

EAST REGION COLLEGE & CAREER NEWSLETTER

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Spooky Season Is Here!

While ghosts and ghouls might be scary, you should not be scared of planning for your future. With help from your CCRC, there is so much you can accomplish after high school. Make sure to read this through and focus on what applies to your college or career pathway.

Creating a College Timeline

When preparing for college, it is helpful to ask the following:

Q: What is the college application deadline?

A: Different schools have different application deadlines. Make sure to check each school you plan to apply to and add that deadline in your calendar. Also, read about the differences between Early Action, Early Decision, and Rolling Admissions.

Q: What tests are required?

A: Did you take the ACT? The SAT? Both? Although not all colleges require an SAT/ACT score, it is good to have one, including for scholarships. Check the registration and test dates online and put them in your calendar.

Q: What other dates to I need?

A: After admission and test deadlines, financial aid is the next area to have on your calendar. First, it is essential you complete the FAFSA with your parents/guardians which opens on December 1st. You also want to note the deadlines of any scholarships you plan to apply to.

Give Yourself Plenty of Time

Do not wait until a deadline to start on a task. If a college application is due on the 15th of December, plan to start completing it a month earlier to give yourself plenty of time to work on a personal statement, send in test scores and transcripts, and review your application with a parent/guardian or with your College and Career Readiness Coordinator (See Below).

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out.”

-Robert Collier

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

-Malcolm X

“So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.”

-Christopher Reeve

CONTACT YOUR COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELOR

- Palo Verde—[Email Andrea Vasquez](#)
- Sabino—[Email Alex Karaman](#)
- Sahuaro—[Email Sean Haynes](#)
- Santa Rita—[Email Lauren Peralta](#)

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Important Dates and Deadlines

The following list of dates and deadlines can help you with college and career planning. Make sure to read this list through and mark anything that applies to your personal college or career plan.

October Dates

- ◇ All Month—FAFSA Preparation: This is the time to begin creating an FSA ID for students and one or more parents/guardians. Every student and at least one parent/guardian needs to create an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. An FSA ID is basically a username that can be used to access the FAFSA form when it opens in December (See page 3 for more details about the FAFSA). [Click Here to Create Your FSA ID](#)
- ◇ October 26—ACT Testing: This is the next test date during the Fall semester. Registration is due on September 20th. Late registration is due on October 7th. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ Throughout October—Various Scholarship Applications: Make sure to add scholarship deadlines to your calendar. [Click Here for Scholarships Due in October](#)

November Dates

- ◇ All Month—FAFSA Preparation: This is the time to begin creating an FSA ID for students and one or more parents/guardians. Every student and at least one parent/guardian needs to create an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. An FSA ID is basically a username that can be used to access the FAFSA form when it opens in December (See page 3 for more details about the FAFSA). [Click Here to Create Your FSA ID](#)
- ◇ November 8—Registration deadline for ACT: This registration deadline is for the ACT that will be held on December 14th. This ACT would be good for Seniors looking for a second chance to raise their score. There is a late registration deadline if you miss this one. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ November 22—Late Registration Deadline for ACT: This late registration deadline applies to the ACT that will be held on December 14th. If you need to take or retake the ACT, this is the latest recommended date to do so to be able to send in your scores with college applications. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ November 22—Registration Deadline for SAT: This regular registration deadline applies to the SAT that will be held on December 7th. If you need to take or retake the SAT, this is the latest recommended date to do so to be able to send in your scores with college applications. [Click Here To Register](#)
- ◇ November 26—Late Registration Deadline for SAT: This late registration deadline applies to the SAT that will be held on December 7th. If you need to take or retake the SAT, this is the latest recommended date to do so to be able to send in your scores with college applications. [Click Here To Register](#)
- ◇ November 28 and 29—Thanksgiving Break: This is a wonderful time to enjoy a few days off school, but it is an even better time to work on scholarship applications. Four days off school in a row allows you plenty of time to finish one or more applications. Read more about unique scholarship opportunities later in this newsletter.
- ◇ Throughout November—Various Scholarship Applications: While most scholarships are not due until the Winter or after New Year's, some are due as early as September. Make sure to add scholarship deadlines to your calendar. [Click Here for Scholarships Due in November](#)

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School Specific Dates and Deadlines

The following list of dates and deadlines are unique to specific schools in the East Region. Look below to see what is happening at your high school and see Page 1 to find out how to email your College and Career Counselor if you have questions.

