

# COLLEGE and FINANCIAL AID NIGHT



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

At the district website, **click** on **scholarships** under **academics**

Each page will show last date it was updated. Updates are a work in progress



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Nevada Joint Union High School District website. The address bar shows the URL 'www.njuhsd.com/scholarships/index.html'. The page features a green navigation bar with the following menu items: Home, Our District, Academics, Athletics, Community, Parents, Staff, Measure B, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled 'Scholarships' and includes a welcome message, a list of links for announcements, financial aid, and scholarship packets, and a list of scholarship opportunities for 2019. A sidebar on the left lists various academic resources, with 'Scholarships' highlighted. A green download icon is overlaid on the browser window.

**Scholarships**

You Are Here: Home » Academics » Scholarships

Welcome to the Nevada Joint Union High School District Scholarship Site. Scholarships available on this website are open to any student attending a Nevada Joint Union High School District High School and who meets the scholarship's criteria.

Click on the links to the left for [announcements](#), [information on financial aid](#), new scholarships, and the [district scholarship packet](#). The [district scholarship application](#) is due each year in January. **Keep checking back for important deadlines and information updates.**

**DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FOR 2018-19:**

- GHIDOTTI Early College HS - **JAN. 16, 2019** (Submit App in B3A)
- NEVADA UNION - **JAN. 16, 2019** for students with last name beginning with **A-L**
- NEVADA UNION - **JAN. 17, 2019** for students with last name beginning with **M-Z**
- North Point Academy - **JAN. 17, 2019** (Submit App in B3A)

(NU/GECHS/NPA App Submission Location in my office, in Room B3A located on NUHS Campus, last building just before exiting back onto Ridge Road)

- N.U. TECH - **JAN. 17, 2019** (Submit App to Teacher)
- SILVER SPRINGS - **JAN. 17, 2019** (Submit App to Tami Haas for delivery to D.O.)
- BEAR RIVER - **JAN. 18, 2019** (Submit App in A130 in the Library Conference Room)

**IMPORTANT:**  
This site is constantly being updated due to the vast amount of information that needs updating each school year. If you find a

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## Scholarships

Announcements and Bulletins  
and Resources

District Scholarship Packet

District Scholarship Application

District Scholarships Requiring  
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Individual Scholarship  
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College-Bound Student-Athlete  
Information

Leadership Opportunities and  
Camps for Freshmen through  
Seniors

Power Point Presentations

Changes regularly

“Briefcase” holds all the various lists of scholarships

Single app for over 350 local scholarships (list #2)

Additional forms/essays needed

District letter of recommendation guide

Local to national require own app, various deadlines

Details on military academy or ROTC process/deadlines

Thank you letters are important!!!

Keep awards letters and follow instructions

Information for grants (California, colleges, & Federal)

Information on the NCAA/NAIA process and participating  
colleges

Opportunities for Freshmen through Seniors

Tonight’s Power Point will be here.

# Announcements

## Bulletins & Resources



- District Workshops or Events
- New Scholarships and Contests added to the district application
- New Scholarship and Contests to our area, statewide or nationwide
- Opportunities
  - Leadership Programs and Camps
- College Open Houses and Preview dates
- *Deadlines!!!*

# District Scholarship Packet

*This is the briefcase that holds many lists in one tab*

- District Scholarships – 350+, one app
- Individual Scholarships – own app, varying deadlines
- College/University/Vocational School Scholarships
- Scholarships By Nomination
- Contests and Competitions
- Financial Aid Quick Guide





## Individual Scholarship Apps OUTSIDE the district app (List #3 In the Packet)

- If no Web Link – You will Find Application under “Individual Scholarship Applications and Contest Forms (on Left Hand Menu)– watch for current deadline date (this coming school year’s applications will be added upon receipt)
- Constantly Being Updated when Available

# Local Contests & Competitions

- Rotary Instrumental Music Contest
- Rotary Speech Contest
- Lions Club Speech Contest
- Nevada County Bar Association Law Day Essay Contest
- SESF Tech Test

These are just a few.....

- Award could help pay for college deposits, books, transportation or buying essentials and typically don't look at family income.

# Employment, clubs, equals Scholarships



- **Apply for a Job – Keep a Job**
  - Holiday Market, Raleys, Safeway
  - Local Theaters (140 hours + required)
  - Tutor or do side jobs (lawncare, babysitting)
- **Clubs – Become Active Member**
  - Key Club, Leo Club, CSF, ASB, Interact
- **Volunteer**
  - Sierra Nevada MH or Sutter Faith Hospital
  - Become a PAL for Big Brothers Big Sisters
  - Animal Save or Sammie's Friends



# Additional Scholarship Resources

- Check on the College/University Website (to which you applied) under Financial Aid and Scholarships, *for Opportunities and Required Forms/Due Dates*
- Check With Parents And Grandparents For:
  - Scholarships Associated With Where They Work OR Worked (Even If Deceased)
  - Scholarships Associated With Organizations To Which They Belong (or Belonged)

## Unique Scholarship Information Details for the military

- If parent is currently/was in the military, which may qualify you for military related scholarships.
- If grandparent or great grandparent served in or during a major war.
- If parent is deceased during their serve, there are military scholarships and grants for remaining children.



