

Guidance News!!!



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Scholarships:

- **Michiana Two Cylinder Club Scholarship**
The Michiana Two-Cylinder Club is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a Michigan senior pursuing an education in an agricultural related field. Stop by the Counseling Office for an application. Deadline is **March 31st**.
- **National Children of Warriors Scholarship**
This \$5,000 scholarship is available to Michigan high school residents who are a son, daughter or grandchild of a veteran and who are planning on attending any Michigan accredited college or university. Applicants must have completed 50 hours of community service. Go to the Counseling Office to pick up your application or visit www.michalaux.org. The deadline is in **March 1st**.
- **Memorial Scholarship**
This \$500 scholarship is for the daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of any honorably discharged or deceased veteran. This award is based on need and scholastic standing to study at any college in Michigan. Go to the Counseling Office to pick up your application or visit www.michalaux.org. The application deadline is in **March 15th**.
- **Medical Past President Parley Scholarship**
This \$500 scholarship is for the daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of any honorably discharged or deceased veteran. You must plan to pursue a career as a nurse, physical therapist, or a reparatory therapist and attend a college in Michigan. Go to the Counseling Office to pick up your application or visit www.michalaux.org. The application deadline is **March 15th**.

- **Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship**
 This \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to over 800 students nationwide. You must have a 3.0 GPA to apply. Go to <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/leadersandachievers> to complete your application. The deadline is **December 7th**.
- **Michigan Education Association – MEA- scholarship**
 The general criteria for awarding this scholarship includes: academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and school and community service. The only requirement to apply is that you must be a dependent of a MEA member or MEA-Retired Member. Deadline is **February 21st**. Go to www.mea.org/mea-scholarship to apply or stop by the Counseling Office for an application.
- **Point Scholarship**
 This \$3,700 scholarship is for anyone who is “out” as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community. Go to <http://pointfoundation.org> for more information and for an application. The deadline is **January 28th**.
- **ESA Foundation Scholarships**
 The ESA Foundation offers a variety of different scholarships that students may apply for. The basic criteria are that students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA . You may download applications at <http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org>. The deadline is **December 15th** and there is a \$5 fee per scholarship application that their organization charges.
- **Abbott and Fenner Scholarship**
 This \$1,000 scholarship is for any senior! To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic that they provide. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Go to <http://abbottandfenner.com> for more information. The deadline is **June 14th**.
- **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship**
 This \$10,000 renewable scholarship is for students who have drive, leadership, integrity, and citizenship. You must have a 3.0 GPA to apply. Application deadline is **January 4th**. Go to www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships for more information and to apply.
- **Making the Turn Against Parkinson’s**
 This \$2,500 scholarship is for a student who is a relative of a Parkinson’s patient. The deadline is **March 1st**. Go to www.MakingTheTurnGolf.com for an application.
- **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Scholarship**
 DAR Scholarship Committee is awarding scholarships to students who are interested in Nursing, Education, Law, and History. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and must plan to attend a college in the United States. To find out if you would be eligible for one of these many scholarship opportunities, go to <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>. The deadline is **February 15th**.
- **DAR American Indian Scholarship**
 This \$4,000 scholarship is awarded to help Native Americans students of any age, any tribe and in any state striving to get an education at the undergraduate or graduate levels. Applicants must be Native Americans (proof of American Indian blood is required by letter or proof papers) in financial need and have a grade point average of 3.25 or higher. Go to

<http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships> for more information. The deadline is **February 15th**.

- **Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded once a year to one student. A candidate for this scholarship must be enrolled full time at a 2- or 4- year college or university. Applicants must be Native Americans and proof of American Indian blood is required by letter or proof papers. Students must demonstrate financial need, academic achievement, and have a 3.25 GPA or higher. Go to <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships> for more information. The deadline is **February 15th**.

- **SAE Engineering Scholarships**

Are you interested in pursuing a career in Engineering? If so, then these scholarships are for you! Go to <https://www.sae.org/participate/scholarships> for the applications. The application deadlines are **March 15th**.

- **Burger King Scholarship**

The Burger King Scholars Program awards \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors. To be eligible you have to have a 2.5 GPA or higher, work part-time, involved in community service, demonstrate financial need, and plan to attend a two/or four year college. Go to <http://www.bkmclamorefoundation.org> for an application. The application deadline is **December 15th**.

- **The American Legion Brewer Scholarship**

This \$500 scholarship is available to residents of Michigan who are a son, daughter or grandchild of a veteran and who are planning on attending any nationally accredited college or university. Selection is based on a student's GPA (2.5 or higher), financial need, parent's or grandparent's honorable active wartime military service, and goals and intentions. Submit this scholarship form along with requested information to the American Legion's District Committeeman. The deadline is **January 14th**. Pick up your application in the Counseling Office or go to www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships.

