. test centers starting in March 2024. Visit sat.org/digital for more information.

Test dates and registration deadlines may change. Check satterg for updates.



More students take the SAT® than any other college admission test. The SAT tests what you're learning in class and will use in college. Taking the SAT is the best way to show off skills and knowledge colleges care about.

Here's what to expect

- No Penalty for Guessing: Scoring is straightforward points for correct answers only.
- Everyday Words: The SAT tests the words you'll encounter after high school.
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Register for the SAT

The SAT is offered on weekends in March, May, June, August, October, November, and December. Register for SAT Weekend at: sat.org/register

Or, ask your school counselor or principal if your school will offer SAT on a school day and how to sign up. SAT School Day is offered in March, April, and October.

Free SAT Practice on Khan Academy

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BigFuture is a free, comprehensive set of digital resources that helps all students take a productive first step after high school.

PLAN FOR COLLEGE

Students can search and filter over 3,000 college profiles with rich content about campus life and admissions provided by the colleges themselves.

PAY FOR COLLEGE

Students can explore and match with over \$4 billion in scholarships, qualify for BigFuture Scholarships, and use financial aid guides and calculators.

EXPLORE CAREERS

Students connect their interests and skills to over 1,000 career profiles across a variety of education levels. They can view job requirements, projected salaries, and growth potential.

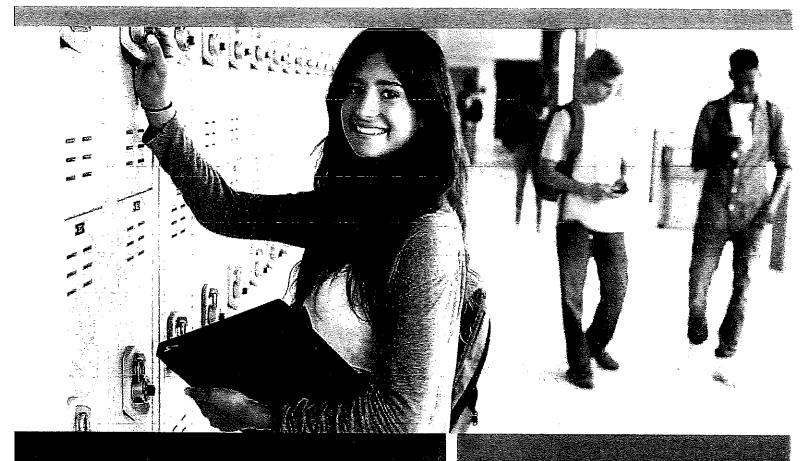
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WHY TAKE THE

You may not realize it, but you have been preparing to take the ACT® test for years. The ACT has always been about what students learn in high school.

The ACT® Test...

- Is accepted by all US colleges and universities
- Has an optional writing test
- Is the nation's most-taken college entrance exam
- Includes an educational and career planning component
- Provides four free score reports*
- Is scored based on correct answers only

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Accepted by All US Colleges

The ACT is accepted for admission to *all* colleges and universities in the United States, including all lwy League schools.



No Penalty for Guessing

Your ACT scores are based on the number of correct answers, with no deductions for incorrect answers. Do your best, and be sure to mark an answer to every question.



Based on What You Learn in School

The ACT test has always been about what you learn in high school core courses. Students frequently tell us that they feel more comfortable taking the ACT since it is directly related to what they learn in most of their high school courses.

A good value

Preparing for college can be expensive. The ACT is a good value because it offers a college admissions test, college course placement, and a career planning component for one modest fee. And you can make yourself visible to colleges and scholarship agencies across the country by taking the ACT. It's a complete package of services to help you get ready for life beyond high school.

How to prepare for the ACT

Take challenging courses
Study hard

Go to **actstudent.org** for free resources:

- Practice questions
- · Testing tips for each subject
- Preparing for the ACT, downloadable test prep booklet

Optional writing test

Since not all colleges and universities require a writing test for admission, ACT offers students the choice to take the writing test—it's optional. Check to see if the schools you are interested in require the ACT with writing by visiting actstudent.org/writing.

