

**MUHSD COLLEGE AND CAREER 101**  
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9 - 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

FINANCIAL AID

PSAT

SCHOLARSHIPS

## First Step for Financial Aid Application

Make sure your [legal name](#) matches your name listed in AERIES to avoid delays with your financial aid.

*Applying for financial aid starts October of senior year!*

Get a headstart and create an FSA ID during your Junior year.

You and one Parent/Guardian will need one  
Be sure to save your username and password!

**Step One: get your FSA ID! Don't delay, do this **NOW**!**

### Video: How to create an FSA ID

Students without a Social Security Number will wait and fill out the CADAA [Dream Act](#) application during their senior year.

[Dream Act Help Video](#)



[Federal Student Aid Help Videos](#)

## 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 Awards are FREE money for students pursuing an undergraduate degree or vocational or career training.

***It is required that schools submit grade point averages (GPAs) for students to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) for Cal Grant consideration.***

You have until January of junior year to **Opt out** of GPA Submission

## Should I take the PSAT?

Many students take the PSAT, not only as preparation for the SAT taken in senior year but also to qualify for the **National Merit Scholarship Competition** during 11th grade.



- Testing requirements have recently changed for many colleges and programs. Make sure to check with your specific college if not UC or CSU.
- Check websites for testing information for **Private and Out of State Schools**
- Some scholarship programs may require the SAT/ACT.
- Military Programs
- UC - University of California [Testing Update](#)
- CSU-Cal State University [Testing Update](#)
- **Fee Waivers Available See Our Office or Counselor!**
- [ACT](#) to register
- [SAT](#) to register

\***Insider Tip:** You can take the SAT as many times as you want and the ACT up to 12 times. However, taking either test more than three times is not likely to help your score without test prep.

Get help with Studying! Check out our free test prep sites:

- [Khan Academy](#)
- [Shmoop](#)
- [Number 2](#)
- [ACT Students](#)

## 4 YEAR COLLEGE INFO

A-G

#### 4 Year College Course Requirements

[MUHSD College & Scholarship Webpage](#)



[goingmerry.com](http://goingmerry.com)

(create your **FREE** account and profile now!  
MUHSD uses this as a host site for most local  
scholarships applied to senior year)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

**Earn \$500-\$40,000!**

*A scholarship or grant is FREE money – you should never have to pay for one.*

## What to watch out for when looking for scholarships:

- Watch out for companies that make generous scholarship promises
- Charge you money to apply for or receive a scholarship,
- Try to get you to send money by claiming you're a finalist in a scholarship contest,
- Request your credit card or bank account number to hold a scholarship or grant for you.
- Be wary of free seminars that turn into high-pressure sales pitches for financial aid information that's readily available for free.
- Reputable companies neither guarantee scholarships nor use aggressive tactics.

Request your  
**FREE TRANSCRIPTS**  
**Letters of Recommendation**  
and complete your  
**Activity Record**  
for Scholarships Now!  
**Essay Writing Tips**

Completed FAFSA or Dream Act + GPA by March 2nd senior year to be eligible.

[Cal Grant Info](#) \*California Student Aid Commission and Cal Grant Information

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### [Community College Information](#)

Check websites to explore opportunities and find out reasons to attend CC.

[Degrees & Programs at all CC](#)



### [K12- Enrollment at MC](#)

You can take Merced College classes NOW!  
Take a look at the [Merced College Equivalent Courses list](#)

for MC classes you can take for high school and college credits.

[Explore MC Degrees and Programs](#)

## ATHLETICS IN COLLEGE

Planning to participate in athletics at a 4 year university?

You must register & Clear the clearinghouse's course requirements.

Check out these links and register:

[NCAA](#) and [NAIA](#)

Create a free NCAA III Profile [Here](#)

*\*If you want to play at or make an official visit to*

\*Must earn C's or better\*



[MUHSD Digital Course Catalog](#) is a great resource to utilize when you are choosing your schedule; filter by A-G, NCAA, etc.

## University of California

[Explore UC](#)

[UC Admission Profiles](#)

[Personal Insight Questions](#)

## California State Universities

[Impacted Majors & Campuses](#)

[Choosing a Campus](#)

## Private Ca Colleges/Universities

Many private colleges use the [Common Application](#)  
Check Campuses for specific Requirements & Applications.

Here are a few you may find:

[Letters of Recommendation](#)

- Essays
- Counselor Report
- [CSS Profile \(Financial Aid form for private colleges\)](#)

## Need Help

## COLLEGE PLANNING

### [College Planning Checklist](#)

## OUT OF STATE COLLEGES

Explore & Apply to over 900 colleges with the [Common Application](#)

Include CA and OUT of STATE Colleges...Plus Career Exploration:

[CaliforniaColleges.edu](#)

America's largest regional interstate tuition savings program:

[Western Undergraduate Exchange \(WUE\)](#)



## EVENTS/RESOURCES

Hey Student,  
Find the college for you!



[Virtual College Fairs](#)

a Division I or II school, you need to [transition to a certification account](#).



## COLLEGE & CAREER EXPLORATION INFO

[Career Zone](#)- Explore careers  
[MyNextMove](#) - Explore careers  
[California Colleges](#)-Match Interest & Skills to college and career opportunities  
[Trade Schools](#)-Trade schools, Colleges, and universities  
[Private Colleges](#)-Links to 76 independent California Colleges  
[Big Future](#)- Explore majors and careers

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

[Questbridge](#)- partnership program with the country's best colleges seeking high-achieving, low-income students  
[OSMOS \(opens Jan 12th\)](#)- fosters students' interests, skills and awareness of educational and career options in STEM fields (look for application in January)  
[LEDA](#)- Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America empowers a young exceptional leaders from under-resourced backgrounds  
[STANFORD \(10th-12th\)](#)- provides students the chance to explore their passions

North (AHS, BCHS & LHS)  
[Appointment Link](#) for students  
[Ms. Lanz](#) (Counselor)  
[Mrs. Gleason](#) (Technician)

South (ECHS, GV & MHS)  
[Appointment Link](#) for students  
[Mrs. Ruiz](#) (Counselor)  
[Mrs. Diele](#) (Technician)

High School Codes	
AHS	050172
BCHS	050181
ECHS	054697
GVHS	051953
LHS	051430
MHS	051963