

FINANCIAL AID

MONEY FOR COLLEGE . . . SCHOLARSHIPS . . . GRANTS . . . LOANS

What seniors can do:

- Apply** to 2-3 colleges regardless of tuition costs. You will put the names of these colleges on your FAFSA.
- Attend** a financial aid workshop listed on the enclosed flyer to have your questions answered. Do not rely on information from your friends!
- Mail** your FAFSA soon after January 1, not before.
- Complete** the CalGrant GPA Verification by asking your guidance counselor for a form. The deadline is March 2.
- Call** the financial aid office at the colleges you have applied to. Ask them for a financial aid info packet and scholarship list.
- Research** scholarships that you may be eligible for. Sources are: high school, Humboldt Area Foundation, HSU library, www.fastweb.com.
- Listen** for financial aid or scholarship information announced in the daily bulletin.

What parents can do:

- Talk** to your student about his/her choice of colleges. Your student does not have to make the final decision about which college to attend until after reviewing the financial aid offers at each college. Many times the high cost schools offer can be generous with aid, thereby making the total cost to families comparable to the cost of CR or HSU.
- Help** your student research scholarships. Your business, social or religious affiliations may qualify your student for funds.
- Complete** your tax return early, this information is needed on the FAFSA.
- Attend** a financial aid workshop listed on the enclosed flyer to have your questions answered. Do not rely on outside information!
- Help** your student meet all deadlines for college and financial aid applications—although ultimately it is the student's responsibility.