More than an admissions exam

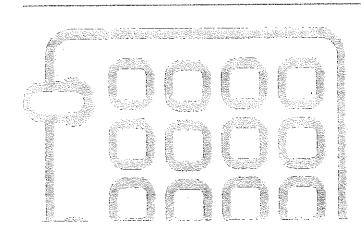
In addition to being a college admissions exam, the ACT includes a profile and education/career planning section to help you plan for life after high school. You will receive personalized career information and develop a comprehensive profile that tells colleges about your work in high school and future plans. You can also see your strengths and weaknesses in the subject areas tested to help direct your future education.

You choose which scores to send

If you take the ACT more than once, you can select which test date results you would like to send to the schools of your choice. Scores are only sent for the test dates you select. When registering for the ACT, you can select up to four colleges to send your scores to for free.



For more information about the ACT and preparation resources visit actstudent.org.





TEST DATES United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico

2023|2024

| Test Dates | Regular Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline | Photo Upload and Standby Deadline |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| September 9, 2023 | August 4 | August 18 | September 1 |
| October 28, 2023 | September 22 | October 6 | October 20 |
| December 9, 2023 | November 3 | November 17 | December 1 |
| February 10, 2024 | January 5 | January 19 | February 2 |
| April 13, 2024 | March 8 | March 22 | April 5 |
| June 8, 2024 | May 3 | May 17 | May 31 |
| July 13, 2024* | June 7 | June 21 | July 5 |
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*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Test Information Release for the 2023-2024 testing year will occur in September, April, and June. See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

www.act.org

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS: GUIDE FOR FRESHMAN APPLICANTS



Getting started

This worksheet is designed to help freshman applicants start the writing process for the personal insight questions in the undergraduate admissions application. Additional hints and suggestions can be found on UC's admissions website at ucal.us/personalquestions.

What are the personal insight questions?

These questions are about getting to know you better — your life experience, interests, ambitions and inspirations. Think of it as your interview with the admissions office. Be open. Be reflective. Find your individual voice and express it.

While this section of the application is just one part we consider when making our admission decision, it helps provide context for the rest of your application.

The basics

- \bullet You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to any 4 of the 8 questions.
- Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.
- Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you: But you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.
- All questions are equal: All questions are given equal consideration in the application review process, which means there is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing certain questions over others.

Freshman questions & brainstorm exercise

The following exercises are suggestions to help you get started. Remember, you don't have to answer all eight questions – you only need to answer four. So if some questions aren't the right fit for you, that's OK. The important thing is expressing who are you, what matters to you and what you want to share with UC.

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

How do you define "leader"? List three words that you think describe what a leader is:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Do any of these words apply to you? How? Is there a time in your life when you displayed any of these traits?

2. 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.

Can you think of a time your viewpoint was unique compared to others? What was the issue or problem from your perspective? Now think of the same situation from the perspective of another person who was there with you. How was your approach different from that other person's?

Was there ever a problem where your imagination and intuition guided you to the solution?

Do you have a passion for music, theater, visual art, dance, etc.? What have you gained from it that has affected other parts of your life?

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

List three of your talents or skills:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Were these talents or skills the same a few years ago? What changed? What improved?

Which one of the three talents or skills you listed is the most meaningful or important to you and why? Does the talent come naturally or have you worked hard to develop this skill or talent?

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS: GUIDE FOR FRESHMAN APPLICANTS



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

Feel free to speak about either an opportunity or a barrier. It's OK if you've experienced one and not the other.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

List any programs or additional classes that have better prepared you for college:

- 1,
- 2.
- 3.

How did you find out about these programs or classes? How did you take what you learned and apply it to your schoolwork or other aspects of your life?

EDUCATIONAL BARRIERS:

Have you faced any barriers or challenges related to school and/or your schoolwork? How did you overcome or strive to overcome them? List three personal characteristics or skills you had to call on to overcome this challenge:

- 1,
- 2.
- 3.

