

A GUIDE TO SENIOR YEAR

Questions & Answers



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Q. I do not qualify for “need based” financial aid, should I still fill out a FAFSA form for colleges?

A. Yes, in order to qualify for certain scholarships and free resources, the first requirement is usually that you have applied for FAFSA or Dream Application. For example, completing the financial aid application is required for the Palomar Promise.

Q. Do I need a transcript for palomar college ? Do I need before applying for palomar promise?

A. You do not need to send a transcript to Palomar. Yes!!! You should absolutely apply for the Palomar Promise....its 2 years of school for free!!!

Q. Where do we register for the next senior presentations?

A. Please go to the Class of 2021 MHHS Counseling Google Classroom. You will see a green flyer under Presentations and also under Application Support.

Q. Do UC's and CSU's give academic scholarships, and if so, how would I apply for one?

A. Yes, they do. And they are great ones to apply to since most do not even think about them. You would go to the schools financial aid website to find available scholarships.

Q. I am starting to apply for jobs. I will be 18 in December, do I still need a work permit?

A. Yes, you need a work permit if you will start work before you are 18 years old.

Q. If you go to palomar and transfer later, are you unable to use your high school grades to apply?

A. If you go to Palomar for 2 years and then transfer to a 4 year, they will only use your Palomar grades, not your high school grades.

Q. If I take a class for one semester this year, does it count as a full year of credits?

This year we are using “terms” not “semesters,” so what that means is 1 term is equivalent to a year’s worth of coursework. For example, if you are taking Government this term (Term 1), you are completing your Government requirement of 1 year this term. 1 term =10 credits

Q. When are college applications due?

A. The application deadline for UCs (University of California) is November 30th. The application deadline for CSUs (California State University) is December 4th. If you are applying to private and/or out-of-state colleges/universities you will need to check with those campuses directly because application deadlines may vary.

Q. Should our unofficial transcript that we requested have our current term one and two courses on it?

A. Yes. They are both under “WIP”

Q. What is the difference between the FAFSA and Dream Act?

A. FAFSA is for students with a social security number and the Dream Act application is for students that do not have a SSN. Where do you sign up for financial aid? You will be filling out the FAFSA through the FAFSA website: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Q. The senior survey link isn't letting me fill out the survey, was this the correct link?

A. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesUCQpPn19FD0DJ5qXFKXHw6Sqb-xQvLwdRJ6Lm_wCvO15lw/viewform

Q. What if you plan to sign with a foreign military other than the US military yet go to a foreign college before hand, can you guys help with applying to schools like that?

A. Yes, please reach out to your school counselor, that will be a different process.

Q. If I go to Palomar do I have to pay for my books or are they included with the Palomar promise?

A. The Palomar Promise will provide you with a book stipend so this may cover all of your books

Q. When should i apply for fafsa?

A. The FAFSA/Dream Act applications open on October 1st and it is recommended that you complete the application as soon as possible

Q. Do scholarships have the same deadline?

A. No, scholarship deadlines vary. Please make sure you are looking for the deadline for each of the scholarships you are applying for. If you need a letter of recommendation, it is important that you give your recommender at least two weeks' notice.