Palo Verde Info

- ◇ November 5: NAU Application Workshop—All Day in Room 101
- ◇ November 12: Pima Community College Application Workshop—All Day in Room 101
- ◇ November 13: Creating FSA IDs—All Day in Your Economics Class
- ◇ November 14: Parents FSA ID Night—4-5:30pm in Room 101
- ◇ November 19: UofA Financial Aid Workshop—Conference Period in Room 101

Sabino Info

- ◇ Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: Senior Lounge Open—Lunch in Room 307
- ◇ October 28 and November 14: U.S. Marines Tabling—Lunch in Cafeteria
- ◇ October 29 and November 12: Army Tabling—Lunch in the Cafeteria
- ◇ November 5: Dorrance Scholarship Workshop—Begins First Period in Room 125
- ◇ November 8: AP Exam Payments Due—Online or in Bookstore
- ◇ November 20: U.S. Coast Guard Tabling—Lunch in the Cafeteria
- ◇ November 21—U.S. Navy Tabling—Lunch in the Cafeteria
- ◇

Sahuaro Info

- ◇ December 4: Grand Canyon University Field Trip—Sign Up with QR Code in the Counseling Office

Santa Rita Info

- ◇ November 13: U.S. Army and Pima Community College—During WIN
- ◇ November 20th: UofA Session—During WIN



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FAFSA ALERT—DECEMBER 1ST

The Federal Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA) is an essential part of the college process. This federal form is used to determine your eligibility for need-based financial aid. Make sure to have your parents or legal guardians with you to provide household financial information. The FAFSA opens on December 1st and should be completed by you as soon as possible.



FAFSA FAQs

Here are some answers to common FAFSA questions:

Q: Where can I complete the FAFSA?

A: Go to StudentAid.gov to complete the FAFSA or [Click Here](#).

Q: If my parents make a lot of money, should I still complete the FAFSA?

A: Yes. The FAFSA is often a requirement for other scholarships, not just scholarships based on financial need. You do not want to miss out on a scholarship because you did not fill it out.

Q: If I am an undocumented or DACA student, can I complete the FAFSA?

A: It depends. DACA students with a Social Security Number are eligible to complete the FAFSA. For non-DACA undocumented students, you cannot complete the FAFSA. However, there is a ton of financial aid out there so contact your school's college counselor (See page 1) to learn more in a confidential setting. You can also [Click Here](#) to learn more about the FAFSA for undocumented and DACA students.

Q: Where can I find other FAFSA FAQs?

A: [Click Here](#) to see more popular questions people have about the FAFSA.

FAFSA Prize Incentives

Your school might be offering prize giveaways or other incentives for completing the FAFSA beginning in January. Talk to your school's College and Career Counselor (See Page 1) to find out if your school participates.

Scholarship Search Engines

- ⇒ [Fastweb](#)
- ⇒ [Scholarships.com](#)
- ⇒ [Cappex](#)
- ⇒ [Petersons](#)
- ⇒ [College Board](#)
- ⇒ [Niche](#)
- ⇒ [Chegg](#)
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College Fairs and Tours: In-Person and Virtual

College fairs offer a wonderful opportunity for students to meet college admissions advisors from many universities in a single setting. When the COVID-19 pandemic affected in-person events, many virtual college fairs popped up, allowing students to explore myriad colleges from home and to meet college representatives who might not travel to Tucson for an in-person fair, including those from East Coast, Southern, and Midwest schools. Below you will find information about the TUSD College and Career Fair, and information on virtual college fairs offered by the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC).

Southern Arizona College and Career Fair

We had a blast hosting a college and career fair at the Tucson Convention Center on September 17th. Hundreds of TUSD students showed up to tour the almost 200 colleges and universities present at the event. Congratulations to the winners of the scholarship drawing for TUSD Seniors. If you were not selected for one of the scholarships, do not worry, there are so many more scholarship opportunities out there for you!!