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

Have you had a difficult experience in your life? How did you get through it? What did you learn going through this experience? If you're currently working your way through a challenge, what are you doing now and does that affect different aspects of your life? For example, ask yourself, "How has my life changed at home, at my school, with my friends, or with my family?"

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

Think about all of the classes you've taken at school. Now fill in the blank: I would go to [class name] even if I didn't have to.

It doesn't have to be a class in which you've earned good grades – the important thing is you enjoyed the subject and it impacted you in some way.

(#6 continued)

Maybe there's a course you haven't taken at school that you wish you did take or are looking forward to taking in college. How have you pursued your interest in that subject outside of school?

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

Did you contribute to a positive change at your school or in your community? What steps have you taken to accomplish this? Remember, even small changes can have a big impact. Why were you inspired to act? What did you learn from your effort?

8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

From your point of view, what do you feel makes you an excellent choice for UC? Don't be afraid to brag a little. Here are a few lists to help you get started.

What do you value in your life? What's important to you? List three of them here:

- 1.
- 2,
- 3.

What are you passionate about?

- 1.
- 2.

When you attend UC, what three things are you most looking forward to?

- 1.
- 2.
- 2

Does anything overlap? Is there anything from the lists that you want to expand on?

Next steps

As you filled out the worksheet, were there any topics that seemed particularly interesting? You might consider answering those questions as part of your application. But the choice is yours! Take your time in selecting which questions to answer and how to answer them. For more information, visit our website at ucal.us/personalquestions.



CaliforniaColleges.edu is a one-stop resource to help your child prepare for life after high school.

What is CaliforniaColleges.edu?

CaliforniaColleges.edu is an interactive website designed to help your child plan and prepare for college and career.

When signed in, your child can:

- Complete grade-level appropriate activities designed to guide him or her toward a college and career plan that matches his or her goals and interests.
- Find and favorite (*) careers, colleges, and majors.
- Plan high school courses and monitor progress toward completion of "a-g" course requirements, as well as CSU and UC eligibility. (See back side.)
- Apply to colleges and track submissions.
- Launch the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA).
- Store resumes, college application essays, and other important documents.

When signed in, you can:

- View your child's activity on CaliforniaColleges.edu and monitor your child's progress.
- Learn valuable information to support your child through the career exploration, college and financial aid planning, and application processes.

College, career, and financial aid planning can be complicated, and you probably have a lot of questions. Colliforma Colleges, acts is here to help guide you and your child through the process.

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- Go to California Colleges with.
- Click the lock icon (A) in the top-right corner of your screen.
- Click on Greate an Account in the box titled Parents.
- Enter the required information, including your child's name, date of birth, school district, school, and student ID number.
- For the student ID number, you can enter your child's Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), which is located in your child's transcript, or local ID. If you need help finding your child's ID number, contact your child's counselor.

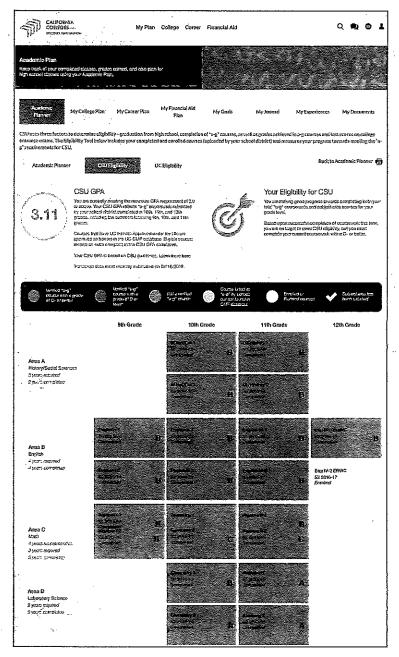
If you or your child have questions about how to sign in to or use California Colleges, edit, contact your child's counselor.

CaliforniaColleges.edu is managed by the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI), which helps school districts make college and career planning a meaningful part of every student's experience.