# Admission and Scholarships

- Apply for admission AND scholarships to the universities and colleges simultaneously.
- **DO NOT WAIT TO BE ACCEPTED!**
- Google the name of the College/University and Alumni Association and Scholarships



# District Scholarship Application



## DEADLINE:

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## SUGGESTION:

YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO TURN YOUR DISTRICT APPLICATION IN.

IF MISSING SOMETHING, IT WILL BE TOO LATE.

THESE DATES ARE HARD DEADLINES. SO ARE ALL SCHOLARSHIPS YOU ARE PURSUING.

UNFORTUNATELY NO EXCEPTIONS.

# Who May Apply?



- Graduating NJUHSD Seniors, Juniors graduating early, or super seniors
- **Wm & Marian Ghidotti Scholarship**– Students who reside in Nevada County (Students with Zip code 95602 may be Eligible), Meet Required GPA, Not just for Ghidotti EC High School Students!!!!
- **If you don't qualify for Ghidotti Scholarship, you may still apply** for the District Scholarships **for which you do qualify**
- **Students Attending Community College qualify** – Don't assume you don't need a scholarship if you are attending a community college/vocational school
- Students With Variety of GPA's (Apply to all for which your GPA qualifies on the District App)

# Required Items For Application

- Checklist
- List of Scholarships One Page(check appropriate scholarships)
- **Page 1: Information page** (Must list college(s) & major choice & sign)
- I have included an additional page for parent circumstances (optional).
- **Page 2: Parent & Student's Confidential Financial Statement.**
- **Page 3: Activities Record - One page in length ONLY!!!** (Requires student's signature)
- **Page 4: Personal statement (ONE PAGE ONLY!** Include name & school top of page)
- **Pages 5-7: Three letters of recommendation** are required. (Replace the guidelines page with the 3 letters) **Each letter must be one page in length, maximum!!!**
- **Pages 8,9: Must include first 2 pages of parents' most recently filed federal tax return (1040) for District Application and Ghidotti.**
- **Page 10: ONLY for Ghidotti Scholarship (Must be Nevada Co. Resident)**
- **Page 11: Official Transcript from your school registrar**

# District Scholarship Application

- Each fillable page is on the website under “District Scholarship Application” Print pages first and write out a rough draft before going to type & print
- Must submit one of each item required (including the Income Tax paperwork)
- Please “white out” the social security #'s
- Must turn in completed application to Kimala DeSena/Scholarship Coordinator by due date
- Fee is \$10 or Waived for Students Eligible for “Free or Reduced Lunch”
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# PAGE 1: Information Page

- May disregard listing the area code for phone numbers if it is (530)
- Must list a private email you use rather than school email in order for donors to contact you after you graduate high school
- Must list a Major
- You May list only one college if:
  - You have already been accepted to and plan on attending a specific college/university
  - You plan on attending a community college



# PAGE 2: Parents' Financial Page

FATHER/ STEPFATHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER/STEPMOTHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' approximate yearly combined (gross) income

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

How many children presently live in your home? (Include any children/dependents attending college) \_\_\_\_\_

Extraordinary expenses such as: Medical, Alimony, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_

How much money has your family saved towards this student's college education? \_\_\_\_\_

**(COLLEGE EXPENSES) NAME OF COLLEGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

- |                               |                 |                                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| • Room & Board                | \$ <u>6,000</u> | Total amount for both semesters |
| • Tuition                     | \$ _____        |                                 |
| • Books & Supplies            | \$ _____        |                                 |
| • Travel                      | \$ _____        |                                 |
| • Medical or Dental (SPECIFY) | \$ _____        |                                 |
| • Other (personal)            | \$ _____        |                                 |
| • <b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>      | \$ _____        |                                 |

How much per year do you expect to be able to contribute? Parent: \$ 3,500 Student:

\$ 1,000

# Cost Comparison Chart

2018/2019	CC	CSU	UC	Private
Tuition/Fees	\$0- \$1,584	\$6,313- \$9,075	\$13,500	\$5,300- \$61,884
Books/Supplies	\$1,715	\$1,898	\$1,500	\$1,620
Meals & Housing	\$4,970- \$15,000	\$4,231- \$16,146	\$9,800- \$14,500	\$8,448- \$15,900
Transportation	\$1,125- \$1,600	\$614- \$1,880	\$1,400- \$2,200	\$1,000- \$5,200
Personal Insurance	\$1,500	\$1,416 \$2,907	\$1,000 \$2,472- \$3,324	\$2,675
Total	\$10,414- \$21,399	\$17,379- \$33,322	\$29,672- \$39,024	\$19,043- \$80,451

# California Community Colleges For the First Year

**FREE**

Governor Brown approved Oct 2017

- ☀️ First year free tuition for first time college students at 114 California Community Colleges  
Have less than 6 college units – classes taken while in high school don't count
- ☀️ No income requirement: Must fill out FAFSA or Dream Act
- ☀️ Must enroll full-time (30 total units in an academic year)
- ☀️ You may still see a balance due in your CC account until the start of the semester



# THREE: Activity Record

- Students, save to desktop & keep adding
- Remember to include Senior Project
- Community Service Activities
- Preferred Form or Method to showcasing your 4 years

