



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 Standout Scholarship

Due February 15, 2024

The Senior Standout information and application are now available. Please ensure that standouts use the posted directions when competing their application. Resources are posted on the [OCDE AVID Scholarships](#) page.

8th Grade Standout Scholarship

Due February 28, 2024

The 8th Grade Standout applications are now available. Teachers must create the account for their students this year. Remember there are changes to the application. Use the template and other resources posted on the [OCDE AVID Scholarships](#) page.



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS & DEADLINES

**FEB. 15 - SENIOR STANDOUT
APPLICATION DUE**

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS & DEADLINES

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

**MAY 8 - 8TH GRADE STANDOUT
RECOGNITION**

**MAY 13 - AVID PRE-GAME CEREMONY FOR
ALL ANGELS SCHOLARS PAST AND PRESENT**

AVID Night at Knott's

March 1, 2024

Keep the orders coming in! We are excited that we are bringing back this night of fun for our schools. Visit the [AVID Night at Knott's website](#) for more information.

8th Grade Dates - Mark Your Calendars

Great news, we have confirmed dates with Angels Baseball for our upcoming events.

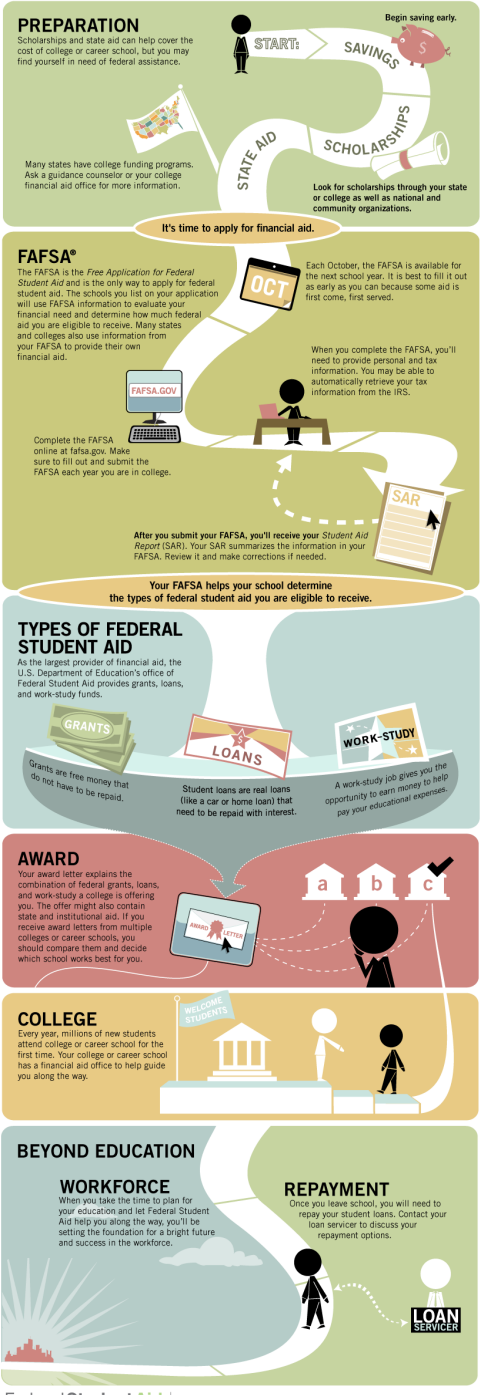
- The 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony for all 8th-Grade Standouts, families and schools is Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. More information to come.
- If you want to watch our past and present Angels Scholars be recognized at an Angels game, join us for the AVID Angels Scholars pre-game ceremony, Monday, May 13, 2024. You may order tickets at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/Avidoc24>

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.



FAFSA is Open!

It was a rough start, but the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now open 24/7. Colleges will not begin receiving the FAFSA forms until later this month and that is when students will receive their official FAFSA confirmation page.

FAFSA Resources

Take time to review the [slides](#) and [recording](#) of NCAN's latest FAFSA webinar. It is well worth the time. There will be another webinar on February 14. Register at <https://www.ncan.org/page/better-FAFSA-webinar-series>

CA Student Aid Commission Offerings - February 2024

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has a few more training on the FAFSA and CADAA scheduled for February. In addition, there are Cal Grant Regional trainings and upcoming webinars. To find out about their offerings to help with the financial aid process, visit https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/gsa_2024-08.pdf

Scholarship Opportunity - Due February 15, 2024

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund has opened their application for 2024. Awards range from \$500-\$5,000. Visit <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship> for details.

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