

Diamond Bar High School

# SENIOR BULLETIN #4

Scholarship and College Information

December, 2018

## FINISHING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- **The CSU has extended their deadline to 12/15/18.** Important note: this is an extension for the CSU only, NOT for the UC. If you didn't complete an application for the UC by 11/30/18, you've missed your chance for a UC. Hopefully all of you submitted your CSU applications via Cal State Apply already anyway – this extension is really for the thousands of people affected by the terrible wildfires across the state.
- **SAT/ACT scores** must be sent directly to all schools to which you are applying through [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) respectively. DBHS does NOT send any SAT or ACT scores. If you take either test in December, the scores will arrive in time to be included in your application for UC's and other schools that accept December tests, but you must arrange to have the scores sent now, in December, through the websites above. Remember – if you send scores to one UC, they're available to all UC's, and if you send scores to 3594, it will be available to all CSU's.
- **Score Choice** is NOT recommended by the UC because it delays delivery of test scores. They “strongly encourage students to report all scores and only use the highest score at a single sitting for admission consideration.” There are all sorts of fears about that one lower test score, but let's be logical about this - all universities know Score Choice exists, so why would they ever punish someone for sending in all of their scores and having one lower score when they know other applicants could have “hidden” a lower score with Score Choice?

- **You do NOT need to send official transcripts to the UC or CSU.** You only need to send one to the school you'll be attending, and that isn't sent until after graduation. The one exception with a UC or CSU would be if they contact you and request a 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcript. For example, in the past Cal State Monterey Bay has requested that students send 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcripts. In this case, you would go to the "Transcripts" link under "Students" on [www.dbhs.org](http://www.dbhs.org) and order an official transcript to be sent to that one school via Parchment ([https://dbhs.wvusd.k12.ca.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=167814&type=d&pREC\\_ID=345011](https://dbhs.wvusd.k12.ca.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=167814&type=d&pREC_ID=345011)).
- **If you asked your GLC to fill out the School Report and a letter of recommendation** for a school through Send.edu or the Common Application, you don't need to request transcripts for that school – they have been sent with the GLC's report and letter.
- **Your UC and CSU applications have been submitted, but you are not done!** You need to work hard in the classroom all year to maintain the same level of performance you had through junior year. If you earn a D or an F in any of your classes, or if you drop a class that you told colleges you were going to take, you must notify all the schools to which you have applied (UC, CSU, and all privates). They are deciding whether or not to grant you admission based in part on the classes you are taking and the assumption that you will earn similar grades to those you have earned in the past. If your grades drop or the rigor of your schedule changes, you need to let them know now so they can factor that into their decision. If they don't find out about a grade or change until June when they receive your final transcript, they may rescind their offer at that time, and that's a major bummer.
- **Campus visits** are essential to making a good decision about where you'll attend so you should make every effort to visit each school (UC, CSU, and privates) you're considering. Think of questions and concerns to bring up when you visit, and try to go beyond the tour to get a real feel for campus life. Stop by a lecture hall to observe a class, swing by the food court to grab a bite, hang out in the student center and observe your future classmates, and drive through the surrounding area to see the neighborhood. You're going to live there for at least the next four years – you better make sure you'll like it. Or, of course, you could

always “randomly pick” as Grace Lee suggested in her great satire in the Bull’s Eye - <https://dbbullseye.com/2018/odds-of-acceptance/>.

- **Plan on taking the TOEFL** if you attended school for more than one year in another country and your Language of Instruction was not English. Scores must be reported to the undergraduate admissions office at each campus to which you applied and received no later than January 2019. For more information visit <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/requirements/english-proficiency/index.html>.

### FINANCIAL AID

- **You have been able to submit the FAFSA since October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), and again, the sooner you submit the FAFSA, the better your chances of receiving financial aid. **The deadline for filing the FAFSA is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.**
- **Cal Grant GPA Verification Forms are now sent automatically!** The Cal Grant is “free money” to help you pay tuition and school fees for schools in California. We used to require students to fill out a form in the Guidance Office (I only bring this up in case parents or older siblings tell you to do this), but now DBHS does a mass load so all seniors automatically had their GPA information sent to Cal Grant. **Just make sure you fill out the FAFSA by 03/02/2019**, and if you qualify for a Cal Grant, colleges will include it in the financial aid package they offer you.
- **After you submit the FAFSA, you will receive the Student Aid Report (SAR).** This computerized summary of all the information on your application will arrive within three days of submission. If any information is incorrect, you need to correct it before the wrong information is sent to colleges.
- **The most important figure on the SAR is your EFC (Expected Family Contribution).** Along with your parents’ income and assets, the FAFSA factors in the number of family members in your household and the number of children who will be in college during the coming school year. All of this information gives you your EFC, the amount your family is expected to contribute toward your education. This number rarely corresponds to what you and your family would be willing to pay for college, but it’s what your finances say you could

afford, and all financial aid is based off of this figure. Every school you apply to and list on your FAFSA will receive your EFC and use that to determine what kind of financial aid package to offer you.

**Basic Equation of Need:**

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} \\ - &\text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ &= \text{Student's Financial Need} \end{aligned}$$

Here are a few rough examples for someone with an EFC of \$10,000 who will be living away from home. These are just estimates, but close enough to help you see how a financial aid office would determine your financial need.

Institution	CSU	UC	Stanford
College Cost	\$27,000	\$35,000	\$71,000
EFC	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Financial Need	\$17,000	\$25,000	\$61,000

As you can see, the EFC stays constant, regardless of where you apply. Your financial need changes depending on how much it costs to attend that school. Financial aid offices use this to determine what kind of a financial aid package they'll offer, but much of the aid may come in the form of loans you'll have to pay back.

