

■ Senior Weekly College & Career Update

Week of September 8, 2025

■ Scholarships

■ Please see the attached Scholarship PDF for this week's opportunities.

Tip: Apply early and keep track of deadlines using a calendar or spreadsheet. Even applying to one scholarship per week can make a big difference!

■ College Information

- FAFSA & CA Dream Act Applications: Open October 1, 2025. Start gathering tax documents, W-2s, and financial info now.
- UC & CSU Applications: Open October 1st. Deadline is November 30, 2025 — start drafting essays/personal insight questions early.
- Common App: Already open (since August 1st). If you're applying to private or out-of-state schools, begin filling out your application now.

Important Reminder: With applications opening in just a few weeks, now is the time to finalize your college list and request letters of recommendation.

■ Career Exploration & Opportunities

- **Virtual Job Shadowing** – Explore careers through videos, interviews, and day-in-the-life experiences.

<https://www.virtualjobshadow.com/>

- **CareerOneStop** – Free tool to research jobs, salaries, and training.

<https://www.careeronestop.org/>

- **Internship Highlight: NASA Internships** – Open to high school students interested in STEM.

<https://intern.nasa.gov/>

■ This Week's Tip

Create a **college application checklist**:

- Track deadlines (UC, CSU, Common App, scholarships).
- Organize essays and drafts.
- Save login information for all application platforms.

Staying organized this month will help you avoid stress when applications open on October 1st.

■ Resources

- **Naviance:** <https://student.naviance.com/>
- **FAFSA:** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- **CA Dream Act:** <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>
- **Common App:** <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- **Cal State Apply:** <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>
- **UC Application:** <https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

■ *You've got this! Use September to prepare so October feels smooth and manageable.*