NACAC Virtual College Fairs

NACAC Virtual College Fairs are online, remote fairs for students and parents to attend from home. They typically have between 200-300 schools represented at each fair, so you need to register and indicate which schools you plan to meet with during the event. All NACAC Virtual Fairs take place from 10am-3pm Arizona time.

NACAC Fair Schedule:

November 3rd

[Click Here to Register for NACAC Virtual College Fairs](#)

The College Tour ▶

The College Tour is an amazing website that provides multiple, detailed, and engaging video tours of colleges all over the country. Not only do the videos help you tour campus from the comfort of your home, but they also highlight the fun aspects of student life including dorms and eateries, student events, recreation centers, and so much more. If you cannot make a campus visit, use The College Tour to check out schools outside of Tucson. [Click Here to Start Exploring Virtual College Tours](#)



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Requesting Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation are often required for college and scholarship applications. In some cases, they are optional, but submitting a good letter of recommendation is always a safe bet. Consider all the information below when requesting letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors:

- ◇ **Make a formal request to your recommender at least three weeks before a recommendation letter is due.** Teachers and counselors are very busy and writing a letter of recommendation takes time. Ask early to give them plenty of time to write you a good letter.
- ◇ **Be ready to provide a resume to your recommender.** School staff do not have your whole list of achievements and interests memorized, so provide a resume that includes your extracurriculars, major accomplishments and awards, volunteer or community service experience, employment experience if applicable, and additional skills to make the letter writing process easier.
- ◇ **Make sure you are requesting the right recommender.** Some colleges want a letter from a teacher, others from a counselor, and some from both. Make sure you know who the school wants a letter.
- ◇ **Know that you might not be able to read a letter of recommendation.** Students have a legal right to see letters of recommendation written for them, but a lot of colleges and the CommonApp ask students to waive that right to ensure they do not have influence over the letter writing process and that the letter is honest and true. It is recommended that you do waive your rights to see a letter, so make sure you are confident that your recommender will write a good letter.
- ◇ **Write a thank you letter.** It is proper to provide a formal thank you to whoever writes a letter for you. Don't forget!

College Spotlight

The University of Iowa is located in Iowa City and boasts an undergraduate enrollment of over 20,000 undergraduate students. Founded in 1847, it is the state's oldest institution of higher education and is located alongside the picturesque Iowa River.

A member of the Association of American Universities since 1909 and the Big Ten Conference since 1899, the University of Iowa is home to one of the most acclaimed academic medical centers in the country, as well as globally recognized leadership in the study and craft of writing. Iowa is known for excellence in both the arts and sciences, offering world-class undergraduate, graduate, and professional academic programs in a wide variety of fields. Their famous Hawkeyes sports teams have one numerous national championships across multiple sports. It is also the alma mater of Santa Rita High's CCRC, Lauren Peralta.

[Click to Learn More About the University of Iowa](#)



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Understanding Financial Aid: The Big Picture

The world of financial aid can be confusing, so you can use this general overview to gain some basic understanding of how to get money for college:

Q: What types of scholarships are out there?

A: Financial aid comes in a few forms. Scholarships are free money that can be given by the college you attend (called internal scholarships) or by private organizations and donors (called external scholarships). Normally, you will find out about potential scholarships a specific college once you are accepted for admission, either in your acceptance letter or shortly after. Scholarships can be merit-based, given for your academic record, need-based, given for those in financial need, or diversity and leadership-based, given to students from marginalized communities or students who have a history of volunteering and leadership.

Q: What else is required for scholarships?

A: Did you take the ACT? The SAT? Both? Although not all scholarships require an SAT/ACT score, it is good to have one. Check the requirements for scholarships before you apply to make sure you qualify. Additional requirements might include a personal statement, a letter of recommendation, and/or transcripts.

Q: What other types of financial aid exist?

A: Besides scholarships, students can be eligible for grants and loans. Grants are free money you can get, like scholarships, that does not need to be repaid. The most common grant is the Federal Pell Grant, given to students with financial need who complete the FAFSA. You can read about your Pell Eligibility on the email you receive when you submit the FAFSA. Loans, however, need to be repaid. For most student loans, you do not need to make payments until you graduate from college. The most common loan students use is the Direct Safford Loan, a federal student loan that is also mentioned in your FAFSA submission email (See page 3 for FAFSA info).

