

*** Senior To Do's Before Spring Semester ***

TASK: Complete your FAFSA or CADAA

WHERE: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> or <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>

APPLIES TO: ALL students planning to attend: Community College, University, or Trade School

EXPLANATION: The FAFSA or CADAA grants you money to use for college expenses. The FAFSA/CADAA also gives you TWO FREE YEARS OF TUITION at local Community Colleges.

DEADLINE: **March 2, 2022 - Don't wait until March!**

TASK: Create your WebGrants Account

WHERE: <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>

APPLIES TO: ALL students planning to attend: Community College, University, or Trade School

EXPLANATION: WebGrants is an account you create **only after** completing the FAFSA or CADAA. This account helps you keep track of and accept financial aid you will receive from the state of California.

DEADLINE: **March 2, 2022.** *Students should create an account 2-3 weeks after submitting their FAFSA or CADAA. An account must be created by March 2, 2022.*

TASK: Apply for Local Scholarships

WHERE: scholarships.edcoe.org

APPLIES TO: ALL students planning to attend: Community College, University, or Trade School

EXPLANATION: scholarships.edcoe.org offers over 200 scholarships that are available only to seniors in El Dorado County. These scholarships can be used for in-state or out-of-state schools. Last year's PHS seniors won over \$150,000.

DEADLINE: **Deadlines vary by scholarship and are listed on the website.**

TASK: College Accounts/Student Portals

WHERE: Through your colleges websites (check your email for more information)

APPLIES TO: Students who have submitted college applications.

EXPLANATION: If you submitted a college application this fall, you should have received a confirmation email as well as an email with instructions on how to create a student portal or student account for each specific college. Be sure you are creating those accounts to keep track of:

- Your application status
- Your Financial Aid Status
- Required documents. Some colleges may ask you to upload an unofficial transcript or additional forms needed before determining your acceptance.

Also be sure to stay on top of checking your email and responding to inquiries from the colleges you have applied to.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Escobar in the College & Career Center cescobar@eduhsd.k12.ca.us.