CaliforniaColleges.edu gives your child the knowledge to create a college and career plan and the tools to launch that plan.



Screenshot of the CSU Eligibility Tool on CaliforniaColleges.edu.

CaliforniaCoileges.edu makes it easy to create and follow an academic plan that will help your child become college and career ready.

- The Academic Planner provides an overview of courses your child has taken and allows your child to plan future courses. Based on your child's goals, he or she may choose to take College Preparatory (P or CP) courses, more advanced Honors (H) courses, or Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, which could qualify for college credit. Many high schools also offer non-"a-g" courses that count toward graduation requirements and may have other benefits to your child.
- The CSU and UC Eligibility Tools help make sure your child is on track to meet the minimum requirements for admission to a California State University (CSU) or a University of California (UC). These tools use course information from your child's school to track the following:
 - Your child's progress toward meeting "a-g" Subject Area requirements. A green checkmark means your child has met the requirement for a specific subject area, such as Math (area "c").
 - Your child's unofficial CSU or UC Grade Point Average (GPA). Your child must earn a C- or better in all "a-g" courses. CSU requires a minimum 2.0 GPA, while UC requires a minimum 3.0 GPA. However, admitted students generally have GPAs that are much higher than the minimum requirement.
 - The target icons (@@) quickly tell whether or not your child is on track to meet eligibility requirements, assuming he or she completes all in-progress courses with a C- or better.

If you have questions about your child's academic progress, which courses your child should take, or how to use the Academic Planner or CSU and UC Eligibility tools, talk to your child's courselor.

Freshman Application Checklist

When you're ready to begin your application to the CSU, be sure you have these items on hand:

| Control Control | Unofficial transcripts (both high school and college transcripts, if applicable) You'll be asked to enter all the courses you've completed on your CSU application; those that are currently in progress; and any you plan to take. Transcripts will be requested by campuses as needed. |
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| | Your Social Security number, if you have one. |
| | Your citizenship status |
| | Credit card or PayPal account Application fees are due at time of submission. |
| | Annual income Your parents' if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent |
| | Educational Program, Work and Extracurricular Participation Information You will need to provide the years you participated in college preparation programs and your average number of hours per week of work and/or participation in extracurricular activities. |
| | Information needed to apply to EOP (if applying) See the Apply to EOP website for information about materials needed to complete the optional EOP application. |
| Commence of the Commence of th | Test scores Optional; if you have taken or plan to take the ACT, SAT, AP, IB exams, you may include the information on the application. Reporting test scores is not required. SAT and ACT scores will not be used for determining who gets admitted into the CSU. If you are accepted, the campus will use official test scores to for placement into mathematics and English courses. |
| | California statewide student ID Optional; every K-12 student in a California public school is |

assigned an ID number. The number should be printed on your transcript.

Financial Aid Info

- Free Financial Aid WorkshopsSchedule and Flyer
- CSAC Webgrants 4 students info
- Cal Grant Program income ceilings
- Student Expense Budget Examples
- Scholarship Resources

\$AVE THE DATE!!!

Financial Aid Information Night (For parents)

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Directly after Cap/Gown Ordering Event

A.B. 469 <u>requires</u> High Schools to Ensure that all 12th grade students submit a FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application!

Apply for Financial Aid by going to: https://studentaid.gov/ to:

- → Complete FAFSA
- → Get your Financial Aid Resources

OR for undocumented students, complete the CA Dream Act Application at:

https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing

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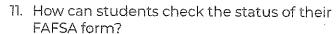
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that allows students to apply for all types of financial aid, including but not limited to federal financial aid, state financial aid, and institutional aid. The FAFSA is one of the most important forms to fill out in regard to a college education and should be completed every academic year. The information supplied is used to assess a student's financial need and gives them access to multiple sources of financial aid to help pay to attend a college, university, or vocational school.