ACTIVITIES RECORD													
STUDENT _____					SCHOOL _____				DATE _____				
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES					9	10	11	12	COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES				
ORGANIZATIONS									ORGANIZATIONS				
Produced School Promo Videos, CTE, Breaking Down the Walls, Every 15 Minutes, Bruination									Website Creator/Designer, Church: Youth Group, Mission Trips, VBS Volunteer, SS Co-Teacher Intern, Blood Drive, Club Sport, Coach/Referee, Eagle Scout Projects				
STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP									EMPLOYMENT (DATE EMPLOYED)				
Captain/Co-Captain, Founder/Pres Club, ASB, 1 <sup>st</sup> Chair-Trumpet									Baby/House/Pet Sitting, Landscape Maintenance (lawn care), Working for Parents, Paid Internship				
ATHLETICS									AWARDS, HONORS, & OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS				
Frosh/JV/Varsity, Karate, Disc Golf									Sierra College Courses + Grade, Nev. Co. Fair: 1 <sup>st</sup> Place-Swine/Art/Pie, Club Invitational Tourney & Club Sport MVP, RYLA Delegate, Boy/Girl State Delegate				
CHEERLEADING/CHOIR/BAND, ETC.									STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____				
Drama-Play/Lead Role, Dance-Lead Dancer, Choreographer, Band-Symphony/Jazz/Marching													
AWARDS, HONORS, & OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS													
AP Class/Test Score, FFA-Greenhand/Chapter State Award, MVP/MIP, State Honor Band, Team League/Section Championship													

## ACTIVITIES RECORD

STUDENT John Smith

SCHOOL Your High School name DATE 12/13/13

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	9	10	11	12
<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>				
Leo Club	X	X	X	X
Breaking Down The Walls		X		
BruinNation		X	X	X
FFA	X	X	X	X
Thespians Society			X	X
CSF	X	X	X	X
Debate Team	X	X	X	X
Ultimate Frisbee Club		X	X	X
Every 15 Minutes Videographer			X	X
<b>STUDENT GOVERNMENT/LEADERSHIP</b>				
Drum Major			X	X
ASB President				X
Class Secretary	X		X	
1 <sup>st</sup> Chair – Trumpet (Jazz Band)		X	X	X
Captain – Varsity Soccer			X	X
<b>ATHLETICS/CHEERLEADING/DANCE</b>				
Varsity Soccer	X	X	X	X
Junior Varsity Football	X	X		
Varsity Football			X	X
Advanced Dance		X	X	X
Lead Dancer - Showcase			X	X
Choreographer – Showcase				X
Varsity Swim & Club Swim Teams	X	X	X	X
<b>BAND/CHOIR/DRAMA/ETC.</b>				
Jazz Band	X	X	X	X
Symphonic Band		X	X	
Advanced Drama		X	X	X
Dorothy In "Wizard of Oz"			X	
Select Starlite Express Member		X	X	X
<b>AWARDS/HONORS &amp; OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS</b>				
Won 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place at Ohlone Drama Comp			X	
Published Poet in Anthology Poetry			X	
AP World History Test – Scored "4"		X		
Sierra College Sign Language – "A"				X
CA. State Summer School for the Arts				
Dance			X	
Varsity Football – MVP			X	
Varsity Soccer – League Champions	X			
Miner/Bruin of the Month- History	X			
FFA – State Degree			X	
Parliamentary Procedure – 1st Chico	X			
Ultimate Frisbee - MVP			X	
Debate Team - FL				X

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	9	10	11	12
<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>				
St. Patrick's Altar Boy	X			
LDS Seminary (Before School)	X	X	X	X
LDS Choir Member	X	X	X	X
Calvary Bible Church Member	X	X	X	X
Mexico Mission Trip			X	X
Vacation Bible School Teacher			X	
Boy Scouts	X	X	X	X
Assisted Eagle Scout Projects				
10 projects-360 hours	X	X	X	X
MIM Young Composers	X	X	X	X
SDI – Tap/Ballet/Modern Dance	X	X	X	X
<b>EMPLOYMENT (STATE DURATION)</b>				
McDonalds – Cashier				X
Bear River Math Tutor			X	X
Piano Instructor		X		
Soccer Referee			X	
Child Care Provider	X	X	X	X
House Cleaner		X		
Landscape Maintenance	X	X	X	
Lifeguard –Alta Sierra CC			X	X
Construction Clean-up			X	X
<b>AWARDS/HONORS &amp; OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS</b>				
Nevada County Fair				
Grand Champion Steer			X	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Bird House		X		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Chocolate Cookies	X			
Karaoke Competition Winner			X	
Music in the Mountains				
Young Composers- 1 <sup>st</sup> Place		X		X
Area Rotary Speech Contest – 1 <sup>st</sup>			X	
Club Rotary Music Contest -2 <sup>nd</sup>	X			
Area Rotary Music Contest -1 <sup>st</sup>	X			
District Rotary Music Contest -1 <sup>st</sup>	X			
LDS Young Women's Medallion				X
Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award				X
Girl Scout Gold Award			X	
Jr. High Science Camp Counselor			X	X
Friendship Club – Friends Forever		X		
Sierra Young Writers Contest – 3 <sup>rd</sup>		X		
RYLA/Girl or Boy State Delegate			X	

