

Guidance News!!!



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Scholarships:

- **Brandywine High School Local Scholarships**
Come down to the Counseling Office to pick up your application to apply for **local scholarships!** By filling out one application you can apply for several local scholarships. Go to the Counseling Office today to pick up your application. The application deadline is **March 8th**.
- **Niles Haunted House**
The Niles Haunted House is offering two scholarships again this year! The John Carlson for \$500 and the Keith Shurte for \$700. These scholarships are based mainly on community service and financial need. You must have community service to apply and 50 hours of community service at the Niles Haunted House is required for the Keith Shurte Scholarship. Applications are available in the Counseling Office.
- **MIAAA Scholarship**
The MIAAA is offering six \$1,000 scholarships again this year to graduating senior student-athletes. Student-athletes must meet the following criteria to be nominated: A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50, one Letter of Support from a school staff member, and must have earned a Varsity Letter in at least two different sports during their high school career. ***Applications must be typed.*** Please find the application by visiting miaaa.com and click on "Scholarships" on the left side menu. The deadline for submitting applications is **February 1st**.

- **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**.
- **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**.
- **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**.
- **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**.
- **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.

- **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.
- **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.

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!!

Additional Information:

What is the FAFSA?

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. **This form is due on MARCH 1st**. Download or complete the FAFSA on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov .

20 Questions to Ask About Financing College

1. What's the average total cost of attendance (tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, travel, and other personal expenses)? Do any of these costs vary by program?
2. What are the ranges of costs for the different housing options and meal plans?
3. By how much should I expect my costs to increase each year? (A three- to five-year history of cost increases should be available.)
4. Does financial need affect admission decisions?
5. How is financial aid affected if I apply via an Early Decision or Early Action program?
6. Does the school offer scholarships or other types of aid that aren't based on financial need?
7. What forms are required to apply for financial aid?
8. What is the priority deadline to apply for financial aid?
9. When will I be notified about financial aid award decisions?
10. Will the financial aid offer take into account the full cost of attending, including books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses?
11. What percentage of need does this college attempt to meet on average?
12. Will the financial aid office provide me with an explanation of how my financial need and award package was determined?
13. What financing options are available to help us pay our share of the costs?
14. What is the average amount of student loan debt incurred by graduates?
15. If the financial aid package isn't enough, can I appeal, or ask for a revision? Under what conditions, if any, will the aid office reconsider the offer?

16. How will the aid package change from year to year? What will happen if my enrollment status or my family's financial situation changes?
17. What are the academic requirements or other conditions for the renewal of financial aid, including scholarships?
18. When can I expect to receive bills from the college? Is there an option to spread the yearly payment over equal monthly installments?
19. How much money will I need during the first week of school for books, supplies, and other expenses? Can these expenses be charged to my account?
20. Regarding student employment, including the Federal Work-Study Program: How are jobs assigned? How many hours per week are students expected or allowed to work? How often and in what manner are they paid?

Helpful Websites:

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

Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA): To find out more information about the FAFSA form visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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.

MI Student Aid: www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid is Michigan's Student Aid website. It has information about all the Michigan Financial Aid Programs that are available.

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

Scholarships and Grants: Check out www.studentjobs.gov/e-scholar.htm. to find information on scholarships & grants.

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