Q. What is the order of tasks for getting financial aid?

A. While there is no perfect approach, you should 1. Complete the FAFSA and list colleges you plan to apply to on your FAFSA (See Page 3). Check if you are eligible to receive a Pell Grant. 2. Apply to colleges and read about any potential scholarships you are awarded. 3. Calculate the remaining cost of college by subtracting any scholarships and grants you have been offered from the cost of attendance. 4. Search for and apply to additional scholarships to bring you total cost of attendance as close to zero as possible (See Page 3 for scholarship search engines).

[DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOLARSHIPS 101 PRESENTATION FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

Note: Open the Scholarships 101 presentation in PowerPoint and start the slideshow with your speakers turned up to hear the live narration of each slide.

ACT Re-Testing Preparation

If you are looking to re-take the ACT to boost your score and help with college applications or scholarship eligibility, we have something for you. Revolution Prep, a well known and respected company in the test prep industry, has graciously offered to provide a suite of free test prep services to TUSD students. One of the best ways to prepare for an ACT test is to do practice tests in the same setting and with the same time restrictions as the real thing.

From your own home, you can do a real ACT practice test and get feedback on what areas you need to improve on. The test is real-world accurate, with the same amount of time and number of questions as the real ACT.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRACTICE ACT](#)

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Unique Scholarship Opportunities

DORRANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
 Providing academic and financial support to Arizona's first-generation college students



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
\$12,000
 PER ACADEMIC YEAR FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS

THIS IS A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM VALUED AT OVER \$100,000.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IF YOU:

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application opens online:
October 1, 2024

Phase I Deadline:
February 5, 2025

[APPLY ONLINE](#)



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:

Dorrance@DorranceScholarship.org
www.DorranceScholarship.org
480-405-2410

- Will be a first-generation college student (neither parent, stepparent, or legal guardian holds a four-year degree in any country)
- Are an Arizona resident
- Are a current graduating senior attending a public, private, charter, or home school
- Have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA (weighted or unweighted)
- Have a minimum test score of 1110 SAT, 22 ACT, or 72 CLT
- Demonstrate financial need by completing the FAFSA
- Plan to attend ASU-Tempe, NAU-Flagstaff, or UA-Tucson
- Agree to live in on-campus housing during freshman and sophomore year



26th Annual HISPANIC HERITAGE YOUTH AWARDS



! 2024 Application now open!

About the Youth Awards:

The Youth Awards was founded in 1998 by the Hispanic Heritage Foundation. Now entering its 26th year, the Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Community Service, Education, Engineering, Entrepreneurship & Business, Green Sustainability, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Public Service & Social Justice, and Technology.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze recipients are selected in each category and receive a one-time grant to fund their college education or to fund a community service effort that tackles a social issue, and then one national Awardee is selected in each of the categories.

Deadline:

- November 3rd, 2024

Eligibility:

- Be currently enrolled in high school and graduating in the spring of 2025
- Must have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or 7.5 on a 10.0 scale
- Must enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2025-2026
- Be of Hispanic heritage (includes Spain, Brazil, Philippines)
- If selected, attendance to virtual regional awards ceremony is mandatory

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Scholarships for Undocumented Students

WHAT IS PROP 308?

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Prop 308 provides in-state tuition for Undocumented high school graduates in Arizona if they meet a set of qualifications.



QUALIFICATIONS



- Attended a school in Arizona for a minimum of two years
- Graduated from a public school, private school, or homeschool in Arizona or attained a GED in AZ

FOR SOME CONTEXT

STATE AID

State financial aid is now available to Undocumented students even if they don't meet the Prop 308 residency requirements. This includes fee waivers, tuition waivers, scholarships, and grants given by colleges or organizations. Each opportunity will have its own requirements.



FEDERAL AID

Undocumented students cannot receive federal aid such as FASFA and the Pell Grant. We do not recommend Undocumented or DACAmented students apply unless a scholarship asks for it.