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

## FOUR: Personal Statement

- Prompt for District Scholarship Application  
VERY Similar to UC Essay Prompt(s)  
combined – UC may be more worldly while  
scholarship application more local – Answer as  
many as are applicable for District App

- May Use Same Statement

- May Single Space for District App

- One Page Statement Only**

- Sacramento News & Review Scholarship Contest  
Submit your College Essay or personal statement

# Personal Statement Prompt

- Describe your educational goals and future plans.
- You may include, as applicable, a description of: a significant challenge you faced and the ways you have responded to overcome it and how it has affected you academically
- Your favorite academic subject and how it has influenced your direction and future goals
- Your greatest talent or skill and how you developed that talent or skill and who or what was your source of inspiration in developing that talent or skill

# Personal Statement

- Write from the Heart, Accentuate Quality Traits, Volunteer Work Experiences
- Have Parents and Others Read Statement
  - Parents May Read Into It
- "Nice Essay" Wrong Response
- "I Didn't Know That About You" Right Response
- Having Read Quality Essays/Statements, I Would also Consider:
- "Captivating Quick Read" Right Response
- "I want More" Right Response



# Personal Statement Suggestions

- Be specific about your future goals and ambitions – not “I want to save the world,” but how you plan on doing it in your field of study
- Don’t dwell on your world or special circumstances but more on your goals and ambitions (major) and how these special circumstances/challenges have influenced these goals
- Consider the donor and how they arrived at the funds for the scholarship

## Five through Seven: Letters of Recommendation



- Provide an overview of your extra-curricular activities
  - Student: Complete the letter of recommendation worksheet, available to download, fill out, and print from district website
  - Give writer at least 3 weeks to write your letter
  - One letter from school staff person, 2 from community (adults, not related to you)
  - May need letters for private college

# Letters of Recommendation

- Consider asking a teacher of the subject you plan to pursue as a major
- Don't shop around-just ask 1 from school
- Plan this request- give them a few weeks to write
- Inform writers to please address Dear Donor
- Ask for 5 originals and permission to copy their letter
- Send them a thank you for helping you



# Letters of Recommendation

- Letter writer should:
  - Address it to Dear Scholarship Donor (or Committee)
  - Stick to the facts – to what they know
  - Be truthful
  - Don't elaborate on their qualifications – it is assumed they are qualified
  - Don't fill the page with fluff
  - Best not to use a form letter of recommendation
    - Accomplished when you ask early and ask the person who knows you well and thinks highly of you



# Special Circumstances

- If you feel you are stuck and don't know how to proceed, or you are a student whose family has unusual circumstances, recommend you speak with the District Scholarship Coordinator or your counselor who will advise you on how to proceed.



# Middle Class Scholarships

- New, transfer and returning undergraduate students to CSU or UC, family income up to \$156,000 may be eligible
- Must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or have AB 540 status; California resident; maintain a 2.0 GPA; meet certain income and other financial aid standards.
- You must complete FAFSA/California Dream Act & submit Cal Grant GPA starting 10/1/18.

