

Junior Futures Class of 2027

Part 3
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Junior Futures Topics

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March 16

- California Community Colleges
 - Military
 - Trades & Apprenticeships

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May 4

- California State University
- University of California
- Private Colleges

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Today ★

- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Next Steps

Financial Aid and Scholarships



Money Matters Workshop Reflection

February Event in Multi hosted by 10k Degrees

You rotated between stations to make money decisions about day-to-day spending and monthly budget, including how to pay for college and what happens when you receive scholarships/financial aid.

What was one thing you learned from this workshop about finances or paying for college?



College Can Be Expensive...

Applying for Financial Aid Can Help



Submitting a FAFSA or CADAA = your way to receive
SRJC Doyle Scholarship, California College Promise,
CalGrant, Pell Grant, & other scholarships

Types of Financial Aid

1



Free
money.

Grants are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.

2



Borrowed
money.

Loans are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.

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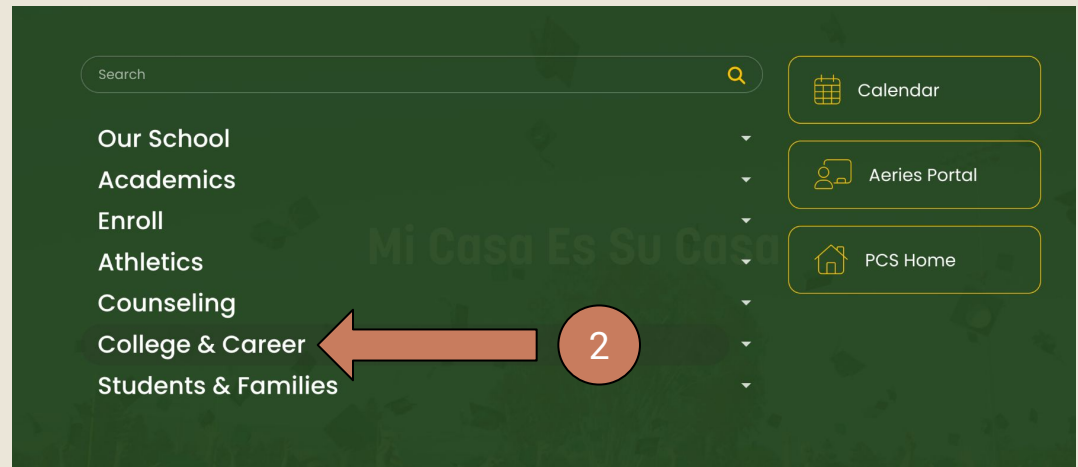


Earned
money.

A **work-study** job lets you earn money while you're in school.



Navigating to Scholarships on Casa Website



College & Career

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10,000 Degrees

College & Career Center

Work-based Learning

Work Permits

Dual Enrollment

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What Does the CCC Offer?

College

- College preparation workshops
- College Placement Test Information
- College Presentations
- SRJC Jumpstart
- Sonoma State guaranteed admission
- College Info pamphlets
- College prep advising
- Trade School Prep/Info

Career

- Work Permits
- Career Exploration
- Internship placements
- Job shadowing opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Mentorships
- Resume writing workshops
- Mock Interviews
- Military Recruiters

Financial Aid

- Scholarships
- Filling out the FAFSA/CA Dream Act
- Financial Aid workshops for students and parents (Ca\$H for College)
- SRJC For Free (Program Help)
- EOP Program assistance
- Blue and Gold opportunity program (UC's Only)

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Visit the College & Career Website!

Work Permit Application

Scholarships

10,000 Degrees



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JANUARY



FEBRUARY



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APRIL



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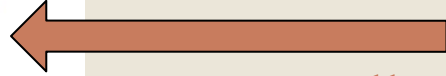


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For the class of 2026, please [CLICK HERE](#) for more up to date list of scholarships available.

If you have any questions, please see your school counselor.



Keep scrolling to find a full list based on region

Want to apply to more scholarships?

Below you will find Scholarship Search Engines, to help you find even more scholarships to pay for college:



[FastWeb](#)

This is a national database. Students receive emails with potential scholarships which match your profile once created.



[Niche.com](#)

Search lists of scholarships by choosing a category or get matched to college scholarships you are eligible for.



[Cappex.com](#)

College and scholarship search in one place.

