COUNSELORS NEWS:

ARE YOU COLLEGE & CAREER READY?????

December 2021

ACT TEST DATES
School Code: 210005

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21st
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11th
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20th
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24th

SAT TEST DATES
School Code: 210005

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1st
May 7, 2022	April 7, 2022	April 26th
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25th

**Fee waivers are available to students who qualify for free/reduced lunches – See Mrs. Shirko/Mrs. Hutcheson

Upcoming Events:

CONTINUE TO MONITOR SCHOOLOGY: CLASS OF 2022 AND MRS. AHERN'S EMAILS FOR VIRTUAL AND COLLEGE VISITS, FINANCIAL AID INFO, SCHOLARSHIPS, ETC.!!!!!!!

Thursday, December 16th - Resume Building Workshop in the library during intervention-SIGN UP!
Tuesday, January 4th - Garrett College visit during lunch shifts

COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS BY CHRISTMAS!
APPLY FOR THE FAFSA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
CONTINUE FILLING OUT SCHOLARSHIPS!

Things to be doing during the month:

- **Complete the FAFSA online NOW** and no later than March 1st. www.fafsa.gov
- Continue gathering Recommendation letters if you don't have at least 3.
- Complete general essay about yourself to submit with scholarship applications.
- Check with the Financial Aid Offices of your colleges to see if they have scholarships available.
- Register for the March SAT or February ACT.
- Reach out to the Counseling Center if there is a specific college or rep you would like to speak with and we can set something up!
- CHECK deadlines and **apply apply apply** for scholarships!

******Recommended sites: www.fastweb.com, www.studentscholarships.org, www.collegeboard.org, & www.finaid.org, http://www.mhec.state.md/, www.fafsa.gov

Scholarships to apply for during the month:

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

Form that is required by most colleges and post-secondary schools in order to determine eligibility for federal and state financial aid programs, including the Pell Grant and the Guaranteed Access Grant. Complete and submit electronically ASAP **after** October 1 - no later than March 1 for Maryland state scholarships.

- www.fafsa.gov

RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Seeks to identify African American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society.

- Must demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need
- Must be planning to attend a four-year college or university
- Application may also be downloaded at www.ronbrown.org
- AWARD: $10,000 (10 awarded)

Deadline: November (for Ron Brown Program AND forwarded to select other scholarship providers) OR January 9th (Ron Brown Scholar Program only)

SCIENCE AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP

- Be a high school senior
- Attend a school in the US in the FAll of 2022

Apply online at:
https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14669/science_ambassador_scholarships_scholarships.php
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 13TH

BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

- Have graduated from high school in the United States

Apply online at:
https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12666/burger_king_scholars_program_scholarship.php
DEADLINE: December 15th

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS (SAE) ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Undesignated and university-sponsored scholarships for those students pursuing a degree in engineering.

- Must be a high school senior
- Must **meet minimum requirements with regards to grade point average and SAT/ACT scores** as outlined in individual requirements of each scholarship (90th percentile in both critical reading and math is advised)
- Award amounts vary
- May apply on-line at: https://www.sae.org/participate/scholarships

Deadline: December – March

VARSITY TUTORS SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Varsity Tutors holds a monthly $1,000 college scholarship contest where students write an essay in response to a monthly prompt. Visitors to the Varsity Tutors scholarship webpage are able to vote via social media for submitted entries. The top five entries with the most votes are reviewed by Varsity Tutors at the end of the month and one winner is subsequently chosen to receive the $1,000 college scholarship. Interested students can enter the contest here:
Apply online: http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship
Deadline: Various but next deadline is November 15th

YOU DESERVE IT SCHOLARSHIP

- Be a resident of the US
- Be 16 years of age or older

Apply online at:
https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12809/no_essay_you_deserve_it_scholarship_scholarship.php
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 29TH

PATH TO PRO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Be a high school senior
- Plan to enroll or be enrolled in an approved trade related program at an accredited two-year school or technical school

Apply online at:
https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19069/path_to_pro_scholarship_program_scholarship.php
DEADLINE: December 31st

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIP

- Be currently enrolled, accepted, or applying to be in an accredited CNA program
- Write an essay explaining why you have decided to become a certified nursing assistant.

Apply online at:
https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19122/certified_nursing_assistant_scholarship_scholarship.php
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31ST

HONOR A HERO SCHOLARSHIP

- Be a current high school senior who is a legal resident in one of the 50 states for the 2022 semester.

Apply online at:
https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19015/honor_a_hero_scholarship_scholarship.php
DEADLINE: December 31st

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION'S ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Students should be a senior with a 3.0 GPA
- Must be pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education
- Students must support the preservation of the hunting tradition and actively participate in hunting sports. A copy of current hunting license is required.
- Students must hold a current NWTF membership.
- Students must be involved in school activities
- Students must demonstrate ability as a leader among their peers
- Students must demonstrate community leadership and/or involvement

- Students must submit an essay exhibiting dedication to conservation
- Three letters of recommendation must be attached to the application
- Employees and board members of the NWTF and their family members are not eligible to participate in the program.

Applications are available in the Counseling Center or online at: www.nwtf.org/resource-library/detail/jakes-scholarship-application.com

DEADLINE: January 1st

REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship honors the legacy of late President Ronald Reagan.

