

## 2018 TVUSD SENIORS & PARENTS

Temecula Dollars for Scholars (TDFS) is celebrating 31 years of providing scholarships to graduating seniors in the Temecula Valley Unified School District! The scholarship process is **NOW OPEN** and **will close February 1, 2018**. **Start your online student profile now**. The TDFS application/student profile is similar to the UC Common App and is linked to Fastweb.com. By completing **ONE online application**, you'll be entered into a pool for school, community, AND national scholarships. All info can be found at [www.temecula.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.temecula.dollarsforscholars.org). To guide you through the online process, below is a **recommended timeline**.

### OCTOBER

- Complete TDFS online profile. The more complete your profile, the better chance you have to be matched to scholarships. **NOTE: Being "matched" to a scholarship does not mean you have been awarded a scholarship. It means your application matches donor criteria set for scholarship(s).**
- Begin seeking references and requesting letters of recommendation.
- Students can be matched for national scholarships almost immediately (depending upon how complete your profile application is). Check your dashboard frequently. TDFS chapter scholarships will open **January 1, 2018**.

### NOVEMBER

- Work on/complete profile, essays, and references and continue accumulating/recording community service hours.

### DECEMBER

- Download your Fall transcript from Infinite Campus and upload it to the documents section of your online profile.
- Verify the email address of your school registrar or counselor. Send him/her an email requesting verification of your grades and test scores.
- Request letters of recommendation (references). Make sure the **email address for each reference is correct. Check your profile to ensure references have been submitted.** It is **your responsibility** to contact your reference and confirm submission. Do not assume! Check to **make sure letters you've requested have been sent!**

### JANUARY

- TDFS chapter scholarships open **January 1, 2018**. Your online profile **must** be 100% complete in order to submit your application for any TDFS scholarship.
- Go online to check your dashboard at least **TWICE** a WEEK for scholarship opportunities.
- Respond to notices regarding matching scholarships. Answer all questions. Keep searching for new scholarships and submit to any that you may be eligible for. Click "submit" to scholarships in order to be considered.

### FEBRUARY

- **February 1, 2018** is the closing date for all TDFS Local Scholarships. You will not be able to apply after this date.
- Continue to check your dashboard for notices regarding **OTHER** national scholarships; apply when applicable.

### MARCH/APRIL

- Keep checking your student dashboard frequently for notices regarding national scholarships; apply when applicable.
- If receiving a school scholarship, you will receive an email invite to attend the Senior Awards Night (TBD).

### MAY

- Check email regarding invitation to attend the **May 14, 2018 Temecula Dollars for Scholars Community Awards Night** (for community-based scholarship awards). If you will be receiving an award, you will be notified via email. Make sure your email is correct and that TDFS correspondence is not going into your spam folder.
- Guard your scholarship award envelope received that night carefully; put it in a safe place where it will not be lost.

### JUNE

- Check your student dashboard and accept scholarships awarded to you by **June 15**. This is an important step in receiving any scholarship monies awarded. Follow additional directions on your award envelope to claim monies.
- Write thank-you notes to donors.
- **IMPORTANT: You can continue to search for national scholarships after high school graduation. After you graduate, download a copy of your transcript before you are exited out of the Infinite Campus system. (After school is out for the summer, you will not be able to access it.)** This will enable you to easily update your Scholarship America online profile in preparation for applying to scholarships your second year of post-secondary (college, university, trade) school. IF you forget, you must contact Parchment to request a copy of your transcript.