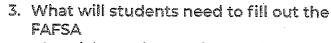
The following are some the most frequently asked questions about the FAFSA:

- 1. Who can apply for the FAFSA?
- 2. What are the deadlines for filling out the FAFSA form?
- 3. What will students need to fill out the FAFSA
- 4. Where can students determine if they are eligible to receive financial aid?
- 5. Who is considered a parent?
- 6. Can a parent and student share the same FSA ID?
- 7. What if the student forgets their FSA ID username and password?

- 8. Will a student need their parents' information?
- 9. How do students correct or update their FAFSA Form?
- 10. Why are 2021 tax and income information required on the 2023–24 FAFSA form?



12. When can students expect to hear from colleges about their financial aid package?



- A social security number or Alien Registration Number if they are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. (May be able to transfer your federal tax return using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool)
- Bank statements and investment records (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- · An FSA ID for electronic signature

A dependent student will need most of the above information from their parents.

1. Who can apply for the FAFSA? Students are eligible to apply for the FAFSA if they meet the following criteria:

- · U.S. Citizen
- · Legal Permanent Resident (Green Card)
- Certain Designations including Refugees or those granted Asylum
- T-Visa Holders

2. What are the deadlines for filling out the FAFSA form?

To be considered for federal student aid for the 2023–24 award year, students can complete a FAFSA® form between Oct. 1, 2022, and 11:59 p.m. Central time (CT) on June 30, 2024. Any FAFSA corrections or updates must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT on Sept. 14, 2024. For state financial aid the priority deadline is March 2nd.

Students attending a CA Community College can apply by September 2nd.





Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

4. Where can students determine if they are eligible to receive financial aid?
Students can find more information <u>here</u> on federal student aid eligibility.

5. Who is considered a parent?

A legal parent includes a biological or adoptive parent, or a person that the state has determined to be a student's parent (for example, when a state allows another person's name to be listed as a parent on a birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, older brothers or sisters, widowed stepparents, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted the student.

6. Can a parent and student share the same FSA ID?

No. Parents and students can not share the same FSA ID (account username and password). Each should use their own FSA ID because it is part of identification and serves as an electronic signature.

7. What if the student forgets their FSA ID username and password?

If students have an FSA ID but do not remember their username, select <u>Forgot</u> <u>Username</u>. If they have an FSA ID but do not remember their password, select <u>Forgot</u> <u>Password</u>.

8. Will a student need their parents' information?

Most students under the age of 24 are dependent and must report parent information. If students answer "Yes" to any of the questions in the dependency status questions, they are considered an independent student on the 2023–24 FAFSA® form, and generally will not need to provide their parents' information.

9. How do students correct or update their FAFSA Form?

Most questions on the FAFSA form want to

know a student's status as of the day the application is signed. However, there are some instances in which students want to (or are required to) change the information reported. Find more information <u>here</u>.

10. Why are 2021 tax and income information required on the 2023–24 FAFSA form?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form always requires the prior two years (or prior-prior) tax information.

11. How can students check the status of their FAFSA form?

To check the status of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, select "Log In" on the online FAFSA home page to log in. Application status can be found on the "My FAFSA" page, which displays after the student logs in and the FAFSA has been started or completed.

12. When can students expect to hear from colleges about their financial aid package?

Students will get a student aid offer after completing the college's application requirements and after the college determines their eligibility. This offer will detail the costs of attending the college for an academic year, as well as any grants, scholarships, work-study funds, or loans they are eligible to receive.

Most colleges send out student aid offers around the same time as admission offer letters. However, the timing varies for each college. Factors (e.g., the date the FAFSA form was submitted and the number of FAFSA forms the college received) can influence when students will get an offer. The college can tell them when they will receive their student aid offer.





California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

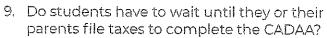


The California Dream Act Application (CADAA) allows undocumented students who meet certain criteria to apply for financial aid. The CADAA is one of the most important forms to fill out in regard to a college education and should be completed every academic year. The information supplied is used to assess a student's financial need and gives them access to multiple sources of financial aid to help pay to attend a college, university, or vocational school.

