



November 2019 Important Dates:

CALocalScholarships.org website opened—create your profile	NOW
California State University Applications Due	Oct 1-Nov 30
Folsom Lake College Application opens for Fall 2020	Oct. 1
University of California Applications Due	Nov 1-30
ASVAB Testing at PHS 1-4 p.m.	Nov. 4
Cash for College Workshop	Nov 13
Thanksgiving holiday	Nov 25-29
ASVAB Interpretation 12-1 p.m.	Nov. 21
SAT Tests (Register online by Nov 8) at www.collegeboard.com	Dec. 7
ACT Test (Register online before Nov 8 at www.actstudent.org)	Dec 14
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov)	Oct 1–Mar 2

Important Websites:

For on-line FAFSA
www.fafsa.ed.gov

For info on California
Dream Act and Cal Grants/
Cal Grant GPA Verification
www.csac.ca.gov, and

For general info on how to
“Fund Your Future”
www.fundyourfuture.ca



Senior Newsletter

Ponderosa Class of 2020

November 1st is the first day you can submit your **University of California** College Applications! Be sure to submit early and don't wait until the November 30th deadline!

What's Next?

College bound students...there's no time to waste, file those applications on time!! You may need help in narrowing your choices; investigate all of your options.

Step 1: Identify your priorities. Know what is important to you and consider the following when making your choices: Curriculum—does the school offer the majors/courses you want? Admission requirements—what are your chances of being accepted?

Step 2: Narrow the list of potential colleges. Compare the likes and dislikes of each school on your list. Rank your schools by preference and then obtain all required forms and deadlines for admissions.

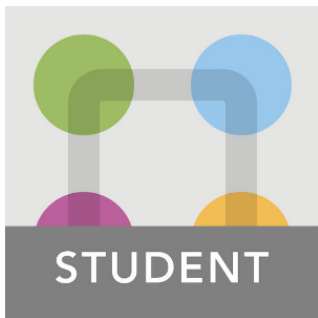
Step 3: Visit the schools. Campus visits give you a close-up look and the chance to actually get the feel for the college before making a commitment. Plan your visits carefully and do some prep work before the actual visit. Stop by the College & Career Center and pick up a list of questions to ask while on a college visit. Stop and reflect on final thoughts before leaving a campus. Can you imagine attending this college? If you can't get to a campus now, sign up for online college fairs at CollegeWeekLive.com.

If you're applying to Community College, see the Community College section on the reverse.

If you're not applying to college, see "Options for Your Next Step" on the reverse.

Once your college applications are complete, determine if you have sent your SAT and/or ACT scores. If you have applied to more than one CSU, and need to send SAT scores, use **CSUMentor Code 3594**—which sends it to all 23 campuses for the price of 1.

If you are applying to more than one UC, send your scores to your first choice UC campus and then all campuses will “share” the information.



We now have a tool to keep you “in the loop” with all information.

You have heard of “ParentSquare” and now we have “StudentSquare”.

Why do you need this? Do you want to receive news from ASB, Leadership and the College & Career Center? They will no longer be sending out text notifications via Remind 101, so check your school email ASAP for an email inviting you to join StudentSquare.



"IT TAKES TWO"

1. **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) OR California Dream Act (for qualified AB 540 students) and
2. **Cal Grant GPA Verification** form (automatically submitted for you by PHS).

Basic Steps to Apply for Aid:

- ☐ Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible but at the latest by the March 2nd deadline.
- ☐ Submit any required documents your college may request.
- ☐ Review your financial aid award offers **AND** accept or decline your award offers.

WebGrants for Students

Once you have submitted your FAFSA, log on-line to the **WebGrants for Students** and create an account at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>. This secure site will let you view the status of your Cal Grant or Chafee application, update your address, view payment history or change your school.



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY.....

Create your User Profile on the **CALocalScholarships.org** website!

Local scholarships should all be updated by Thanksgiving break.

Most local scholarships due 3/2/20.
Apply online at:

www.CaLocalScholarships.org



FAFSA Application Workshop

11/13/19

6pm in the PHS Library

You **MUST** sign up with Mrs. Escobar in the CCC if you would like to participate.

TIP: Look at your email address. Is it appropriate for corresponding with colleges, lenders, employers and others? If not, consider getting one that is more professional!

Applying to Community College:

- ♦ Start researching which campus and program you want to apply to.
- ♦ Research the different certificate and degree programs each campus offers, as well as the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) Program and the IGETC Certificate
- ♦ Familiarize yourself with the enrollment process for the Los Rios Community College District:
 1. Apply
 2. Orientation
 3. Counseling
 4. Register for classes
- ♦ The application is available October 1, 2019 for the Fall term.

OPTIONS FOR YOUR NEXT STEP

If college isn't your next step after high school, what ARE your plans for YOUR future?

1. Consider a technical school or Vocational program

Technical and vocational schools are a place for students who want to train for a specific career in just a few years. These programs help prepare students and adults for high skill, high demand careers by providing a dynamic learning experience resulting in mastery of career technical and academic knowledge and skills.



2. Consider enlisting in the military

Our military recruiters are on campus the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month and are usually set up in the quad.

The More You Learn, The More You Earn.

Studies show that more education/training leads to bigger paychecks.

SOBER GRAD NIGHT



Sober Grad Night is an all-night after-graduation party at Scandia in Fairfield. Ponderosa High School graduates have exclusive and unlimited use of everything Scandia has to offer and more! Sign-ups for Sober Grad Night will begin this month through their website. Help support Sober Grad Night by checking their calendar for Dine Out events.

<http://www.phssobergradnight.org/>