& to view other scholarship search engines



[Scholarships.com](#)

Based on your answers, it'll try to match the student to scholarships that may be a fit



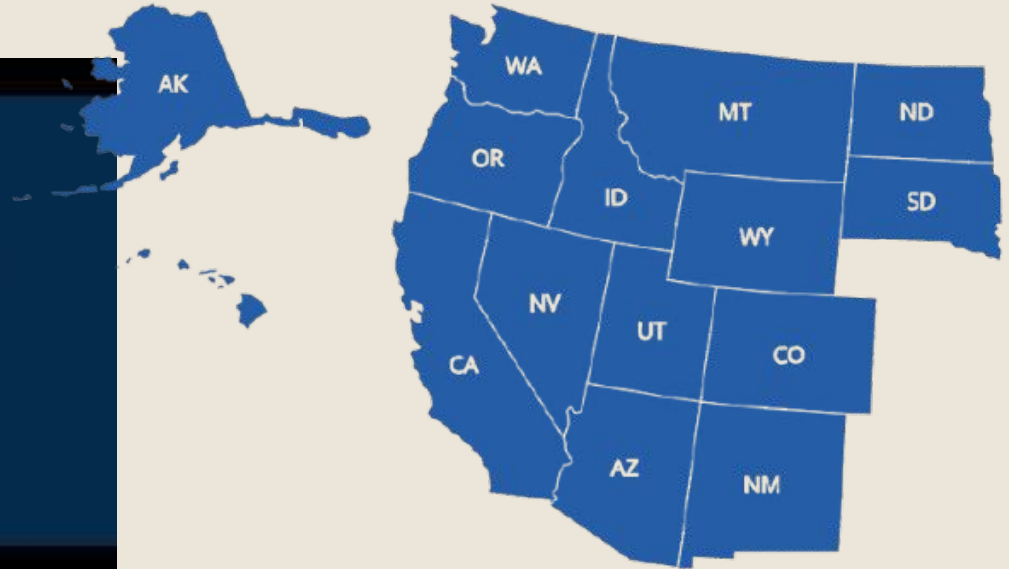
[Goingmerry](#)

Get matched with college scholarships instantly and apply online with a common app for students and tools for counselors and providers.



[Chegg Scholarships](#)

You May Be Able to Attend Another College in the West For a Reduced Tuition Cost



[CLICK HERE for more info](#)

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

Damien Silver - College & Career Specialist

Provide resources and support for post-secondary plans

- Scholarships
- College Visits & Events
- Career Exploration
- Local teen jobs
- Issue work permits

A screenshot of the Casa Grande High School College & Career Center website. The header shows the school logo and the text "CGHS CCC". The main content area features a large mural with the text "EVERYONE HAS A PLACE AT THE HOUSE" and "College & Career Center". Below the mural is a green banner with the text "WELCOME TO YOUR COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER". At the bottom, there is a message: "While the College & Career Center will be physically closed, Ms. Alston remains available to support you through the post-secondary school planning process. If you need assistance, please contact Ms. Alston by email: valston@petk12.org".

Task For Today

College Planning checklist

**Not Just for Students
Going to College**

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Open the College Planning Checklist and click the ☆ to bookmark the tab so you can return to it later



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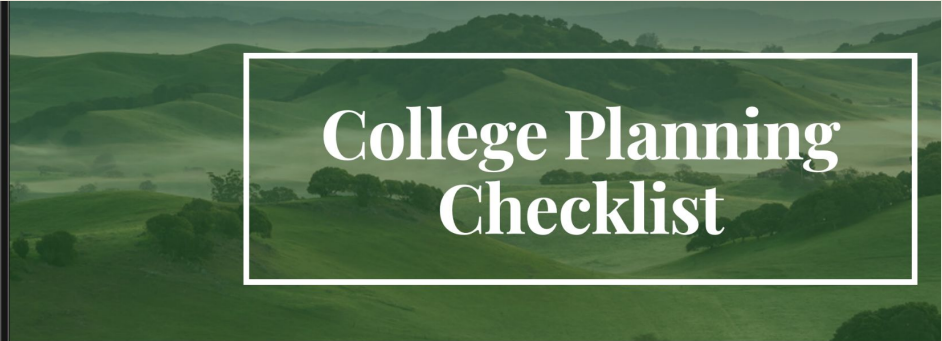
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College Planning Checklist

2025-2026

CGHS College Planning Checklist/CGHS Lista de Planeacion Universitaria

CGHS College Planning Checklist ✓ 2025-26

SENIOR Year: 2025-26

Verify accuracy of your high school transcript. Are you meeting graduation requirements? A final G requirement? UCAS requirements?

Explore your interests at www.collegeboard.org or www.colforcolleges.edu. Define what you want to do for a career and what education you need.

Explore the educational pathways. Do you want to earn a technical or career certification? A bachelor's degree or higher? Is on-the-job training via paid [apprenticeships](#) the right path for you? How about [free job training](#)?

Explore and select [college majors](#). A major is your primary subject area of interest in college. [It does not have to be your future job](#). Make sure that colleges offer what you want to study. Some colleges require that you declare a major when you apply. Most allow you to apply with an undeclared major.

