



OCDE AVID UPDATE


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2024 AVID Speaker Contest

Due February 16, 2024

AVID Students and Educators! The 2024 Summer Institute Speaker contest is open! It is an excellent time for students to start the process and complete their AVID story essays. The competition closes on Friday, February 16th, and is open to elementary, middle, and high school students with an AVID story to share. You can use one of the provided prompts to structure your essay or simply tell us your AVID story.

This contest isn't just about speaking; it's about making your mark, inspiring others, and having a blast while you're at it!

See details and requirements at

<https://explore.avid.org/professional-learning/speaker-contest/>

Senior Scholarships - Due December 8, 2023

The deadline is quickly approaching! Remember that students must complete the General Application and the AVID Scholarship Opportunity to be considered for the scholarships. Encourage students to use the template posted on the [OCDE AVID Scholarships](#) page.

8th Grade Standout/Scholarship Teacher Workshop

December 12, 2023 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for a **virtual** workshop to discuss the updates to the 8th-grade scholarship application. There have been revisions to the writing portion and refinement in other sections. We encourage a representative from each middle school to attend. Join us on December 12, 2023 to look at the changes, answer questions, and review the new application template. Register for the virtual workshop at <http://ocde.k12oms.org/1235-243260> The AVID 8th Grade Scholarship application template will be posted on the [OCDE AVID Scholarships](#) page by December 12.



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS & DEADLINES

**DEC. 8 – SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION DUE**

**JAN. 7 – SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP TEACHER
RECOMMENDATION LETTERS DUE**

**APR. 15 – SENIOR STANDOUT RECOGNITION &
SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS & DEADLINES

**DEC. 12 - 8TH GRADE STANDOUT
WORKSHOP**

**FEB. 23 - 8TH GRADE STANDOUT
APPLICATION DUE**

**TBD - 8TH GRADE STANDOUT
RECOGNITION**

AVID Night at Knott's FAQs

Visit the [AVID Night at Knott's Website](#) for more information

Can my students use season passes for this event?

I'm sorry, but the season passes are not allowed because the park closes to the public at 8:00 p.m. In order to stay with the AVID group, students will need to purchase an AVID Night at Knott's ticket.

How much are tickets?

Ordered and payment received by December 15 is \$60. Between December 16 and February 16 is \$65 and at the door the price is \$70

How do chaperones get in?

You will receive one free chaperone ticket for every 10 tickets purchased. They must be purchased at the prices above if you need additional tickets.

FINANCIAL AID



THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Finding financial aid can seem overwhelming when you're trying to get ready for college or career school. The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid is here to help you get the money you need to pay for your education.

PREPARATION

Scholarships and state aid can help cover the cost of college or career school, but you may find yourself in need of federal assistance.

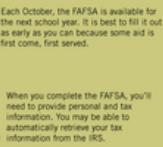
Many states have college funding programs. Ask a guidance counselor or your college financial aid office for more information.



It's time to apply for financial aid.

FAFSA®

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and is the only way to apply for federal student aid. The schools you list on your application will use FAFSA information to evaluate your financial need and determine how much federal aid you are eligible to receive. Many states and colleges also use information from your FAFSA to provide their own financial aid.



Complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov. Make sure to fill out and submit the FAFSA each year you are in college.

After you submit your FAFSA, you'll receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). Your SAR summarizes the information in your FAFSA. Review it and make corrections if needed.

Your FAFSA helps your school determine the types of federal student aid you are eligible to receive.

TYPES OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID

As the largest provider of financial aid, the U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides grants, loans, and work-study funds.



AWARD

Your award letter explains the combination of federal grants, loans, and work-study a college is offering you. The offer might also contain state and institutional aid. If you receive award letters from multiple colleges or career schools, you should compare them and decide which school works best for you.



COLLEGE

Every year, millions of new students attend college or career school for the first time. Your college or career school has a financial aid office to help guide you along the way.



BEYOND EDUCATION

WORKFORCE

When you take the time to plan for your education and let Federal Student Aid help you along the way, you'll be setting the foundation for a bright future and success in the workforce.

REPAYMENT

Once you leave school, you will need to repay your student loans. Contact your loan servicer to discuss your repayment options.



FAFSA Opens by December 31, 2023

The 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will launch by December 31, 2023. See the [NCAN post](#) regarding the details of the late opening as well as resources. The Federal Student Aid Commission has created a [2024-25 FAFSA Updates website](#) for continued information.

So what can you do now:

- Have your students and parents register for their FSA ID. Parents without an SSN will have to wait until the form opens.
- Have families determine [which parent\(s\) should contribute](#) to the FAFSA.

FAFSA Updates

The Federal Student Aid Commission has created a [2024-25 FAFSA Updates website](#) for continued information. You will want to check this site often for new information as it is released.

Scholarship Opportunity - December 18, 2023

The Equitable Excellence Scholarship® Application is open. The Equitable Excellence Scholarship® supports students from across the country who strive to be a force for good in their communities and beyond. 100 renewable awards of \$5,000 each and up to 100 one-time awards of \$2,500 each will be granted. See the [application flyer](#) and the website at learnmore.scholarsapply.org/equitableexcellence

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