

# OCDE AVID Update

## AVID Website

<https://tinyurl.com/ocdeavid>

## AVID Scholarships

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## AVID EVENTS & DEADLINES

**Feb. 25** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Applications Due

**TBD** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Finalist Interviews

**Apr.** – Senior Scholarship Winners Announced

**May** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Winners announced

## Resources for Homeless Youth

Many students are going through housing insecurities. Below you will find some helpful resources.

- [Potential Signs of Homelessness in a Virtual Learning World](#)
- [At-a-Glance Resources \(MS Word\)](#)
- [Tips for Teachers & Staff – How to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness](#)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Standouts

**February 25, 2021**

The online 8<sup>th</sup> Grade standout scholarship application is due soon. Paper applications will not be accepted, so be sure you are working with your standout on completing the online application. You may now download the AVID 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Standout application template from the [OCDE AVID Scholarship](#) page.

## Virtual College Fairs -

College Board is hosting four virtual college fairs called [Big Future Days](#). Each fair will focus on college options within that region. They begin on February 23.

## Recognition Ceremonies

Due to the pandemic, there will be no in person recognition events for our standouts and scholars. However, the students will be acknowledged virtually. Seniors in April and eighth graders in May. More information to come.

## Financial Aid Deadline

**Due March 2, 2021**

Remind students that California community colleges require students to complete the FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application to be considered for free tuition.

## Scholarship Opportunity

### College Board Opportunity Scholarship (CBOS)

The CBOS is open and available for the classes of 2021 and 2022. There have been some changes based on current trends and requirements in college admissions. Details and steps can be found at <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/home>.

## Financial Aid Support via CBOS

Seniors who are registered for the CBOS can get FAFSA support via the personal assistance chatbot at <https://www.getfafsahelp.org/cb/?excmid=SM48-ED-CB-tw>.

## Financial Aid Made Easier

The U.S. Department of Education developed the [Financial Aid Shopping Sheet](#) and [College Financing Plan](#) as a consumer tool that school can use to provide financial aid information in a consistent format. The tool shows the categories that most financial aid award letters include.

## Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE)

We invite you to check out <http://Tupeca.org> for the latest news, announcements, resources, and partnerships in Tobacco-Use Prevention Education.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Standout Application Support

With the new online application, we know that both teachers and students may need technical assistance. Remember to reference the [Online Application User Manual](#) for directions. In addition, OCDE AVID will offer virtual office hours to assist students and teachers with the virtual application.

AVID Help Virtual Office Hours:

<https://ocde.webex.com/ocde/j.php?MTID=mcd91d3c6b65848d2f5eefb62a6ea6a9b>

Meeting number (access code): 187 617 3557

Meeting password: AVID 2021

- February 18 and 19 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- February 24 and 25 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.