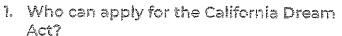
The following are some of the most frequently asked questions about the CADAA:

- 1. Who can apply for the California Dream Act?
- 2. What are the non-resident requirements?
- 3. What will students need to fill out the CADAA?
- 4. How do students apply for financial aid under the California Dream Act?
- 5. Does the student's parents' citizenship status affect their eligibility for financial aid under the California Dream Act?
- 6. Can students fill out the CADAA if they don't have a Social Security number?

- 7. How can students get help with completing the CADAA?
- 8. Are undocumented students eligible for federal student aid?



- 10. How do parents sign the CADAA?
- 11. How are mistakes fixed on the CADAA?
- 12. What's next after completing the CADAA?



- Undocumented Students
- DACA recipients (valid or expired)
- U Visa holders
- Students under Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Students who meet the non-resident exemption

2. What are the non-resident requirements?

AB 540 requires three years of coursework and three years total attendance at California elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. SB 68 expands on the equivalency of high school attendance to include adult schools and Community Colleges.

3. What will students need to fill out the CADAA?

The CADAA opens on October 1st. To maximize your financial aid opportunities, submit your application by the state priority deadline of March 2nd. Students attending a CA Community College can apply by September 2nd.

4. How do students apply for financial aid under the California Dream Act?
The application can be found at <u>CA Dream Act Application</u>.



California Dream Act Application (CADAA)



5. Does the student's parents' citizenship status affect their eligibility for financial aid under the California Dream Act?

No, the parents' citizenship status does not impact eligibility to receive financial aid. The CADAA does not contain any questions asking for this information and their parents' immigration status isn't considered in any financial aid decisions.

- 6. Can students fill out the CADAA if they don't have a Social Security number? Yes. Students are not required to have a Social Security Number to submit the CADAA. However, students will need to meet the non-resident exemption requirements under AB 540/ SB 68 to receive state aid.
- 7. How can students get help with completing the CADAA?

From their high school counselor/advisor or by attending one of the many free Cash for College workshops held every year throughout the state, beginning October 1st. To locate your nearest Cash for College workshop, please visit <u>CSAC - Cash for College</u>.

8. Are undocumented students eligible for federal student aid?

No, undocumented students are not eligible for federal student aid. If they attend an eligible California public or private institution, they will be considered for California state financial aid. Their college or university will determine their financial aid eligibility. Students should submit their CADAA by March 2 to maximize their financial aid options.

9. Do students have to wait until they or their parents file taxes to complete the CADAA?

No, The CADAA uses two years prior tax information. If the student or their parents were not required to file taxes during that year, select "Will not file" on the tax filing question on the application.

10. How do parents sign the CADAA? Parents will sign the CADAA using the self-selected PIN. The PIN is a 4-digit number that can be used each year to electronically sign the CADAA. Parents can apply for the California Dream Act PIN only after the student has completed the online application. To apply for a PIN and to sign the CADAA, parents will navigate to the link that says, "Submit Parent Signature." This PIN should be kept in a safe place as parents will need it to re-sign whenever there is a change to the application.

After submitting an application, students should review the Confirmation Page to identify and fix any errors that need correction. After the initial successful completion of the application, CSAC will send an email with a nine-digit Dream ID number. If students haven't received an email from CSAC, be sure they check their junk/spam folders. Students will use their Dream ID number to create a WebGrants4 Students account to use when talking to their college or CSAC.

12. What's next after completing the CADAA?

After completing the CADAA, CSAC will send application data to all colleges listed on the application. If the student meets financial income and asset eligibility as well as GPA requirements, they will be considered for a Cal Grant and other state financial aid programs. Advise students to check the status of their Cal Grant eligibility using their WebGrants 4 Students.





Delta College Financial Aid Workshops August 2023

Virtual



Scan to register!

