

## December 2018

**Financial aid** is available for most students! If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you will complete the FAFSA (fafsa.gov). If you are an AB 540 student / Dreamer, you will complete the CA Dream Act application (CalDreamAct.org). **The deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup> but it is recommended that you apply earlier. The application usually takes about 1 hour to complete.**

For U.S. citizens doing the **FAFSA**, **you and a parent should create separate FSA ID's**. The FSA ID is how you sign online documents. Go to [www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov) to create your FSA ID. Doing this in early December or even earlier gives you time to fix any issues.

Dreamers apply for the **CA Dream Act** at CalDreamAct.org. You need to also submit an **AB 540 affidavit** to the college you choose to attend. **Scholarships for dreamers** and a lot of other info is available at [www.MyUndocumentedLife.org](http://www.MyUndocumentedLife.org).

## January 2019

**You must update the UC Application Center if you received a D or F during the first semester, or if your academic schedule is changing.**

LAUSD electronically submits your **Cal Grant GPA** to the CA Student Aid Commission. After completing your FAFSA or Dream Act, visit [webgrants4students.org](http://webgrants4students.org) to check your award status. See Mr. Abarr if you do not have 2 green check marks - we may need to manually upload your Cal Grant GPA.

Continue applying for **scholarships!** The College Center posts several local scholarships on our website ([jfkcougars.org](http://jfkcougars.org)). **HSF.net** is a great resource for students of Latino heritage. You can find additional scholarships at fastweb.com and CollegeGreenLight.com.

**Students applying to private colleges will likely need to complete the CSS Profile.** It is a more detailed financial aid application. Check your colleges Financial Aid web pages for more info.

## February 2019

If you plan to live in the dorms, make sure you apply for housing early. You may need to make a non-refundable deposit of several hundred dollars.

**Feb. is a good time to submit community college applications.** After you get your ID #, you can take the assessment test for your college. Be sure to study, because placement tests determine how long you will spend at the community college!

## March 2019

Your FASA or Dream Act application must be submitted online, no later than **March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**. **Don't miss the deadline to receive free money!**

UC's post admissions decisions on their web portals during March.

## April 2019

**Register for an orientation session and explore summer programs at your college. You might be required to do a CSU Early Start summer program - be sure to keep checking your web portals and CSU email accounts for details.**

**Keep applying to local scholarships listed on the school web site! You can't win if you don't apply. Many have April and May deadlines!**

## May 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

You must submit your **Student Intent to Register (SIR)** for the college you choose by May 1<sup>st</sup>, or you will lose your place at the college!

You must complete the **Senior Survey** to have your official transcript mailed to your college.

## June 2019

Remember, your **final official transcript** must be sent to the college you choose. If you took community college classes while in high school, send those transcripts as well. Also send your AP scores to the college you will be attending for possible credit.