The KEY to all Financial Aid for college begins with FAFSA or CADAA.

The Financial Aid offers from each schools can include the following - Grants, Scholarships (from each school), Loans, & Work Study.

Financial Aid Application: <u>FAFSA</u> (Free Application For Student Aid) or <u>CADAA</u> (CA Dream Act App) - Must be completed by March 2nd for Cal Grant eligibility.

Free Cash for College Workshop for Black Students and Families: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 5:00 to 6:30 pm <u>Registration LINK</u> Hosted by CA Student Aid Commission

Outside Scholarships - Students can apply for scholarships. There are national, state & local scholarships available. Each school may offer scholarships to applicants. Some schools will require an additional application for these scholarships and some will award them based on your admissions to the school.

Here are my tips for <u>Seniors</u> on how to begin their scholarship search:

- AHS College & Career Center's <u>Scholarship Page</u>: Begin here. Scholarships are listed chronologically & are all hyperlinked. I am updating this page weekly so if you see a 2021 deadline, use this as a reference for when the 2022 deadline will most likely be.
- Sign up for at least one scholarship search engine: <u>Scholarships.com</u>, <u>Unigo Scholarships</u>, <u>StudentScholarshipSearch</u>, <u>Cappex</u>, <u>Fastweb</u>
- Start applying NOW! There is no limit to how many scholarships you can apply for. A
 spreadsheet might help you stay organized <u>Scholarship Organizer</u> (for ausdg google
 accounts only students have access)
- Looking for scholarships is like digging for buried treasure. You have to dig a lot of holes before you actually find any treasure/ scholarship you can apply for.
- Can you recycle scholarship essays? Not always. Do not just submit your Common App essay or PIQs. You will need to tweak your essay to fit each scholarship. It will take some effort but this is for free money!? Make the effort and it can pay off.
- Parent/grandparent think about union or employer scholarships for dependents?
- Scholarship Scams

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