- **The American Legion Guy M. Wilson Scholarship**

This \$500 scholarship is available to Michigan high school residents who are a son, daughter or grandchild of a veteran and who are planning on attending any Michigan accredited college or university. Selection is based on a student's GPA (2.5 or higher), financial need, parent's or grandparent's honorable active war-time military service, goals and intentions. Submit this scholarship form along with requested information to the American Legion's District Committeeman. The deadline is **January 14th**. Pick up your application in the Counseling Office or go to www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships.

- **AXA Achievement Scholarship**

In order to apply for this scholarship you must be a current high school senior who plans to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university. You must also demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 dollars! The application deadline is **December 14th**. Go to <https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/about.html> for more information and to apply.

- **William G. Coyne Credit Union ONE**
This scholarship is for seniors who will complete 30 or more hours of documented, qualified community service during Junior/Senior year of high school, are a member or has a family member that has belonged to Credit Union ONE for a minimum of 6 months in good standing, have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or above. Go to <http://www.cuone.org/about/scholarships.aspx> for an application. Application deadline is **April 1st**.
- **College Scholarships**
Scholarships are available from individual colleges. Be sure to check with the college of your choice for financial aid opportunities.
- **Mensa Scholarship**
The Mensa Foundation essay scholarship program requires students to write a 550 word essay describing their career, vocational, or academic goals. This scholarship is worth \$650 at the local level and \$1,000 if you make it to the national level in the competition. Go to www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships for an application. The deadline is **January 15th**.
- **UNCF Scholarship Program**
This foundation awards over 10,000 scholarships to minority students from low and moderate income families. Go to <http://www.uncf.org> to check out all of the scholarship opportunities.
- **Lakeland Health Care Volunteer Scholarship**
If you have at least a 3.0 GPA and would like to pursue a career in health care then this scholarship is for you. If you get 100 hours of community service at Lakeland Hospital you could apply for this \$3,000 renewable scholarship. Call 269-985-4548 or visit www.lakelandhealth.org/volunteer for more information!
- **John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest**
The JFK Library Foundation invites high school students to write an original essay on the political courage of a U.S. elected Official. The first place winner will receive \$10,000! Go to www.jfklibrary.org for more information. The deadline for submission is **January 18th**.

Upcoming Events:

ACT and SAT

If you need to take the ACT or SAT Test you can register online. For the ACT go to www.act.org and for the SAT go to www.collegeboard.org. If you receive free/reduced lunch or if you're a member of ETS you could take these tests for free! For the SAT we also have fee waivers for unlimited score reports. Contact Mrs. Roeder for details or for help registering.

Additional Information:

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The federal government uses it to determine your eligibility for federal aid, which includes grants, work-study, scholarships and loans. The form collects financial and demographic data. FAFSA on the Web is an Internet-based version of the paper application form. You must file this form every year in order to be eligible for State and Federal financial aid. **ALL STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO GO TO COLLEGE SHOULD FILL OUT THIS**

FORM, even if you don't think you'll qualify for any financial aid. This form is often required to apply for other scholarships that are available from the high school and colleges. **YOU CAN BEGIN FILLING OUT THE FAFSA ON OCTOBER 1ST.** Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. **If you have questions regarding the FAFSA you can call 1-800-433-3243.** Using your FAFSA, the federal processor determines your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), or the amount of money your family can be expected to contribute to your college costs each year. The College Administration will try to meet your needs through a financial aid award made up of funds from federal, state, institutional and private sources as well as grants, student employment and loans.

Test Scores

If you do not wish to have your test scores on your transcript, please contact the Counseling Office.

Online College Applications

If you have applied to colleges online by filling out online applications be sure to print off the School Counselor portion of the application. You should turn this portion of the application in to the Counseling Office so that we can send your transcripts to the colleges.

Request transcripts through Parchment. You should have received a copy of your Parchment registration code. If you need another copy, see Mrs. Roeder.

NCAA Clearinghouse

If you are planning to enroll in college as a freshman and you wish to participate in Division I or Division II athletics, you must be certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse. It is your responsibility to make sure the Clearinghouse has the documents it needs to certify you. These documents are: Your NCAA application, your official transcript sent electronically using Parchment, and your ACT or SAT scores mailed directly from the test company. You can apply online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. See Mrs. Roeder if you have questions.

College Visitation

A junior or senior may take up to two DNR college visitations per year. A visitation may be approved for more than one day for distant locations with counselor approval. College visitation days must be approved by the counselor 3 days prior to the visitation date. Pick up forms for such visits in the Counseling Office.