## Middle Class Scholarship (cont.)

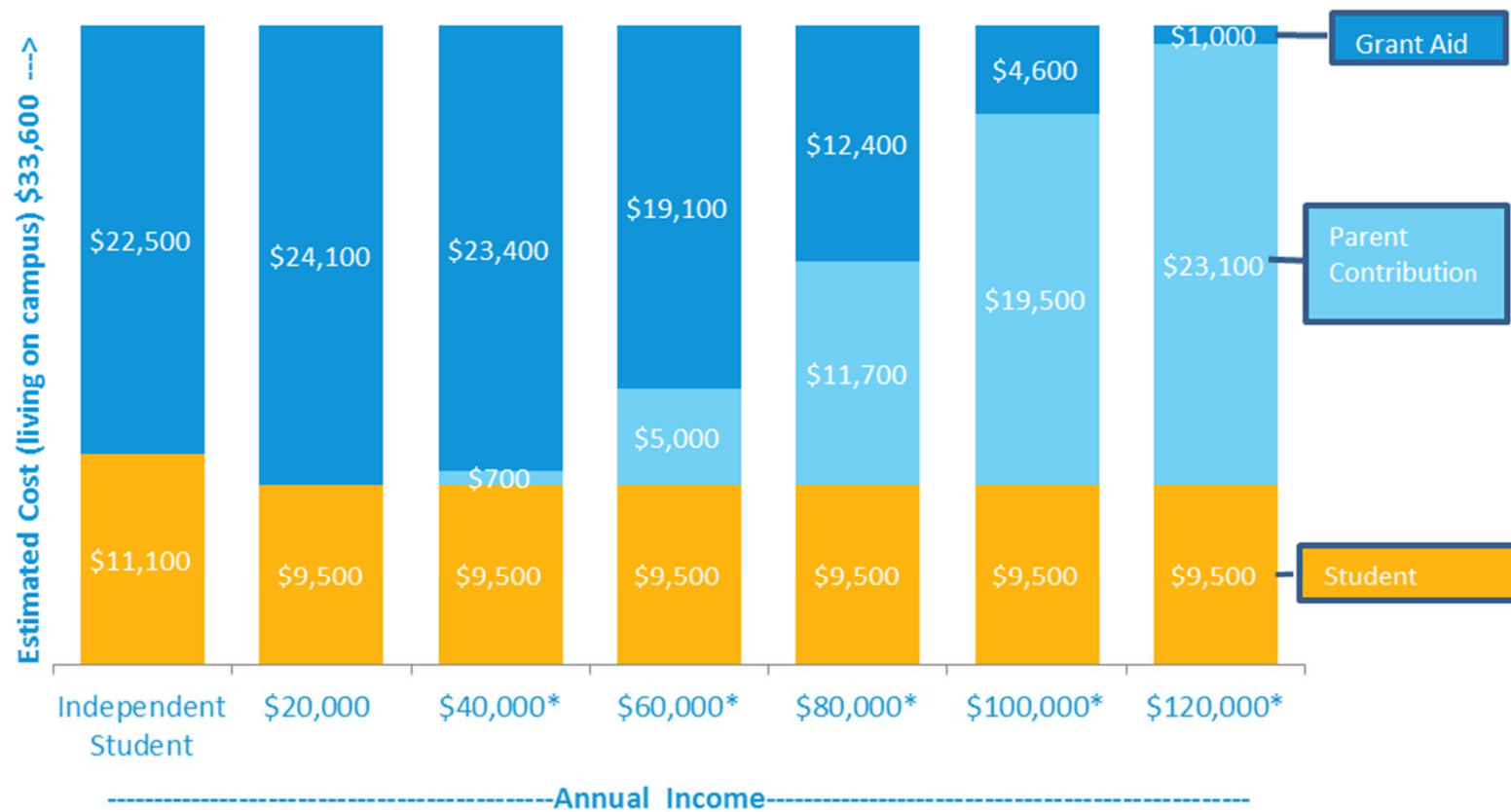
- Program is fully implemented as of 2017-18. The maximum award is 40% of systemwide tuition fees at a UC or CSU
- The MCS award will be reduced by any Pell Grant, Cal Grant, SUG or UC Grant received
- CSAC will notify eligible students of actual scholarship amount

# Blue + Gold

- How does it work?
  - The Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan gives California families who qualify for financial aid the assurance that they won't have to pay UC's systemwide tuition and fees if their total income is less than \$80,000 and they demonstrate sufficient financial need.
  - Qualified students must be in their first four years of attendance for students entering as freshmen (first two for transfer students).
- How do students apply?
  - Students must file a FAFSA or the California Dream Act Application and Cal Grant GPA Verification form by **March 2** of the year they plan to enter UC.
  - No separate application is needed; students will receive benefits automatically if they qualify.



# Sample Financial Plans for UC's



\*Could be eligible for the American Opportunity Tax Credit

# Tips

- Use an Accordion File
- Ask your school registrar
  - 1 Official Transcript
  - 1 Unofficial Transcript
- Save Copies of Every Scholarship for which You Apply
- Letters of Recommendation
- Save online copies and print copy
- Create a spreadsheet w/ deadlines



# More Tips

- **Males** Must **Register** with **Selective Service**
- Prepare for Visit to **Check out College**, **Facebook College**, Prepare ??’s for College, Anticipate Interview
  - Behavioral Interview “Tell me about.....”
- **Prepare Calling Card** for College Visits/Interviews
- Take Business Card of College Contact and Send “Thank You” after College Visit
- Place **Video of Special Talents** on YouTube
- Call to Colleges may Result in Waived App Fee

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Jane Doe

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Grass Valley, CA 95945  
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jdoe@gmail.com



**Honors & Awards:**

AP World History—Scored "5" (2011)  
AP US History—Scored "4" (2012)  
AP Calculus—Scored "5" (2012)  
Girls Sate Delegate (2011)  
Employee of the Month—Springhill Pharmacy (2012)  
Most Valuable Player—Volleyball (2011)  
Most Improved Player—Volleyball (2010)

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Track & Field (2010, 2011, 2012)  
Concert Choir (2011, 2012)  
California Scholarship Federation (2010-2012, President 2012)  
Advanced Dance (2011, 2012)

**Community Service:**

Girl Scouts of America (2009-Present)  
Church Youth Group (2009-Present, Held Various Leadership Positions)

**Employment:**

Sales Associate (Springhill Pharmacy)

**Teacher's Recommendation:**

Jane has excelled in academics throughout her high school career and has prepared herself for a great college experience. Jane has achieved High Honors or Honors in Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, and Writing and received a score of 5 on his Calculus AP exam. Needless to say she is an ideal student.

In addition to being an excellent student, Jane has served her community as member of the Girl Scouts and as an active member of her Church Youth Group. Jane also has a great singing voice and is a member of Chamber Choir, Miner's Chorus and Concert Choir.

As a member of my Physics Honors class, Jane demonstrates a strong work ethic, highly advanced problem solving skills and a calm cool character that has earned her the admiration and respect of her classmates.