Cash for College (Application Assistance)

8/15

8/22

2-3pm

2-3pm

Click to Register Click to Register

In-Person

CA Dream Act 101

8/23

11am-12pm DeRicco 275

Financial Aid 101

8/22 11am-12pm DeRicco 273

Planning Your Paycheck (Budgeting Workshop)

8/31 12:30-1:30pm DeRicco 273 Satisfactory
Academic Progress
and Special
Circumstances

8/24 11am-12pm DeRicco 273

I've Completed My FAFSA or CA Dream Act, What's Next?

8/30 11am-12pm DeRicco 275

Can't attend a workshop?
Click here for our recorded workshops.

Schedule a virtual appointment for FAFSA or CA Dream Act assistance by <u>clicking here</u>.





Delta College Talleres de Ayuda Financiera Escolar Agosto 2023

Virtual



Escanear para registrarse!

Asistencia Para la Solicitud

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<u>Registrarse</u>

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En Persona

CA Dream Act 101

8/23

11am-12pm

DeRicco 275

Ayuda Financiera 101

8/22

11am-12pm

DeRicco 273

Planificación de su Cheque de Pago

8/31

12:30-1:30pm

DeRicco 273

Progreso Académico

Satisfactorio y

Circunstancias

Especiales

8/24

11am-12pm

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¿No puede asistir a una sesión?

<u>Haga clic aquí</u> para nuestras sesiones grabadas.

Haga una cita virtual para asistencia con la solicitud <u>haciendo clic aquí</u>.



Making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians

View *new* WebGrants 4 Students videos and information at

https://www.csac.ca.gov/webgrants-4-students



Find California Student Aid Commission on:





CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION (CSAC)

Student Call Center Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM, Monday through Friday

1-888-CA-Grant (1-888-224-7268)

CSAC Website: https://www.csac.ca.gov

WebGrants 4 Students (WG4S): https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

FOR NEW CAL GRANT APPLICANTS and RENEWING CAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

| 2023 24 CAL GRANT PRO | GRAM INCOME | CEILINGS |
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| | Cal Grant | Cal Grant |
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| Dependent students and | | |
| Independent students with depe | ndents other tha | n a spouse |
| Family size: | | |
| Six or more | \$145,200 | \$79,700 |
| Five | \$134,600 | \$73,900 |
| Four | \$125,600 | \$66,000 |
| Three | \$115,600 | \$59,400 |
| Two | \$112,900 | \$52,700 |
| Independent students | | |
| Single, no dependents | \$46,000 | \$46,000 |
| Married, no other dependents | \$52,700 | \$52,700 |

| 2023 24 CAL GRANT PR | OGRAM ASSET CEILINGS |
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| Dependent students ¹ | \$97,200 |
| Independent students | \$46,200 |

¹ This ceiling also applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

NOTE: Per California Education Code section 69432.7(k), the Cal Grant program income and asset ceilings for new applicants and renewing recipients are to be adjusted annually using the change in the cost of living within the meaning of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 8 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution:

SEC. 8. (e) (1) "Change in the cost of living" for the State, a school district, or a community college district means the percentage change in California per capita personal income from the preceding year.

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION 2023-24 Student Expense Budgets

| ALLOWANCE | WITH PARENTS | ON CAMPUS HOUSING | OFF CAMPUS HOUSING |
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| TUITION AND FEES ¹ | ACTUA | L INSTITUTIONAL CH | ARGES |
| BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ² | \$93 | 8 PER ACADEMIC YE | AR |
| FOOD ³ Per Month: Per Year: | \$ 1,125 / MO \$ 10,125 / YR | ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL | \$ 719/MO \$ 6,471/YR |
| HOUSING ⁴ Per Month: Per Year: | INCLUDED IN ABOVE | CHARGES | \$ 1,440 / MO \$ 12,960 / YR |
| TRANSPORTATION ⁵ Per Month: Per Year: | \$ 179/MO \$ 1,611/YR | \$ 123 / MO \$ 1,107 / YR | \$ 196 / MO \$ 1,764 / YR |
| PERSONAL / MISC ⁶ Per Month: Per Year: | \$ 401/MO \$ 3,609/YR | \$ 319 / MO \$ 2,871 / YR | \$ 492 / MO \$ 4,428 / YR |
| CHILD / DEPENDENT CARE | REASONABLE EXPENSES WITH ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT, DEPENDING UPON AGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN | | |
| LOAN FEES | FOR STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS, ACTUAL OR AVERAGE LOAN ORIGINATION AND INSURANCE | | |
| TOTAL, Excluding Allowances based on actual institutional charges Per Month: Per Year: | \$ 1,809/MO \$ 16,283/YR | \$ 546/MO \$ 4,916/YR | \$ 2,951 / MO \$ 26,561 / YR |

