

Senior Newsletter

Ponderosa High School Class of 2021



Will you be attending Sierra College in the Fall 2021?

- * Complete the **application** [Sierra College Application](#) beginning **NOW!**
- * Complete the online Career & Academic Planning (CAP) module thru your MySierra account once you have received your MySierra user name and password.
- * Call for a virtual **counseling appointment** in Feb to see a counselor in March/April.
- * Incoming freshman **register** for classes beginning in April 2021.
- * RSVP for the **Spring Sierra College Information nights** (link is below):

https://cccconfer.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5e4MDkxDQG28LLT1HsZVvQ

* Many scholarships go unapplied for every year. There is a lot of local money to be awarded to YOU. Come see me in the CCC if you need any help with the scholarship process. Last year our PHS seniors were awarded over \$120,000 in local scholarships. *

Folsom Lake College/Los Rios Community College District

If you are planning on attending Folsom Lake College or any of the Los Rios Community Colleges, you **MUST** complete an online application for Fall 2021.

The Fall application is open NOW.

If you need help applying to FLC, picking out your classes or registering for classes, stop by the CCC and see Mrs. Escobar.

<https://flc.losrios.edu/admissions/get-started-and-apply>



Scholarship Information

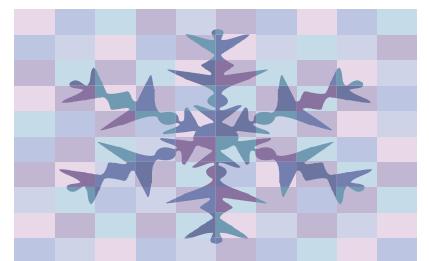
* Local scholarships are being offered through the community website

<https://scholarships.edcoe.org/>

- Register for an account & complete the Student Profile on -line (this is the general application). Not every scholarship will use the Student Profile as their application so pay attention to each scholarships specific requirements.
- Watch the video tutorials posted at the bottom of the scholarship homepage to make sure you do not miss any steps!
- Some scholarships are due prior to March 1—watch the deadlines!



Begin applying online for Sierra College Fall 2021	NOW
Apply online for all Los Rios Community Colleges Summer/Fall 2021 Application	NOW
File a FAFSA application fafsa.ed.gov	Oct. 1-Mar. 2
Military Recruiters available	Ongoing
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	Jan. 18
Lincoln Holiday	Feb 12
President's Holiday	Feb 15
ASVAB	Feb 22
Most Local Scholarships Due	Mar. 1



Check Out Some of the Scholarships Due Before March 1st:

January

- * Equality Scholarship (scholarships.edcoe.org)
- * Intel Scholarship (their website)

February

- * El Dorado High School Alumni Association (scholarships.edcoe.org)
- * Schwab-Rosenhouse Scholarship (scholarships.edcoe.org)
- * P.E.O. Chapter XA Rachel Champion Scholarship (scholarships.edcoe.org)
- * PG&E's Employee Resource Groups Scholarships (their website)

March (Most local scholarships are due March 1, 2021!)

- * Local Scholarship Applications with the March 1st deadline must be submitted online or post-marked by March 1st— pay special attention to the submission instructions for each scholarship you are applying for.

***Need help on scholarships?
Come to the College & Career Center***

Letters of Recommendation

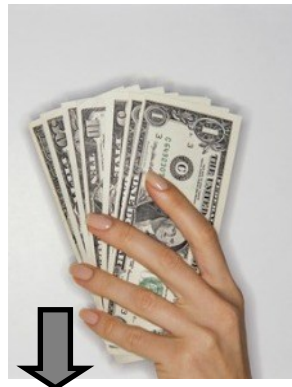
REMINDER: Do not wait until the last minute to request a letter of recommendation. When you ask someone to write a letter, give them your resume or a personal data form and allow 3 weeks to complete. Follow up with a written thank you note!

Letters of recommendation are often difficult to write and require a great deal of time, please show your appreciation!



Semester Class Changes

If you have applied to any competitive four-year colleges and have made significant changes to your class schedule for the spring semester, you should notify the college(s) as soon as possible to determine if it will affect your chances of admission.



**Get
Money
for
College!**



Not sure what career to pursue after graduation?

Take the **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on **February 22nd 1-4pm**.

Scores may be used for military entrance—or not if you choose not to!

Sign up with Mrs. Escobar in the CCC.

Federal Student Aid FAFSA

Seniors can submit the FAFSA beginning October 1, 2020 for the 2021-22 school year. The FAFSA enables students to start the financial aid process and tap into the many federal and state resources that make college affordable. These resources include student grants, work-study, and loans.

The FAFSA will use the 2019 tax return for the 2021-22 school year. Students need this tax information to answer many of the questions. At the same time, you'll learn the preliminary estimate of the amount your family is expected to contribute to your education. It is known as the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and helps to determine any aid awards you might receive.

www.fafsa.ed.gov