Jay Mack /Physics Honors Teacher

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Jane Doe

Transcript Course Summary  
*Nevada Union High School*

**Ninth Grade Courses:**

English A  
Math A  
Science A

**Tenth Grade Courses:**

English A  
Math A  
Science A  
Art A

**Eleventh Grade Courses:**

English A  
Math A  
Science A  
Art A

**Twelfth Grade Courses:**

English A  
Math A  
Science A  
Art A

**SAT Scores: 1300 Essay 8**

**ACT Scores: Composite 32**

## More Tips

- Remember to respond immediately to all requests for follow-up documents/actions (from the college financial aid and admissions offices as well as scholarship donors)
- Find out how the above communicate with students – many rely on student checking email or on-line portals for requests. I have sent invitations to Scholarship Night via email.

# Leadership Opportunities

Varied and Some For 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders:

- Paid Internship (“BofA” Due January 31)
- Navy SEAP Internship (Due Nov 30)
- Variety of Summer Camps Available
- Full Need Based Scholarships Available
- In-State and Out-of-State Opportunities
- Business, Math and Science,  
Geographical Exploration, Global Issue  
Related Opportunities Available

# Leadership Opportunities

FOR JUNIORS ONLY

- Boy State
- Girl State
- RYLA
  - Ask teachers to consider nominating you for the above

# Claiming Scholarships



- Save Scholarship Awards Letters
  - Provide copies of these Awards Letters to Kimala DeSena/District Scholarship Coordinator
- Submit Thank You cards or letters
- Requires Enrollment Verification form or letter from college/university
- May Have to Pay for Tuition in order to Receive Proof of Enrollment
- Detailed information on District Website



# To Do List – Seniors

- Remember to submit a copy of your unofficial estimated financial aid award letter (even if not receiving any awards) on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> to Kimala DeSena.
  - For college to which you plan on attending
  - Include any awards you receive from any scholarships on the district packet NOT just the District Scholarship Application
  - Include scholarships you have received from other sources

# To Do List – Recommended Junior Year

- Take ASVAB Test
  - For direction of a college major or career field
- Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse if you desire to play a sport in college
  - [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- Start Military Academy Application process (if your desire is to attend a Military Academy)
- Download and start filling out Activities Record



## To Do List –

Remember: Print off lists in the packet and Highlight Scholarships you Find Available to H.S. & College Students.

Don't forget to track deadlines.

Check on Scholarships that may have Different (Limited) Indicators in Title:

i.e. Women in Mining – is Open to Men and Women pursuing engineering, geology, mining or environ. studies.

## Additional Resources...

- Complete a scholarship profile and check out colleges
  - [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)
  - [Collegeboard.com](http://Collegeboard.com)
  - [Meritaid.com](http://Meritaid.com)
  - [ScholarshipExperts.com](http://ScholarshipExperts.com)

# Kimala DeSena

## District Scholarship Coordinator

### Contact Information



- **1<sup>st</sup> Semester**
- NPA–Tuesday 9:30am–10:30am
- SSHA Wednesday, 1/2 Period
- NU Tech – Wednesday 3/4 Period
- BR-Wednesday lunch thru Bruin
- NU -Thursday 8am-1:30pm
- GECHS –Friday Sr. Phoenix
- Phone: (530)273-3351 ext 224
- Email: [kdesena@njuhsd.com](mailto:kdesena@njuhsd.com)
- Website: <http://njuhsd.com>

# Financial Aid – Grants

- Determining Need for Aid
- Understanding Process
- Resources
- Applying For Aid

# Cost of Attendance (COA)

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Standard Costs	Optional Costs
Tuition and fees	Student loan fees
Room and board	Study-abroad
Books and Supplies	Disability-related services
Transportation	Employment expenses for co-op study
Miscellaneous personal expenses	Child or dependent care

**Note:** Costs vary from institution to institution

# Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- EFC is the measure of a family's financial strength
- EFC is used to determine the student and parent ability to contribute towards the student's cost of education
- Need analysis is the consistent formula used in determining a family's EFC





# Net-Cost

**Cost for first  
year of college**

**-**

**GRANTS &  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

**=**

**Net Cost**

Options to pay net costs:

- Work-Study
- Federal Student Loans

Other options:

- Family contributions
- Payment plan offered by college
- Parent PLUS loan
- Military or other Service benefits
- Private education loans

# Financial Aid

- To be considered, submit the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)))
- **Cal Grant GPA** (schools upload this)
- **CSS Profile** (College Scholarship Service)(for some private or out-of-state colleges) Has a legitimate \$25 filing fee
  - May be required in addition to the FAFSA
  - Available online @ <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/> and click on the appropriate filing year - seniors (College - **Fall 2018/Spring 2019**)

# Calculating Eligibility

## *Need-Based Aid—2018-2019 Federal Programs*

Program	Award Amount	Notes
Pell Grant	Up to \$6,095	Lifetime Eligibility 600% (max)
FSEOG (grant)	\$100 to \$4,000	Priority to Pell eligible students
TEACH Grant	Up to \$3,728 (\$4,000) – (2015-16)	Requires service contract otherwise converts to unsubsidized loan
Iraq & Afghanistan Service Grant	Up to \$5,382 (2015-16)	equal to Pell Grant – not to exceed the COA
Work Study	Varies by school	On and off-campus employment
Perkins Loan	Up to \$5,500 (UG)/ \$8000 (Grad)	0% while at least ½ time & for 9 mos. after, then 5% fixed rate student loan
Subsidized Direct Loan	Up to \$5,500 (undergrad level)	Temporary elimination of interest subsidy during grace period; no loan fee rebate

