

Local Scholarships

- Due date is primarily March 1st
- Awarded over \$60,000 in 2016
- Applications available online at : www.CaLocalScholarships.org
- Preview 'scholarship packets' in the Career Center.

Financial Aid deadline is March 2nd

Financial Aid consists of two forms:

1. *FAFSA*: the form for Federal Aid. It is filed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
2. *Cal Grant*: we uploaded your GPA in December. Your Cal Grant GPA is your academic, un-weighted, 10th and 11th grade GPA. **Make sure that your FAFSA is linked to your Cal Grant by March 2nd!**

Four Year Colleges:

- Remember to be checking your schools' 'portal' for information.
- Most colleges will inform you of your acceptance around March 1st with the UC's checking in around the 15th.
- Most colleges require you to make a commitment and return your 'intent to register' by May 1st.

Cal Grant:

Monitor your Cal Grant award by logging onto www.webgrants4students.org and creating an account. Once you have logged in you will select 'cal grant' and then 'view application status'.

CSU Placement Exams

Headed to a state college in the fall? The CSU requires you to take the *English Placement Test (EPT)* and the *Entry Level Mathematics Test (ELM)* prior to enrollment in the CSU - unless you are exempt by means of scores earned through the CSU's Early Assessment Program (EAP) tests in English and Mathematics taken in Junior year, the SAT, or the ACT. The EPT and the ELM are not admission tests - they will not affect your admission to any CSU campus. They simply help determine which courses best pair up with your level of performance in math and English.

If you are required to take the EPT and the ELM but fail to do so, you will not be allowed to register for General Education courses at the CSU. If you do not perform well on the tests, you will be placed in an Early Start program during the summer and also in the appropriate remedial coursework during your first term of enrollment. Most campuses require students enrolling in the fall of 2017 to complete the tests by **May 6, 2017**. You may take the tests at the campus where you will enroll or at Sacramento State, whichever is easier.

■ **Don't know if you are exempt?** You can check on your EAP scores by logging onto http://www.csumathsuccess.org/eap_results
If you have a score of 550 on the SAT reading (22 on ACT), or 570 on SAT Math (23 on ACT), you are also exempt.

■ Cost: \$20.00 fee required for the ELM or EPT (\$40 for both) payable with credit card upon signing up.

■ The EPT (English) is one hour and 45 minutes in length. The test is broken down into one 45-minute essay section and two 30-minute multiple choice sections that will test your reading and comprehension skills. Check out the following website for study help: www.csuenglishsuccess.org.

■ The ELM (Math) test consists of 50 math questions to answer in 90 minutes. The topics covered include numbers and data, algebra and geometry. Check out the following website to study: www.csumathsuccess.org

■ Register online to test at **Sacramento State** at: www.ets.org/csu

TEST DATE	REG DEADLINE	SCORES
2/11/2017	1/27/2017	3/06/2017
3/18/2017	3/03/2017	4/10/2017
4/01/2017	3/17/2017	5/01/2017
5/06/2017*	4/21/2017	5/29/2017

Senior Newsletter

February 2017

Text '@comcollege' to 81010 to receive updates and reminders!

Community College Applications

Priority Registration begins in early May for most community colleges – mid April for Sierra College. **You must complete all steps in the application process in order to obtain a priority registration date.** Without priority registration you may not get into classes in the fall! The four steps to complete the application process include:

- 1) Apply online** – for those of you headed to Folsom Lake, apply online at www.flc.losrios.edu Please include your **Social Security number** on your application so that the college can e-mail you your student ID number.
- 2) Orientation**- online orientation will take about 20 minutes. The link for orientation can be accessed by selecting "orientation" from the 'quick links' menu on the FLC home page (upper right).
- 3) Assessment** – Remember, assessment tests are for placement only, not for admission. Assessment tests take about 2 ½ hours and will test you in English and Math - Folsom Lake offers four different math assessment tests – come by the Career Center to pick up a copy of sample problems for each assessment test, or check them out online. **In order to take assessments, you must have obtained a Folsom Lake student ID number by filing an online application. You must also bring a photo ID with you to take assessments.**
- 4) Academic Planning** – the final step is to go to the El Dorado Center (or the main campus – which ever you prefer) for a counseling appointment during March. **RSVP early as appointments book quickly!!** If planning sessions are full, counseling appointments can be made by calling **530-642-5644 (EDC)**.

Completing this process by April 1st will qualify you for Priority 2 registration.

If you are heading to a community college that is not in our local area, check out your school's website and research their assessment and counseling process. You can find all 113 California community colleges on www.cccco.edu.

If you need further help, let me know!

Text '@comcollege' to **81010** to receive updates and reminders via text

OR

email comcollege@mail.remind.com

Folsom Lake College Scholarships:

- Due Date: March 1st
 - EDCOE
 - Patron's Club
 - FL Foundation
 - FL Style Magazine

Applications available on www.CALocalScholarships.org

Field Trip to Folsom Lake College.

We are taking a trip to both the main campus in Folsom, and the El Dorado Center on **Tuesday, February 28**

Permission slips due by 2/24 with FLC ID#

Reserve your spot for Academic Planning:

- Space is limited! We are sharing the time slots with El Dorado and Golden Sierra
- Register online at: <http://www.flc.losrios.edu/student-services/counseling/new-students>

REMEMBER TO APPLY TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE BY THE END OF FEBRUARY.