IF I DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROP 308, WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

If you don't qualify for in-state tuition under Prop 308, you can still receive state aid if you meet the requirements of the specific opportunity. You can also apply to private scholarships.

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

All students pay the same tuition at private institutions. Private institutions are able to offer financial aid to students regardless of immigration status. Some examples in AZ are Grand Canyon University and Prescott College.



EXAMPLES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- Golden Door Scholarship
- Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program
- The DREAMUS Scholarship
- Victoria Teresa Arias Memorial Foundation Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars
- Marjoe Christensen Gould Memorial Scholarship
- For more visit our scholarship list: ScholarshipsA-Z - Scholarships

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IvyPanda Scholarship Video Competition

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- Applicants must be current high school, college, or university students from any country.
- Award | First Place \$1000 | Second Place \$500
- Link : <https://ivypanda.com/scholarship-video>

Money Metals Exchange Scholarship

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- Money Metals Exchange awards this scholarship annually to undergraduate and graduate students.
- Award | Up to \$2,500 first place | Additional awards!!!
- Link : <https://www.moneymetals.com/scholarship>

Maricopa Foundation Scholarships

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- Visit Maricopa Foundation Scholarships for more information regarding additional scholarships available!
- Award | Varies | Portal to find more Scholarships!
- Link : <https://www.maricopa.edu/students/scholarships>

FIND MORE AT SCHOLARSHIPS.AZ.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS

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College Academy for Parents

In partnership with the University of Arizona, TUSD is offering a free college academy for parents looking to learn more about college applications, financial aid, and so much more. Click on the images below to find out more and to register for this amazing opportunity.

College Academy for Parents

A FREE Virtual Academy for Parents & Students:
It is never too early to start planning!

K-12 Families: Come and learn the keys to college preparation!
Families who complete all sessions will be eligible to apply for a scholarship at UArizona.

Parent Sessions

Tuesdays-Weekly from
5:30PM - 7:00PM
October 22
October 29
November 5
November 12

Student Sessions

Wednesdays-Weekly from
4:30PM - 5:30PM
October 23
October 30
November 6
November 13

Graduation on November 16th 2024 - includes UArizona tour



To register please visit the link or scan code below:
<https://eao.arizona.edu/cap/tusd>



For more information:
Call / Email
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Nunca es demasiado pronto para empezar a planificar!

Familias de K-12 ¡Vengan y aprendan las claves para la preparación universitaria! Las familias que completan todas las sesiones serán elegibles para solicitar una beca en la Universidad de Arizona.

Sesiones para Padres

Semanalmente los martes de
5:30pm - 7:00 pm
22 de octubre
29 de octubre
5 de noviembre
12 de noviembre

Sesiones para Estudiantes

Semanalmente los miercoles de
4:30pm - 5:30pm
23 de octubre
30 de octubre
5 de noviembre
13 de noviembre

Graduacion el 16 de Noviembre del 2024 - incluye recorrido de la Universidad de Arizona



Para registrarse visite el enlace o escanee el código a continuación:
<https://eao.arizona.edu/cap/tusd>



Para más información:
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Career Help from Pima County

JUMP-START your CAREER

Get help with-

- Paying for school or certificates
- High school enrollment and GEDs
- Your resume and one-on-one career support
- Paid work experience
- Internships • Job searches

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 Sentinel Building, Second Floor
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For youths ages 16 to 24
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Equal Opportunity Employment Program
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Find a career! Boost your income! Get job training!

The Pima County One-Stop can prepare eligible individuals to enter rewarding fields such as:

- **Health care** (\$18 - \$37/hour*)
- **Aviation** (\$19 - \$26/hour*)
- **Construction** (\$19 - \$26/hour*)
- **Transportation** (\$22 - \$29/hour*)
- **IT/Computer Technology** (\$19 - \$27/hour*)
- **Logistics** (\$18 - \$29/hour*)



Orientation Sessions Every Week!

Call to reserve your seat:
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 340 N. Commerce Park Loop

Kino One-Stop | 520-724-7700
 2797 E. Ajo Way




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 Programs administered by the ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop are 100% funded by Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds through the U.S. Department of Labor.

