COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID Spring Semester Senior Newsletter Class of 2023

NEED HELP: Appointment Link

FINANCIAL AID



Completing a <u>FAFSA</u> or <u>CADAA</u> application is a State Mandate!

All in for FAFSA/CADAA

What you need to complete your Financial aid application



Net Price Calculator

The Financial Aid Net Price Calculator provides an estimated Financial Aid Award Offer for prospective students. The estimated values produced by this tool are **not** the actual amounts that will be offered in your final Financial Aid Award Offer. All estimated values are **subject to the availability of funding**.

CAL GRANT

Cal Grant GPAs for all seniors were electronically submitted to the California Student Aid Commission.

If you enrolled at one of our campuses after Oct. 1, please contact our office ASAP!

Step One: get your <u>FSA ID</u>! <u>Video: How to create an FSA ID</u>

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) OR

COLLEGE INFORMATION



College Bound Students

CHECK YOUR COLLEGE PORTAL & COLLEGE EMAIL REGULARLY

College Portals are used to communicate items they need from students & Important Dates and Deadlines.

DON'T MISS DEADLINES If you miss a deadline your admittance may be withdrawn

Communicate Changes directly to the Admission Office.

Question:

"If I get a grade below a C and/or drop a class this academic year, will that affect my chances for admission?"

Answer:

It could...The student should inform the admissions office of grades below a C and class schedule changes.

Statement of Intent to register (SIR):

Deadline to submit your statement of intent to Register is **May 1st**. Enrollment deposits are often required.Only SIR to <u>one colleg</u>e. **Waitlisted**: You can accept multiple waitlist offers, however you can only accept one admission offer. See our office if you have more questions.

TRANSCRIPTS:

Request an official final high school transcript from <u>Parchment</u> to be sent to the college you will attend fall 2023.

If you enrolled in Merced College classes, you

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships

Local & MUHSD Scholarship Launch January 3, Closes on February 10th. Create a <u>Going Merry</u> Profile to be eligible for multiple Scholarships

Additional Local Scholarships available **click <u>HERE!</u>





Bloss Scholarship and Fred Fancher Scholarship

Open January 3rd - Due March 2nd

Request your FREE TRANSCRIPTS and

Letters of Recommendation for Scholarships Now! Essay Writing Tips

Stanislaus State Scholarships

Dream Act/CADAA

Application for students without Social Security Numbers.

> Dream Act Help Video Federal Student Aid Help Videos



Cal Grant Deadline:

March 2nd, 2023

Create your Web Grant account

- ➤ <u>mygrantinfo</u>
- Income Ceiling Eligibility
- Cal Grant Award Amounts

Use your state student ID number to see if you qualify and register at

<u>CalKids</u>

Eligible low-income public school students receive a:

- \$500 automatic deposit in a CalKIDS account for eligible low-income public school students
- \$500 additional deposit in a CalKIDS account for eligible students identified as foster youth
- \$500 additional deposit in a CalKIDS account for eligible students identified as homeless

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Community College Apply Information

Merced College Application Steps

Explore MC Degrees and Programs

Priority Registration Date: April TBD

You must have all application steps completed (including meeting with a counselor) before you can register for classes.

YOU MUST submit your<u>financial aid application</u>

must also request an official MC transcript.

UC BOUND STUDENTS

- UC What's Next After you Apply
- Freshman Admit Data
- <u>UC Tuition & Financial Aid</u>
- UC Admission Decision Info
- (AWPE) UC Analytical Writing Placement Examination- for students who have not satisfied the Entry Level Writing Requirement

UC Merced "What's Next Information

Dates and Deadlines

Canceling/withdrawing a UC application

Each campus has specific instructions for applicants who wish to cancel or withdraw their application from further consideration. This only applies to students canceling or withdrawing *prior to when admission decisions are released*. See campus instructions for canceling/withdrawing a UC application.

Pre-admission verification

In late December, a random sampling of applicants was selected to verify information in their application. Applicants were asked to provide documentation verifying one item from sections within the UC application including academic history, honors and awards, extracurricular activities, volunteer work and community service, special program participation, employment or



Save the DateAn invitation will be sent to you
one week prior to awards night.DateSiteTimePlace

to qualify for the <u>tuition waiver</u>

Merced College Scholarships Deadline: March 31st, 2023

COLLEGE & CAREER EXPLORATION INFO

- Career Zone Explore careers
- California Colleges Is the State's official college and career planning program.
- College Scorecard Search and compare colleges and more
- Trade Schools-Trade schools, Colleges, and Universities

information contained in the personal insight responses.

Applicants were provided a list of appropriate documentation within the verification form. Appropriate documentation could include official transcripts, a letter from a counselor or coach on letterhead or a copy of a certificate or award. The deadline to respond is **January 31**. Failure to respond to the request by the deadline will result in withdrawal of the application.

Any students with questions about the verification process can contact the UC Application Center at <u>docs@applyUCsupport.net</u>.

Personal insight question (PIQ) plagiarism check

All personal insight responses were reviewed by an anti-plagiarism software program in early January. Notifications were sent out earlier this month via email to students whose responses require verification of their authenticity. Notified applicants have the opportunity to demonstrate that their PIQ responses are their own work and were provided further instructions on how to do so. Applicants who are unable to provide evidence that the PIQs are their own work or who do not respond in the designated timeframe will have their UC application withdrawn. If an applicant has submitted an appeal, they will receive a final decision regarding their cancellation in early February.

5/02	LHS	6:00 pm	New Gym
5/04	ECHS	6:00 pm	Quad
5/09	AHS	6:00 pm	New Gym
5/11	GVHS	6:00 pm	Theater
5/15	BCHS	6:00 pm	Theater
5/18	мнѕ	6:00 pm	New Gym

Send THANK YOU Notes! It is important to send a thank you note for scholarships you received.

EVENTS/RESOURCES

Hey Student, Find the college for you!



<u>Virtual College Fairs</u> <u>CSU Stanislaus Warrior Welcome</u>

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North (AHS,BCHS & LHS) Ms. Lanz (Counselor) Mrs. Gleason (Technician)

South (ECHS, GV & MHS) <u>Mrs. Ruiz</u> (Counselor) <u>Mrs. Diele</u> (Technician)



> CSU Financial Aid Info

- CSU What's Next After you Apply
- CSU Stanislaus Warrior Welcome

PRIVATE COLLEGES

<u>Ca Private Colleges</u> - Links to 76 Independent California Colleges *Many private colleges use the <u>Common Application</u> *Check Campuses for specific Requirements & Applications.

- Letters of Recommendation
- <u>CSS Profile (Financial Aid form for</u> <u>private colleges)</u>

Application Deadlines Vary!

OUT OF STATE COLLEGES

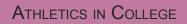
Explore & Apply to over 900 colleges with the <u>Common Application</u>

Include CA and OUT of STATE Colleges: CaliforniaColleges.edu

America's largest regional interstate tuition savings program: Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)



Affordable out of state options! Choose from hundreds of majors at 160 plus schools in 16 states



Planning to participate in athletics at a 4 year university? You must be registered!

Check out these links and register: NCAA and NAIA