- **You can get a quick, accurate estimate of your EFC** by using Wellesley College's handy MyIntuition tool - <http://www.wellesley.edu/admission/affordable/myintuition#0ItobkgBocOedwAe.97> (there are many cost estimation tools like this on other school's websites as well). I punched in approximate numbers in about five minutes and came within \$1000 of the EFC that FAFSA gave our family last year so it's pretty accurate. WARNING: Just because it's accurate doesn't mean it'll be good news - their estimation of what my family can afford was vastly different than mine!
- **Financial Aid Packages** can include grants, loans, and work-study opportunities. The different packages will vary from school to school so you and your parents

need to review them carefully to determine what will work out best for you.  
More on financial aid packages in future bulletins!

### RECOGNITION

- **NHRP** – The following students are recognized as National Hispanic Recognition Program participants for scoring in the top 2.5% among all Hispanic and Latino 2017 PSAT/NMSQT test takers:

Elijah Chennault

Jacob Panduro

Marissa Singh

- Karyn Real was one of only 7,500 students out of 42,000 applicants nationwide to be named a Wendy's High School Heisman School Winner !

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Feliz Dia! Scholarship** – This \$500 scholarship is dedicated in loving memory to Ernesto Aparicio, “Hero and Dad” of Ms. Aparicio, one of our teachers here at DBHS. His kind, intelligent, loving example taught her many lessons and she has created this scholarship in his honor to help others achieve their dreams. For an application (which includes an essay about your personal hero) and more information, go to Ms. McCurry in the Guidance Office or Mr. Desmond’s office. Applications due to **Room 404 by 3:00 pm, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**
- **Visionary Scholarship Program** – This scholarship is available to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors and they say multiple winners will receive awards from \$1000-\$5000. Apply at [https://americancollegefoundation.org/college\\_planning/visionary\\_scholarship\\_terms.aspx](https://americancollegefoundation.org/college_planning/visionary_scholarship_terms.aspx) by **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**
- **Sons and Daughters of Italy Scholarship** – This scholarship is available for anyone “wholly or partially of Italian descent” who will be enrolled at a trade school, community college or university in fall of 2017. They also have “Italian language study grants in Italy for high school seniors for the summer of 2017.” This year they’ve added an Athletic Scholarship for students “pursuing a degree in a sports related field such as Sports Medicine.” For more information and

applications, go to <http://www.osiaca.org/Scholarships/How-To-Apply> .

**Deadline for all applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

- **California Wine Grape Growers Foundation** – If you are related to someone who is a wine grape grower, you can apply for this scholarship which awards at least two 4-year \$8000 scholarships to a UC or CSU and at least four 2-year scholarships to California Community Colleges. Download an application at <http://cawgfoundation.org/> . Completed applications **must be postmarked by March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**
- **DREAMers National Scholarship** – “DREAMers are undocumented immigrant youth who came to this country at a young age” and don’t have access to federal or state student aid. Graduating high school seniors with DACA, TPS, or who are DACA eligible can apply for the National Scholarship. “While we consider your GPA and test scores, we place great emphasis on your demonstrated commitment to community service and your ability to overcome the barriers and challenges that DREAMers face each and every day.” For more information and the application, go to <https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/>. **Application closes February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**
- **Beverage Industry College Scholarship** – This scholarship is for a student whose parent or grandparent is a full-time employee with a company holding a valid liquor license. Examples given are restaurants, stores, breweries, wineries, distributors, etc. **Awards range from \$3000 - \$6000. Apply at [www.christermon.com](http://www.christermon.com) – applications must be submitted online by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**
- **University of LaVerne Performance Scholarship** – The University of LaVerne is offering “two \$25,000 scholarships with fourth year full-tuition in each of the featured performance areas for the 2019-20 academic year.” Applicants must apply to LaVerne and submit the performance scholarship application and recommendation form electronically by **December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** For more information, go to <https://artsci.laverne.edu/scholarship/>.
- **Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California Scholarship** – This one is for students of Portuguese descent. Applicants must have a 3.5 GPA, participate in at least 3 extracurricular activities, and provide three letters of recommendation (at least one from a principal, dean, or counselor and another from a teacher). \$500 awards. Download an application at

[www.cabrillocivicclubs.org/scholarship.asp](http://www.cabrillocivicclubs.org/scholarship.asp). Application deadline must be postmarked by **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

- **SMU Hunt Scholarship** – This one is in here partially because one of our best and brightest went to Southern Methodist near Dallas, and partially because it's such a sweet deal. They're looking for "outstanding students who have an impressive mix of high academic achievement and prove leadership capabilities," and Hunt Leadership Scholars will receive an annual award of \$42,000 (total of \$168,000 over four years) – cha-ching! For more information and to learn how to apply, go to <https://www.smu.edu/academics/hunt>. Applications to SMU and the Hunt scholarship must be submitted by **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.
- **AXA Achievement Scholarship** – Students have the opportunity to win \$2,500, \$10,000, or a \$25,000 scholarship, and what's more, for every student who wins a scholarship, \$1,000 goes to their high school. Come on, Brahmas! They're looking for high-achieving students and "because reducing risk is woven into the fabric of our company, special consideration is given to achievements that empower society to mitigate risk through education and/or action in areas such as financial, environmental, health, safety and/or emergency preparedness." For more information and to apply, go to <https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>. Applications are due by **December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.