# Calculating Eligibility

## *Need-Based Aid-2018-2019 California Programs*

California Programs	Award Amount
Cal Grant A and B (new student tuition/fees)	Up to \$5,742/\$12,630 (Public); \$9,084 (Independents); \$4,000 (For Profit)
Cal Grant B Access Award	\$1,672 (at all schools);
Cal Grant C	Up to \$2,462 (non CCC) \$1,094 (at CCC)
Chafee Grant	Up to \$5000
UC Student Aid	\$100 or more
State University Grant	Covers full system-wide fees
Child Development Grant	\$1,000 (CCC) or \$2000 (4 yr)
Law Enforcement & Personnel Dependents Grant	Up to \$12,192 (for up to four years)
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship	Discontinued (federal program)
CCC Board of Governors Fee Waiver	Covers all Enrollment Fees

# Cal Grant Requirements

- Cal Grant A – 3.0 GPA and Higher (entitlement grant)
  - Low to middle-income for the family
  - This college year it covers tuition and fees up to **\$5,742** at a CSU and up to **\$12,630** at a UC, for 2018-19 up to: \$9,084 at an independent institutions/\$4,000 at a private for-profit institution). Must be working toward AA or BA degree
- Cal Grant B – 2.0 GPA and Higher (entitlement or competitive grant)
  - Greater financial need
  - May be attending a CSU, UC, Private California College, or CC working towards an AA, BA/BS or Certificate Program
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year award=**\$1,672**; Subsequent years \$1,672 plus a tuition & fee award beyond your 1<sup>st</sup> year in the same amount as Cal A

# Cal Grants

- Cal Grant C – No GPA Requirement (must submit GPA)
  - Low to middle-income family
  - Eligibility for program of 4 to 24 months in duration
    - California Community College, Private College or career technical school –working on AA or Certificate Program
  - May be used for tuition, fees, books, and training supplies
  - Covers **\$1,094 for Books, tools and equipment**
  - May cover additional **up to \$2,462** at a Private College (Community Colleges waive fees for Cal Grant recipients)
  - Funding is available for up to two years, depending on the length of your program.
  - Competitive award-limited number awarded

# Cal Grants

- California State Budget Passed the Summer of 2012
  - Determined some Private For Profit California Colleges Ineligible for Cal Grants
  - Eligibility Based Upon Graduation Rate & Student Loan Repayment Rate
  - Web Link to Eligible/Ineligible Colleges Available at District Website under Financial Aid

# California Dream Act

- **AB 540** eligible students attending college in California may apply for and receive student financial aid from both publicly (including Cal Grants) and privately funded sources.
- Students may complete the Dream Act Application online for 2018-2019 assistance at <http://www.caldreamact.org> **in lieu of the FAFSA.**
- Student's GPA must still be submitted (without a social security number) from their high school.



# California Dream Act (cont.)

- Used to determine eligibility for state and institutional need based scholarships and grants
  - Must have attended a High School in California for 3 or more years
  - Must have (or will) graduate from a California High School or attained the Equivalent (GED and CA HS proficiency exam also qualify), and
  - File an AB540 Affidavit (CA Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request Form) with the College or University
- Some campuses may also have a separate institutional scholarship application that must be filed in addition to the DREAM and FAFSA applications
- The Admission application fee waiver is also available to students without lawful immigration status, who will qualify for an AB540 nonresident tuition exemption & meet the income guidelines

# EOP Grant (\$100-\$1,000)

The EOP Grant is a state grant ONLY

- Focuses on **first-generation, historically low-income students who demonstrate potential for success** and are motivated to achieve their educational goals.

All EOP students are assigned to counselors who provide academic and personal support including academic advising, learning assistance and tutoring, financial aid information, career information, housing information, and personal counseling.

- **What are the qualifications?**

- Apply first for admission to California State University as a first-time applicant to the CSU system.
- Be a California resident.
- Be an undergraduate student from a family with a history of low-income. Demonstrate potential for success and be motivated to achieve his or her educational goals.
- If a student's grades, test scores, and high school coursework do not meet the minimum requirements, special admission to the university may be offered by EOP. EOP also admits regularly admissible students with economic and educational support needs.

- **How do I apply?**

- To apply for admission through EOP you must submit an EOP application in addition to the CSU Undergraduate Admission Application. Available at all CSU's except Cal Maritime
- Plus EOP Applicant Information Form, EOP Nomination Form, EOP Autobiographical Statement, and EOP Recommendation Form
- Deadline dates will vary, please contact the EOP office for deadline dates.

