

FAFSA –

To be considered for financial aid, you must complete the **FAFSA** which stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The **FAFSA** is the key that opens the door for you to possibly get financial aid. Even if you think you won't qualify for need-based aid, you and your parents should complete the **FAFSA**. Don't disqualify yourself! Many college have their own sources of financial aid, but they won't look at you unless you have submitted the **FAFSA**.

So, if you haven't done so already, go to **www.fafsa.gov** to complete your **FAFSA** by **3/2/15**.

After you submit the **FAFSA**, you will receive a Student Aid Report, or **SAR** which contains the information you reported on the **FAFSA** and usually includes your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The **EFC** is an index number used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. The schools you list on your **FAFSA** receive this information, too.

If you are eligible, your school's financial aid office will send you an aid offer showing the amount and types of aid the school will offer you. You can compare aid offers from the schools to which you applied to see which one is most affordable. This may help you to decide which school to attend.

CAL GRANT

If you have completed your **FAFSA**, then the California Department of Education will be able to consider you for a CAL GRANT. The state uses the information from FAFSA as well as your GPA to determine your eligibility. Guess what? MVUSD has already submitted your Cal Grant GPA Verification to the State of California for you! (You're Welcome!) All you have to do is complete the **FAFSA**. By the way, Cal Grants are good at all UCs, CSUs, community colleges and many eligible private, career and technical schools in California. Make sure you have listed a California school on your **FAFSA**!

To get started at MSJC In Fall 2015, follow these 3 simple steps:

1. Apply online at www.msjc.edu any time after **April 6, 2015 for fall registration** (or by March 2nd for summer classes.)
2. Complete the Online Orientation.
3. Complete MSJC Assessment Exam. You may complete this at any time...no appointment necessary. Just bring a photo I.D. MSJC will also accept EAP and AP scores which *may* exempt you from all or part of the Assessment Exam.

If you do all of the above by the **end of May**, you will be able to obtain an earlier fall Registration appointment. Your Registration Appointment will be posted to the Eagle Advisor Portal. Log on to the Eagle Advisor by May 29th to follow up.

Summer classes start on June 8, 2015

Fall classes start on August 17, 2015.

MSJC will have workshops at MVHS on March 17 and April 28 to help you with the MSJC application, orientation, and registration. Don't miss out on these great opportunities to get information. Sign up in the Counseling office to attend!

To Get Started at Paloma College

Another community college choice is Palomar College in San Marcos. They have an Early Acceptance Program. Follow these 3 steps to enroll:

1. Complete the online application and obtain your Palomar ID number
2. View the online Pre-Advising Orientation video.
3. Attend an Early Acceptance Program Counseling Session.

Further information can be found at www.palomar.edu/counseling/assessment/

The deadline to participate in the Early Acceptance Program is **May 26, 2015**.

SAT Testing for Juniors!!!

Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school. At least half of all students take the SAT twice — in the spring as a junior and in the fall as a senior. Most students improve their score the second time they take the SAT. Learn more about [when to take the SAT](#).

About the SAT

The SAT is offered at least seven times each year in the U.S. and six times internationally. It is offered in October, November, December, January, March (U.S. only; SAT only), May and June. Learn more about the [SAT](#). Register at [Collegeboard.com](https://collegeboard.com)

Upcoming Test Dates

Deadlines expire at midnight, EST (U.S.).

SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests Availability (Find dates)	Registration Deadline	
Mar 14 SAT Test Dates		Feb 13	Register Now 10 days left
May 2 SAT Test Dates	Subject Tests	Apr 6	Register Now 62 days left