



# WELCOME TO UC DAVIS NORTH STATE/SISKIYOU EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

Dear Parent,

We realize the escalating cost of college tuition is causing many parents to question the value of sending their children to college. Let us put your fears to rest. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over an adult's working life, high school graduates earn an average of \$1.2 million; associate's degree holders earn about \$1.6 million; and bachelor's degree holders earn about \$2.1 million. These sizable differences in lifetime earnings put the cost of college in realistic perspective, especially since most families in our North State region are eligible for numerous scholarships and grants to help offset the cost of college attendance. Your first step towards this investment is to fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible. Our staff at College OPTIONS is here to help your family with the financial aid paperwork, every step of the way. Just phone our office for a no-cost appointment any time, (530) 245-1845. Remember, the long-term benefits of a college education far outweigh the upfront costs, for both the student and for society at large. We hope to see you in our office soon!

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## Funding a College Education

**College is an investment in you...  
and there's money to help you pay for it.**



The following grants & scholarships could be yours if you fill out a FAFSA:

- Cal Grant -up to \$11,259 per year
- Federal Pell Grant-up to \$4,731 per year
- FSEOG Grant-up to \$4,000 per year
- ACG Grant-up to \$1,300 per year
- SMART Grant-up to \$4,000 per year
- University Grant-up to \$8,500 per year
- State University Grant-up to \$4,000 per year
- Various low cost deferred government loans
- Work Study
- Special Funding Programs: Robert C. Byrd, Child Development, Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents, Chafee, BOGG, TEACH, EOP, EOPS
- Numerous merit based scholarships use FAFSA as a variable to determine awards

Please note grants and scholarships **do not** have to be paid back.

**Complete your FAFSA between January 1<sup>st</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup> of your senior year to be eligible for these grants and scholarships**

## Save Me a Spot in College Scholarship

**ATTENTION ALL 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD  
Tell California leaders why they should save YOU  
and your peers a spot in COLLEGE**

**GET CREATIVE & WIN UP TO \$2,500!**

Submit a written word entry, a poster, or a TV Ad that answers the question: "Why should California's leaders save you and your peers a spot in college?"

Scholarship rules and submission information online [www.collegecampainq.org/contest](http://www.collegecampainq.org/contest)

**Contest Deadline  
March 15, 2009**



## Upcoming Events

### Siskiyou County

#### Junior Day at College of the Siskiyous Wednesday, March 25, 2009

- Timely information to help students and parents prepare for senior year and college/further training.

#### Kindergarten Day at College of the Siskiyous Wednesday, May 27, 2009

- Age-appropriate introduction to college and careers for 5-6 year olds.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Day at Yreka Fairgrounds Thursday, May 21, 2009

- Information about agriculture (and related) based careers and the education required to prepare for those jobs.

### Shasta County

#### Junior Day at Simpson University Thursday, March 26, 2009

- Timely information to help students prepare for senior year and college/further training.

#### KinderCollege Day at Simpson University Thursday, April 30, 2009

- Age-appropriate introduction to college and careers for 5-6 year olds.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Day at Simpson University Thursday, May 28, 2009

- Career fair focusing on science, technology, engineering and math based jobs.

**COMING SOON!**  
**Spring Break 2009**  
**College Campus Visits**  
Contact your ETS Advisor  
for more information.

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## Senior Spring Timeline

### February

- ◆ Review your college choices—do they still interest you? Have your career/interests changed since fall? Were you planning to attend a community college and have changed your mind... don't panic! Some colleges are still accepting applications. Talk to a counselor.
- ◆ Register for required assessment tests (e.g. ELM/EPT for the CSU's)
- ◆ Check when housing deadlines are... they are sooner than you think.

### March

- ◆ March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are CRITICAL financial aid/scholarship deadlines
  - ◆ 1<sup>st</sup>: Ford Family Foundation Scholarship (Siskiyou Co. only)
  - ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup>: FAFSA deadline for CalGrant
  - ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup>: McConnell Foundation Scholarship (Shasta & Siskiyou Co.)
- ◆ Check your email and college portal accounts regularly

### April

- ◆ Compare financial aid awards/offers from each campus
- ◆ Community College: attend orientation, meet with a counselor, register for classes
  - ◆ College OPTIONS Transfer Scholarship due April 17<sup>th</sup>

### May

- ◆ May 1<sup>st</sup> submit your response (yes or no) to four-year schools—some may require a deposit.

### June

- ◆ **Congratulations—you graduated from high school!** But before you leave school, have your high school **send a FINAL Official transcript** to the college you will attend in the fall - July 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline

## Free Money for your Senior Class



### WIN \$500



### by participating in FAFSA Frenzy!!!

The senior class with the greatest percentage of FAFSA completions in their division will win \$500:

- Submit your FAFSA by March 2nd
- Earn money for your Sober Grad Night

## Steps to Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

**Complete the 09-10 FAFSA online [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) by March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 1) Collect your 2008 financial information for both student and parent(s).
- 2) Secure PIN numbers for student and parent—go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
- 3) Fill out the FAFSA on the WEB Worksheet(2009-2010)
- 4) Consider attending a **Cash for College** event near you—Professionals will assist you in completing your FAFSA, and there are scholarship opportunities available for those attending. To determine the site nearest to you go to [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)
- 5) Complete the **FAFSA online by March 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- 6) Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)—Make corrections if necessary
- 7) Submit other scholarship applications (e.g. Grotefend, FORD, McConnell)
- 8) Review your California Aid Report (CAR)—Make corrections if necessary. Contact California Student Aid Commission (1-888-224-7268) or <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp>  
**Note:** Check with your counselor to insure your GPA verification has been submitted by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 9) Evaluate your Financial Aid Offers - See your ETS advisor for a check list.



Educational Partnership  
**College OPTIONS**

**Do not be afraid to ask for help!**  
The College OPTIONS student center in Redding has expert advice, and will assist you in completing your FAFSA. There are no charges for our services.

Call (530) 245-1845 for an appointment.