Job Shadowing

You may take up to two DNR job shadowing days per year. These days provide a great opportunity to check out careers that interest you. Job shadowing days must be approved by the counselor 3 days prior to the actual job shadowing date. Pick up forms for such visits in the Counseling Office.

Selective Service Registration

All males are required to register with the Selective Service when they turn 18. If you don't register you will not be able to apply for federal student grants or loans for college. Go to www.sss.gov to register today!!

Michigan Student Aid Programs

For all of these programs you can call 1-888-4-Grants or visit www.michigan.gov/studentaid for more information. **FUNDING IS DETERMINED EVERY YEAR AND SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS MAY NOT BE FUNDED.**

Children of Veterans Tuition Grant- This \$2,800 per year grant is renewable and is for students whose parent has been killed or permanently disabled as a result of their duty in the military. You may download an application at www.michigan.gov/studentaid.

Education and Training Voucher- This program provides a \$5,000 scholarship to students who are in or have been in foster care. For more information go to www.mietv.lssm.org or call 1-877-660-6388.

Michigan Competitive Scholarship- This **renewable** scholarship provides assistance for Michigan students attending college. You must achieve a qualifying composite score on the ACT and you must demonstrate need for financial aid on the FAFSA. If you qualify, the State should send you a letter in the summer notifying you of your eligibility.

MI-Loan Program – This program is available for students attending Michigan degree granting colleges and universities who do not typically qualify for scholarships or the Stafford Loan. Call 1-800-MGA-LOAN.

Michigan Tuition Grant- This grant provides assistance for students who plan to attend a private/independent college. The amount of this grant is determined every year. You must demonstrate financial need as determined by filing the FAFSA.

Michigan Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)- This program will pay for the first two years of college and beyond for identified students who graduate from high school. To meet the financial eligibility requirement, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36 consecutive month period as identified by the Family Independence Agency (FIA). If you qualify, the State should send you a letter notifying you of your eligibility.

Police and FireFighters Survivor Tuition Act

This program is intended to provide an educational benefit to the spouse and children of police officers and firefighters who were killed in the line of duty. For more information call 517-322-3968 or visit www.mcoles.org.

Online Help

FastWeb: www.fastweb.com “find your dream college” by using this website. You can also do scholarship searches.

FinAid: Visit www.finaid.org for comprehensive and current information on athletic scholarships and much more.

Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA): To find out more information about the FAFSA form visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. This form must be filed in order to receive most State and Federal financial aid. You can not file this form until January of your Senior year.

FAFSA 4caster: www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov is a financial aid estimator that you can use before officially applying for financial aid using the FAFSA.

Student Aid: www.studentaid.ed.gov is a great website from the federal government that contains a lot of college/financial aid information.

KnowHow2GOMichigan: www.KnowHow2GOMichigan.org helps students plan for college.

NCAA Clearinghouse: This website has lots of helpful information for athletes who are interested in participating in sports at a Division I or II college. Visit www.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter for more information.

Scholarships.com: Go to www.scholarships.com to conduct free scholarships searches.

GoodCall.com: Go to www.goodcall.com for an outstanding scholarship search!

CHEGG.com: www.chegg.com has information on over \$1.9 billion dollars in scholarships! You can also research colleges from this site.

College Search: <http://collegesearch.collegeboard.org/search/index.jsp> is a great place to go to see what college offers your major!

U.S. Department of Education: www.ed.gov This site offers reports on every level of education from elementary to postgraduate.

Pathfinder: This website helps you explore careers, schools and programs in Michigan to find the path that is right for you. Just go to <https://pathfinder.mitalent.org/>.

Peterson’s Undergraduate Channel: www.Petersons.com provides information and tools that will help you prepare, search, and pay for college.

Occupational Handbook: Not sure what career your interested in or how much it pays? Go to www.bls.gov/oco/ to access thousands of different career options.

ACT: Go to www.actstudent.org to get more information on the ACT. They offer free test prep and you can also register online.

SAT: Go to www.collegeboard.com to register for the SAT. You'll also find test prep information and much more.

Career One Stop: www.careeronestop.org/studentsandcareeradvisors provides information on different types of careers.

Scholarship Monkey: This site provides the most comprehensive scholarship search tool. Just go to www.scholarshipmonkey.com.

College Cost: www.Collegecost.ed.gov is a great site to go to see how much a specific college will cost.

College Navigator: nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator is where you want to go to learn more information about a college that you have in mind.

You Visit: youvisit.com is where you want to go to take a virtual college tour.