Create [your own](#) college ranking. Use different resources to research colleges that fit your needs.

Register for the SAT or ACT only if needed. CSUs and UCs no longer accept SAT or ACT scores for admissions. Most other schools are test-optional. If you decide to test, it should be completed by December of Senior year. Some prefer scores by November. Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver.

Attend Senior Overview Night for students and parents, Oct 8th @ 6:30pm in the Multi.

CSU filing period Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 Apply EARLY – before Thanksgiving is strongly recommended.

UC filing period Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 Apply EARLY – before Thanksgiving is strongly recommended.

If you need Letters of Recommendation for Common Apps, scholarships, etc., then complete the LOS Profile. Offer it to adults if they agree to write a letter for you. Request letters of [at least four weeks](#) in advance.

Request transcripts for colleges, scholarships, honor societies, etc.

November of SENIOR Year:

So... What's Next?



To Do:

College Planning checklist

Not Just for Students Going to College



Explore & complete tasks in the junior year & beginning of Senior Year Sections



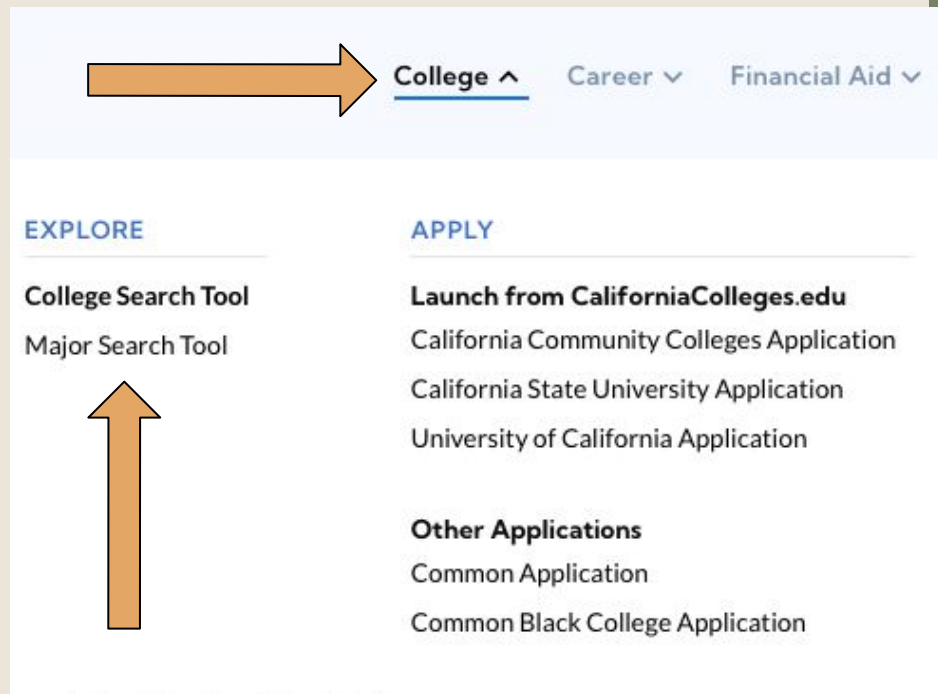
Preview senior year timeline/tasks

JUNIOR Year & beginning of SENIOR Year:

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- o **Create your own college ranking.** Use different [resources](#) to [research](#) colleges that [fit your needs](#). Use a [comparison worksheet](#) template. Narrow down your list to include dream schools, reach schools, and safe schools. Chat with college reps through Casa's [College & Career Center](#).
- o **Register with the NCAA** at eligibilitycenter.org if planning to play D-I or D-II sports. [NCAA](#) no longer requires SAT or ACT scores.
- o **Take SAT and/or ACT tests.** If you plan to apply to a private or out-of-state university that requires or allows the SAT/ACT, register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and the ACT at www.act.org. Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver. ***CSUs and UCs may not use SAT/ACT scores for admissions.***

Don't forget about CaliforniaColleges.edu!

- ❖ Use the Major Search Tool to find colleges that offer majors you're interested in.
- ❖ Use the College Search Tool to explore different schools.
- ❖ Start building a college list by saving schools that interest you.



