

# Guidance News for Juniors!!!



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Just click on the student link and select Counseling

## **Scholarship Opportunities:**

- **Abbott and Fenner Scholarship**

This \$1,000 scholarship is for any junior or 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 14<sup>th</sup>**.

- **The American Legion Oratorical Contest**

The purpose of this contest is to provide high school students with a deeper understanding of the Constitution of the United States, develop and sharpen their speaking skills, and compete for scholarship money ranging from \$200 - \$1,500 (Department Contest) and \$14,000 - \$18,000 (National Contest). Visit [www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships](http://www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships) for more details. The deadline is **November 20<sup>th</sup>**.

- **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

If you've made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington D.C. Prudential would like to celebrate your volunteerism by offering several \$1,000 scholarships. If you are interested you can go to <http://spirit.prudential.com> for an application. When asked for the access key, type the word **spirit**. The deadline is **November 6<sup>th</sup>**.

- **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](http://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](http://www.jfklibrary.org) for more information. The deadline for submission is **January 18<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Voice of Democracy**  
Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on a patriotic theme that is chosen by the VFW. Students compete for more than \$2.5 million in scholarships, with the top scholarship of \$30,000. All entries must be turned into the local VFW post before midnight **on October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Go to the [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and then click on community and then select Youth and Education for more information.

## **SHOULD YOU GO TO COLLEGE!?!**

- **Every bit of education you get after high school increases the chances you'll earn good pay.** Most college graduates earn a lot more money during their working years than people who stop their education at high school. If you get a four-year degree, you will earn almost **1 MILLION DOLLARS MORE OVER A LIFETIME** than if you only have a high school diploma.
- **The more education you get the more likely it is you will always have a job.** According to one estimate, by the year 2028 there will be 19 million more jobs for educated workers than there are qualified people to fill them.

## **Choosing the Right College:**

Confused about college? Here are some options you may want to consider.

### **Four-Year Colleges and Universities**

- Generally, students are enrolled for four years and graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- Four-year colleges offer a wider variety of courses and give students time and opportunities to explore their interests.
- Many larger universities attract the top professors and offer modern facilities and a wealth of academic resources.
- Students acquire and develop skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

### **Community or Junior Colleges**

- Associates degrees or certificates in specific areas can be attained in two years.
- Credits earned can usually be transferred to a four-year college.
- Tuition at community colleges is typically less expensive compared to four-year colleges.
- Course schedules are flexible, with day and evening classes offered for working students.
- Community college courses are also available to high school students to get a head start on college and to adult students to further professional development.
- For more information, visit the American Association of Community Colleges at: [www.aacc.nche.edu](http://www.aacc.nche.edu).

### **Vocational, Technical and Career Schools**

- Students enroll in courses for one or two years to learn the skills needed for a specific career.
- On average, tuition at vocational schools is less expensive than four-year schools, though many vocational schools are not eligible for federal aid.
- Vocational and technical colleges offer certificate or degree programs a four-year college may not.
- Do your research before enrolling by calling the school and asking for proof of accreditation.

### **Online Schools**

- Opportunities to study online grow each year. Before signing up, ask yourself the following questions:
- Is it an accredited institution? Demonstrating that your degree is from an accredited institution is important when you're looking for a job or applying to another school.
- What financial aid is available? Ask the college, check the Guidance Newsletter, and surf the web for scholarships.
- Is there full-time faculty?
- How is the program structured? Find out how much interaction there is between student and teacher.
- What are students doing after graduation? Look for a college that has advanced students into established careers.
- Is the program run through a traditional college or university? Additional aid may be available through the college directly.

### **Service Academies**

- Qualifications for admission are very competitive. They include rigorous physical and academic requirements.
- Students receive a full scholarship upon admission.
- Service time is required upon graduation from the academy (most branches require at least five years of active service).

### **List of U.S. Military Branch Academies:**

**Army:** U.S. Military Academy: [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

**Navy:** U.S. Naval Academy: [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

**Air Force:** U.S. Air Force Academy: [www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu)

**Merchant Marines:** U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

**Coast Guard:** U.S. Coast Guard Academy: [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)

**Association of Military Colleges and Schools:** [www.amcsus.org](http://www.amcsus.org)