

# FutureReady Focus



## **Campaign Details**

Please be sure to keep us up-to-date with your school's campaign details including dates and times on our <u>Campaign Google Sheet</u>. You will also see contact information for volunteers on the page.

## UC and CSU College Application Workshops and Counselor Workshops

CSUF and UCI are offering FREE virtual application workshops to take you through the changes to this year's application process and address questions and concerns. Join us for updates, general requirements, tips and resources.

- UC Application September 20, 2022, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
   Register at <a href="http://ocde.k12oms.org/1235-223516">http://ocde.k12oms.org/1235-223516</a>
- CSU Application September 27, 2022, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Register at <a href="http://ocde.k12oms.org/1235-223517">http://ocde.k12oms.org/1235-223517</a>

Counselor Conferences are now open

- UC Counselor Conference \$45 Virtual- Sept. 15, 2022
- <u>CSU Counselor Conference</u> \$125 In-Person Sept. 28 (Pasadena) or Sept. 30 (San Diego)

#### **EVENTS & DEADLINES**

SEPT. 20 - UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP

SEPT. 27 - CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOP

DEC. 7 - FALL DATA DUE

DEC. 13 - CAMPAIGN DEBRIEF AT OCDE

ACAC WEBSITE
FUTUREREADY CA WEBSITE

## **FSA ID Changes**

Multi-Factor Authentication has been added to the FSA ID this year. Be sure students give all options possible. More information at <a href="https://www.ncan.org/news/615086/FSA-ID-Process-Adds-Multi-Factor-Authentication.htm">https://www.ncan.org/news/615086/FSA-ID-Process-Adds-Multi-Factor-Authentication.htm</a>

## #WhyApply Day - Friday, September 16th

Students may have doubts that college is worth it or fears about the application process. But on Friday, September 16, we can help address those fears and celebrate the college admissions and application process. Whether applying to a certificate program, two-year college, or four-year university, it is important to celebrate this critical and necessary step on the journey to postsecondary education.

**#WhyApply** Social Media Toolkit outlining the ways you can participate in **#WhyApply** Day on Friday, September 16. The toolkit includes:

- · Promotional graphics
- Sample social media posts
- Sample newsletter and email copy
- Links for additional graphics to download (<a href="https://equityinlearning.act.org/acac/resources/why-apply/">https://equityinlearning.act.org/acac/resources/why-apply/</a> [equityinlearning.act.org])



## **Full Bellies Make Hungry Minds**

When students don't have to worry about their next meal, they can focus on the next steps in their academic career.

CalFresh can provide struggling families money to buy groceries at stores such as Albertsons, Vons, Amazon and Walmart. A family of four can receive more than \$600.

The application process is easy and can take just 30 minutes. To learn more about CalFresh and other benefits, visit <a href="https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/">https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/</a> or <a href="https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/">www.ssa.ocgov.com</a>, or contact the SSA Call Center at (800) 281-9799.

#### Student Search Services

Student Search Services is a tool used to help colleges and scholarship partners find students. Typically, students may opt in to this service via the SAT. Given the SAT will not occur for many, students can sign up at <a href="https://studentsearch.collegeboard.org/">https://studentsearch.collegeboard.org/</a>
Student Search Services offers opportunity for colleges and scholarships to connect with students. When opting in, limited student information is shared in an encrypted form with colleges and scholarships that match their interests.

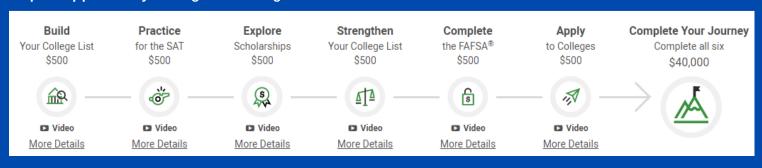
## **Resources for Students**

Don't forget about these great resources for you and your students.

- <u>Up Next</u> Guidance, advice, reminders. UpNext is like a counselor in a student's back pocket. Every text message is sent by a real person, including near-peer mentors and professional advisors from College Advising Corps, Inside Track, College Possible and College Forward. \*\*Juniors and seniors text your first name and last name to 240-623-8319\*\*.
- Choosing a Major- If you're not sure what you'd like to major in, download the Encourage app (encourageme.com) or visit MyACT (www.my.act.org), myOptions (www.myoptions.org), or College Board's Big Future (www.bigfuture.org) to explore and learn more about careers and majors that align with your interests and talents.
- Need help finding which UC and CSU campuses have the majors you are interested in, check out these resources.
  - UC Check majors
     https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/c ampuses-majors/majors/
  - CSU Degrees search
     https://www.calstate.edu/attend/degrees-certificates-credentials/Pages/search-degrees.aspx

## College Board Scholarship Program

Class of 2023: Complete these 6 college planning steps for 6 separate chances at \$500. When you finish all 6, you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$40,000 scholarship. You can still earn money even if you don't complete them all. For more information go to: https://opportunity.collegeboard.org





#### Financial Aid Workshop

This year financial aid applications are even more crucial, as California has made it a graduation requirement for seniors beginning this year. The California Student Aid Commission and the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators are virtually hosting the 2022 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops. These free workshops will assist in providing information and updates on state funded financial aid programs and provide a comprehensive overview of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For information visit: <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/annual-statewide-financial-aid-workshops">https://www.csac.ca.gov/annual-statewide-financial-aid-workshops</a>.

There will be an in-person workshop at OCDE on October 4. It fills quickly so register soon.

#### **ACT College and Career Readiness Workshop**

ACT offers state-specific virtual ACT College and Career Readiness Workshops. The date for the CA specific webinar is September 28, 2022. Register for this webinar at: <a href="https://pages2.act.org/ccrw-2021.html">https://pages2.act.org/ccrw-2021.html</a>

#### **Data Collection**

Data Collection will be due December 7, 2022. This deadline will include the data collected during your campaign dates. In the spring we will collect additional data including FAFSA and CADAA data. See below for links:

- Sample Student Exit Survey (pdf, Make a copy to personalize)
- Fall Data Collection Form (pdf, Submit data)



### Financial Aid Toolkit for Counselors

Federal Student Aid has created a resource for counselors called the Financial Aid Toolkit. This resource includes fact sheets, videos, infographics, PowerPoint presentations, sample tweets, and other resources to help you advise students about financial aid. Find the toolkit at: <a href="https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources/all.jsp">https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources/all.jsp</a>

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