

Guidance News!!!



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Scholarships:

- **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.bkmcclamorefoundation.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.

- **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). Go to the Counseling Office for more details or visit www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships. Deadline is **November 20th**.

- **Cooke Scholarship**

The Cooke College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. This scholarship is up to \$40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school. To apply you must have a 3.5 GPA or higher and a SAT score of 1200 or higher (26 ACT composite) and demonstrate financial need. Go to <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/> for more information. The application will be submitted using the Common App. You will complete the Common App general requirements, which include things like your contact information, the school you attend and your grades, and your activities and honors. You will also invite your school counselor and two teachers to submit recommendations through the Common App. **Once you have created a Common App, add the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation as one of your "schools" to access the requirements that are specific to the College Scholarship.** You can learn more about applying through the Common App on their website: <https://www.commonapp.org/how-apply>. The application deadline is **November 20th**.

- **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**.
- **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 31st**. Go to the www.vfw.org and then click on community and then select Youth and Education for more information.
- **Elks National Foundation 2018 Most Valuable Student Scholarship**
The Elks National Foundation provides more than \$3.7 million in scholarships each year. To be eligible for this scholarship you must be a high school senior and a U.S. citizen. **Applications are due by November 15th**. Applications can be completed at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>.
- **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.
- **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 6th**.
- **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:

FAFSA Meeting

We will be having a meeting on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the computer lab (room 604) to help students and their parents complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) form. **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 scholarships that are available from the high school and colleges. **YOU SHOULD NEVER PAY TO COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA! IT'S A FREE FORM!** This event is for all seniors and their parents. Students and parents should bring 2016 financial information with them.

Career and College Day

Our annual Career and College day will be held on Friday, November 9th from 7:45a.m.- 11:00a.m. This is a mandatory event. Here are the different locations:

Group 1: Bailey – Densobrn with Mrs. Baumgartner in room 600

Group 2: Douglass – Lane with Mr. Brenneman in room 508

Group 3: LeMere – Newman with Mrs. Jordan in room 307

Group 4: Ostrander – Wolfinger with Mr. McLaughlin in room 302

You should report directly to your assigned teacher at the beginning of the school day. YOU WILL NOT HAVE MORNING SHARED-TIME CLASS OR CO-OP ON THIS DAY!!

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.

Testing Out of A Class?

Any senior trying to test out of a class must do so by Thanksgiving Break. Talk to your counselor if you have any questions.

College Applications

All seniors who are planning on going to college should have their college applications submitted by **November 1st**.

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!!

Applying to College Checklist:

1. Complete application for college ASAP (paper application or online application.) Sign everything needed. Incomplete applications will be returned by the college.
2. Don't forget to include your application fee if there is one required. If you qualify for a fee waiver see Mrs. Roeder so she can submit it for you.
3. Have any college transcripts sent through Parchment.com to the colleges in which you are applying.
4. Check on scholarship information at the particular college in which you are applying.

Online Help

Michigan.Gov: There are a variety of scholarships and grants that the State of Michigan offers to help pay for college. Go to www.michigan.gov/ssg .

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

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

College Calculator: <http://netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org> lets you see how much a college or university will really cost you.