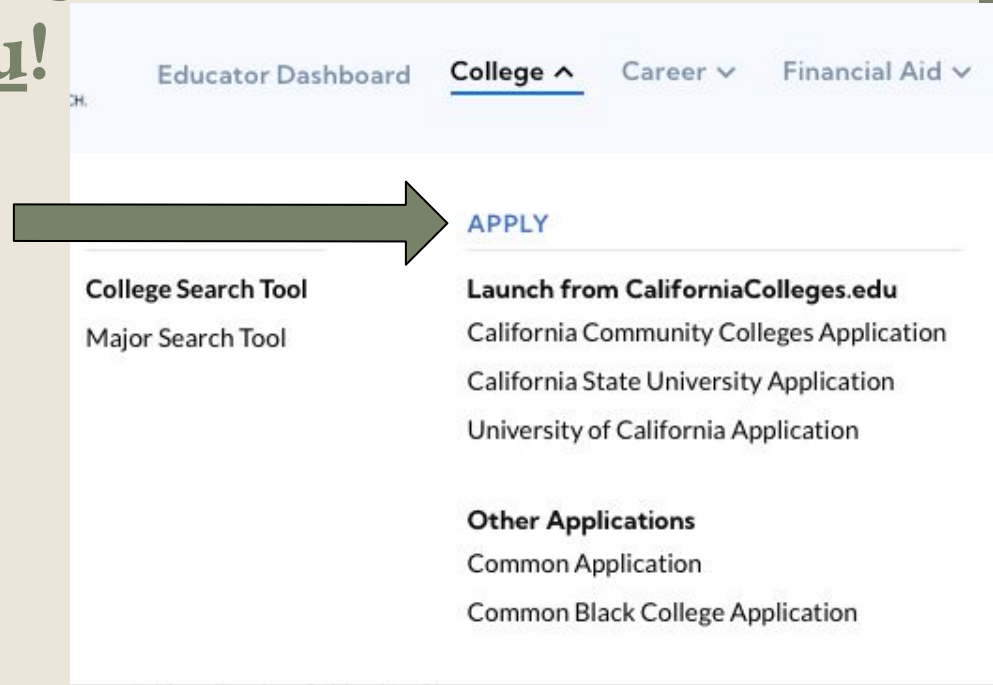
The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the CaliforniaColleges.edu website. It features three main menu items: "College" (with an upward arrow), "Career" (with a downward arrow), and "Financial Aid" (with a downward arrow). Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "EXPLORE" and contains two links: "College Search Tool" and "Major Search Tool". An orange arrow points upwards from the "Major Search Tool" link. The right column is titled "APPLY" and contains a section "Launch from CaliforniaColleges.edu" with three links: "California Community Colleges Application", "California State University Application", and "University of California Application". Below this is a section "Other Applications" with two links: "Common Application" and "Common Black College Application".



Apply to College through CaliforniaColleges.edu!

Make sure to LAUNCH your
college apps through the
CaliforniaColleges website!!

Trust us...
it will save you a lot of time!



The image shows a screenshot of the CaliforniaColleges.edu website navigation menu. The menu is located at the top of the page and includes the following items: Educator Dashboard, College ^, Career v, and Financial Aid v. The 'College ^' link is highlighted with a blue underline. A large green arrow points from the text on the left towards the 'APPLY' link in the dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open and displays the following options: College Search Tool, Major Search Tool, **APPLY**, Launch from CaliforniaColleges.edu, California Community Colleges Application, California State University Application, University of California Application, **Other Applications**, Common Application, and Common Black College Application.



**Two final
reminders...**



Dual Enrollment

Fall class registration is on Thursday May 28 @ 7am through your BearCubHub



You can have **TWO** off periods at Casa next year *if* you enroll in both a fall *and* spring semester college class



Click here for the Dual Enrollment steps



See or email your school counselor ASAP with questions/support/to update your Casa course requests if needed

Need Summer School?


Sign up ASAP!!

Summer School 2026 applications are now available online! This is a **credit recovery opportunity** for:

- **PCS seniors** who need credits to graduate
- **Current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders** who need to make up coursework

Courses may be offered **in person and online**, depending on staffing, space, and other specific considerations. *Students will only be assigned online courses through careful consideration.*

 **Location:** Petaluma High School, 201 Fair Street

 **Dates:** Monday, June 15 – Tuesday, July 14 (No school on Friday June 19 & Friday, July 3)

 **Application Link:** [APPLICATION](#) [Available to petk12 email addresses only]

Courses Offered:

- **English:** English 9, 10, 11, 12
- **English Language Development:** ELD 1–4
- **Math:** Math 1, 2, 3
- **Social Sciences:** World History, U.S. History
- **Science:** Physical Science, Biology
- **PE:** Physical Education
- **Electives:** Edgenuity (Online)

Daily Schedule:

- **Session 1:** 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM (5 credits)
- **Lunch:** 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Session 2:** 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (5 credits)
- **Session 3:** Online Edgenuity (by approval, priority to 11th/12th graders)

 Students can earn up to **15 credits max** through Summer School!

 **Summer school isn't guaranteed and sections will be based on number of enrollment and availability of staff.**

Stay Connected & Finish Out The Semester Strong!



Daily Announcements on
CGHS Website



CGHS @casagrandehighschool
College & Career Center @cghs_college_career_center
Leadership @casagrandeasb



Check your email DAILY