

Guidance News for Juniors!!!



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Scholarship Opportunity:

- **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 14th**.

- **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**.

Have you thought about taking the ACT or SAT test?

Juniors who are planning on going to college should think about taking these tests this spring. You do not have to take both tests. You should check with the college you are thinking about attending to see which test they prefer. Registration information is available in the Counseling Office or you may register online at www.collegeboard.com for the SAT and www.actstudent.org for the ACT. If you receive free/reduced lunch or are a member of ETS, your tests could be free. See Mrs. Roeder for details.

ACT:

The ACT test is a three hour test made up of four parts: English/Writing, Reading, Science, and Math. Your Composite ACT score (the average of your four test scores) and your scores on the English, Math, Reading, and Science tests will be scored on a 1- 36 point scale. There is an OPTIONAL writing portion to the test. Some colleges will require the Writing Test; others will not. Most colleges will accept scores from the Writing Test even if they do not require it, so it is a good idea to take the writing portion of the test at least once. The cost of the regular ACT is \$46.00 and the cost of the ACT with the writing portion is \$62.50.

Test Dates

February 9
April 13
June 8
July 13

Registration Deadline

January 11
March 8
May 3
June 14

SAT:

The SAT is a three-hour test that measures verbal and mathematical reasoning skills. The SAT will provide two separate scores: math, reading and writing. The math and Reading/English section of the test will be scored on a 200-800 point scale. The cost of the SAT is \$60 with the essay and \$46 without the essay. **All juniors will be taking the SAT in April for FREE at the high school as a part of the MME.**

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March 9
May 4
June 1

Registration Deadline

February 8
April 5
May 3

Additional Information

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 job shadowing forms in the Counseling Office.

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.