# CHAFEE Grant

## (\$5,000 not to exceed COA)

- For Foster Youth for college or career (technical) training
- Pays for child care, transportation and rent while you're in school.
- Use Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states.
- Must be a current or former foster youth under age 22 as of July 1 of the award year. Must have court established dependency when you were between ages of 16 and 18. (KinGap youth, adopted youth, guardian placement, and voluntary placement may not be eligible for the Chafee Grant, unless court dependence was established, at any time, between the ages of 16 and 18). The California Department of Social Services will verify your foster youth eligibility status.
- Available online @ <https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/default.aspx>

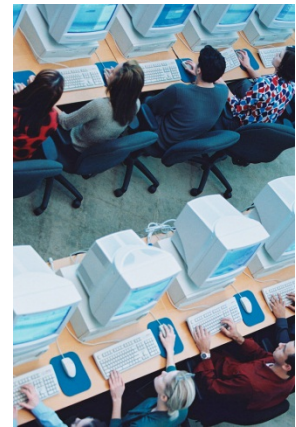
# Financial Aid

- FAFSA (10/1/17-3/2/18)
  - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - Obtain FSA I.D.
- CAL GRANT a (uses 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades and family income & assets value determined by FAFSA)

# FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Use FOTW for faster processing

- Built-in edits prevent costly errors and delays
- Smart logic allows student and/or parent to avoid unnecessary questions
- Transfer data using the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) data retrieval tool



# FAFSA – Information Required

- Social Security Number
  - No Social Security # for Parents' – Use 000-00-0000
- Driver's License
- W-2 Forms for Previous Year & Other Records of Any Money Earned
- Any Untaxed Income Records for Previous year (i.e. payments to tax-deferred pension & savings plans, tax exempt interest, and child support received).

## FAFSA – Information Required

- Records of taxable earnings from federal work-study or other need-based work programs
- Records of grants, scholarships, and fellowship aid that were included in your or your parents' adjusted gross income
- Any current business & investment mortgage information, business & farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
- Documentation that you are a U.S. permanent resident or eligible non-citizen, if applicable

# Financial Information Required

- Savings and Checking Balances
- Information from Tax Forms
- Use income records for the tax year prior-prior to the *academic year* for which you are applying: (i.e. if you are filling out 2018–19 FAFSA, you need 2016 tax information.
- If you haven't done your taxes when you fill out FAFSA, it's okay to estimate the amounts (Suggest you base estimates on 2015 tax return). After you file your taxes, you'll need to log back in to FAFSA and correct any wrong estimated information.



# FAFSA and Income Tax

- If you have done your taxes, be sure to consider the option in *FAFSA on the Web* to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. You may be able to use the tool if you filed your taxes electronically at least three weeks ago or if you filed on paper at least eight weeks ago.
  - The IRS Data Retrieval Tool takes you to the IRS website, where you'll need to log in by providing your name and other information exactly as you provided it on your tax return.
  - At the IRS site, you can preview your information to make sure it looks correct before agreeing to have it transferred to your FAFSA.
  - When you return to the FAFSA, you'll see that questions that are populated with tax information will be marked with "Transferred from the IRS." Don't make any changes to those answers (except where Individual Retirement Account or pension rollovers are involved), or you'll invalidate the information you retrieved.

# Avoid Common FAFSA Errors

- **Leaving Fields Blank.** Too many blanks may cause miscalculations and app rejection. Enter a "0" or "not applicable"
- **Forgetting to Round.** Always round to nearest dollar. Do not use commas or decimal points in numeric fields
- **Entering Wrong Personal Info.** Your SS# and Drivers License # **MUST** be correct
- **Using Wrong Name.** Use your legal name on SS Card
- **Entering Wrong Address.** Use only permanent address
- **Entering Wrong Federal Income Tax Amount.** The correct amount is on your income tax return, not your W-2 form
- **Real Estate and Investment Net Worth**
- **Incorrectly Listing the Parents' Marital Status.** If your custodial parent has remarried, you will need the stepparent's information as well

# Avoid Common FAFSA Errors

- **Failing to Report Unborn Children.** If you have a child that will be born before or during the award year, and you will provide the child with more than half of her support, count that child as a member of the household.
- **Forgetting to Count Yourself as a Member of the Household.** The student must count him/herself.
- **Failing to Register with the Selective Service.** Males 18-26 years of age, must register.
- **Forgetting to List the College.** Obtain the Federal School Code for the college you plan to attend and list it, along with any other schools you have applied to. **List a California school in the top 3.**
- **Forgetting to Sign and Date the FAFSA.** Sign paper copies OR use your FSA I.D. for electronic signature.
- **Sending a Copy of Your Income Tax Return.** This is not necessary and any information sent along with the FAFSA will be destroyed. In addition, do not write any notes in the margins of your FAFSA.

# Special Circumstances

- If a student and family has unusual circumstances, recommend they contact the financial aid office at the college they plan to attend; the office will advise them on how to proceed.



# Special Circumstances

- Cannot be reported on the FAFSA
- Contact the financial aid office for procedures. Procedures vary
- School's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the Department of Education



# Special Circumstances- Examples:

- Change in employment status
  - Dislocated workers/Loss of employment
- Change in parent marital status
- Medical expenses not covered by insurance
  - Elder care expenses
- Unusual dependent care expenses

# Special Circumstance Examples:

What if...student related changes

- Student cannot obtain parent information
- Homeless individuals

# Professional Judgment and Dependency Status

The Financial Aid Office has authority to make a dependent student independent *if* unusual circumstances exist:

- An abusive family environment
- Abandonment by parents
- Inability to locate parents