¹ Includes all mandatory fees.

NOTE: The expense budgets shown on this table are based upon average expenses reported by students at the University of California, California State University, California independent institutions, and California Community Colleges in the 2021-22 Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS).

² The breakdown for this category is as follows: books (\$486), educational supplies (\$137), course material fees (\$173), and computer-related expenses (\$142), excluding the costs associated with the purchase of a personal computer.

³ Includes food, snacks, and meals.

⁴ Includes dorm charges, rent, and utilities.

⁵ Includes travel to and from parent's residence and transportation costs to and from classes. (e.g., bus fare, gasoline, tolls, parking.)

⁶ Includes clothing, laundry and dry-cleaning, personal care, gifts, recreation, medical etc.

| Scholarship Name | Eligibility | How and Where to Apply | Deadline |
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| | Build Your College List Practice for the SAT Imrpove your Score Strandthan Your College | PinErth res Scholorebias (5 and 1946) | |
| College Board Scholarships | List | College | Ongoing |
| VEW. Voice of Democraty | High school and middle school students who are | Xouth Coholombian VIII | |
| Vrw: Voice of Democracy | High school and middle | Touth Scholarships - VEVV | October 31, 2023 |
| VFW: Patriot's Pen | school students who are lawful US residents | Youth Scholarships - VFW | October 31, 2023 |
| | Current high school seniors or the | | |
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| | citizens of the United | | |
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| | apply. Applicants do not | | |
| | need to be related to a | | |
| | member of the Elks. | | |
| | Applicants must be citizens of the United | | |
| | States on the date their | | |
| | applications are | | |
| | submitted; permanent | | |
| Eller I adas Most Valuable Student | legal resident status | \$40.00 \ \(\lambda \) \(\lam | |
| EIKS Louge Most valuable Student | does not qualify. | <u>Most Valuable Student</u> | November 13, 2023 |

NOTE: This list of recommended scholarships is regularly updated by MHS Counselors and can be found on the Counseling Website under Financial Aid and Scholarships.

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

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THE NEW, COOL KID

- \$20 billion database of scholarships and aid
- · Lots of local scholarships
- Bundled scholarships One application applies you to multiple opportunities!
- Apply directly on site, with auto-filled forms
- Filter, favorite, or ignore scholarships
- No advertisements
- iOS and Android apps



Chegg Scholarships

THE ALL-ROUNDER

- \$1 billion in scholarships
- Clean interface with basic filters
 & favoriting
- Additional student tools to: Research colleges, Buy/sell textbooks, Find tutors

Fastweb

THE VETERAN

- Founded in 1995
- \$3 billion in scholarships
- Clean interface with basic filters & favoriting
- Internship and part-time job search
- · Android and iOS apps

College Board BigFuture

THE PLANNER

- \$6 billion in scholarships
- College search and planning tools
- Many sweepstakes-style scholarships

Scholarships.com

THE GIANT

- \$19 billion in scholarships
- Social comments section to get advice from peers
- · Quick signup process
- Some advertisements (sponsored content)
- Android and iOS apps



College Website

THE NEW "HOME"

Once you've gotten admitted and/or decided on a college, check out their financial aid page, which often has information on scholarships available to their students.

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