- Demonstrate the attributes of Leadership, Drive, Integrity, Citizenship
- Minimum gpa of 3.0
- Financial Need
- U.S. Citizen
- High School Senior on track to graduate
- Plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study towards a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. for entire upcoming academic year
- Be nominated by school official. Please see school scholarship coordinator.
- Apply online at www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships
- AWARD - $10,000 (renewable each year for four years)

DEADLINE: January 6th, 2022

KAHLERT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR TOWSON UTEACH

- **MUST BE ATTENDING TOWSON UTEACH PROGRAM IN PURSUIT OF A TEACHING CERTIFICATION IN SECONDARY ED. IN SCIENCE OR MATHEMATICS.**
- Must be Maryland resident
- GPA of 3.25
- Preference given to child or grandchild of an existing or former Evapco employee

Apply online at: https://tinyurl.com/TU-Kahlert

Mail in following items: recommendation letters, official transcript, AP scores

DEADLINE: January 8th, 2022

FFA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Provides scholarships, ranging from $550 to $10,000 to students who enroll in a two-year or four-year college. Booklet listing various scholarships must be reviewed in the guidance office.

- Available to FFA members in their senior of high school
- FFA members who are high school graduates preparing to enroll in their first year of education beyond high school
- FFA members who are currently enrolled in college
- Application available on the website ffa.org or by calling the FFA Headquarters at 1-800-772-0939. Look for scholarship link under the "Explore FFA" tab on website.

Deadline: January 11th

MARYLAND JCI SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

Designed to provide financial assistance to deserving graduating high school seniors for post-secondary education/training.
Applicants must:

- Must be planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college, university or trade/technical school
- Must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study
- Financial contribution of the applicant toward his/her own education
- Submit a headshot photo

- AWARD: $1,000 (National level), $500 (State level)

Applications are available in the Counseling Center. Info can be found online at www.usjcisenate.org

Deadline: Must be postmarked no later than January 14th, 2022

MARYLAND MENSA

Scholarship essay contest that is open to the public, including people of all ages who are pursuing post secondary education

- Requires essay of not more than 550 words that describes applicant's career, vocational or academic goals
- Application and detailed essay information including scoring analysis is available online at: http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships
- AWARD: $300 - $1,000

Deadline: On or before January 15th, 2022

WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION

National scholarship program designed for students planning to pursue careers in government services

- Open to graduating high school seniors who are planning careers of service in local, state or federal government
- Application consists of an applicant prepared cover sheet, one-page essay, letter of recommendation from high school principal or guidance counselor, transcript and SAT or ACT scores
- Full, detailed application information is available in the Counseling Center or online at: www.gwcf.org
- AWARD: $500 - $5,000

Deadline: Postmarked by January 15th

WOODMENLIFE FOCUS FORWARD AWARD

- High School seniors attending a 2 year, 4 year college or university or technical school
- WoodmenLife members in good standing with at least 3 years of membership
- Members of families where all in the household are WoodmenLife members in good standing

Apply online at:
Go to **WoodmenLife.org** and click on the scholarship image on the home page. Members will click on "get started now" to enter this year's quick access code and then be redirected to the scholarship application. This year's **quick access code is: Education** (not case sensitive). After entering the quick access code, applicants will be directed to the WoodmenLife Focus Forward Scholarship application site. If they are a new user on the site, they will need to create an account.

DEADLINE: January 17th

THE COOLIDGE-A SCHOLARSHIP FOR AMERICA

Full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university.

- Academic excellence
- Interested in public policy

Apply online at www.coolidgescholars.org

DEADLINE: Received by 5:00PM on January 19th, 2022

HAMILTON RELAY SCHOLARSHIP

The goal of this scholarship is to support students who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, or have difficulty speaking in their post-secondary education.

- Must be a graduating high school senior who is deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind or has difficulty speaking.
- Be a resident of MD
- Applicant must complete and submit an application, essay, letter of recommendation, and signed talent release form to be eligible.

Applications are available in the Counseling Center.
AWARD: $500

DEADLINE: Postmarked by January 31st

ELKS LEGACY AWARDS

500 scholarships are awarded nationwide to children, grandchildren, or step-grandchildren of members in good standing of the Elks. Criteria includes:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- SAT/ACT scores
- High school transcript
- Application
- Biographical questionnaire
- Must apply through related member's lodge.
- AWARD: $1,000

Must apply online at: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/legacy.cfm

Deadline: February 7th, 2022

CYNTHIA MORGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded

- Be a high school senior
- Be a first generation college student
- Plan to pursue a degree in a medical-related field
- Be a resident of Maryland
- Plan to attend a Maryland post-secondary institution

Applications are available in the school Guidance Office or students can apply online at http://www.cemsfund.com

Deadline: Postmarked February 25th

VERSO SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition grants designed to encourage college enrollment among sons/daughters of Luke Mill employees.

- Must be planning to attend ACM, FSU, GC or Potomac Sate full time in fall
- Must be son/daughter of a NewPage employee
- 3.5 high school grade point average
- Contact the financial aid office of the college you are planning to attend

DEADLINE: ***Must be received by Financial Aid office of your school by February 28th***

DWIGHT P. JACOBUS

The Association of School Business Officials of Maryland and the District of Columbia awards up to six scholarships to undergraduate students pursuing a career in business or education at an accredited institution of higher education within Maryland or the District of Columbia.

Applicants must:

- be a resident of Maryland or the District of Columbia,
- be accepted as full time student at an accredited post-secondary school
- have demonstrated financial need
- have a minimum 3.0 overall GPA

Awards are based upon: scholastic achievement, financial need, SAT or ACT scores; and quality of extra-curricular achievements. A 500-word essay is required.

Applications available in the Counseling Center.

AWARD: *$1000*

DEADLINE: *March 1*

GARRETT COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

To assist a student pursuing a degree in forestry, wildlife, fisheries, soil science, or closely related field.

One $250 scholarship will be awarded per year, based on funding availability.

- Must be a resident of Garrett County, MD
- Must have completed high school or GED (or be a graduating high school senior)
- Must have declared a major in forestry, wildlife, fisheries, soil science, or a closely related field, at the discretion of the Garrett County Forestry Board
- Must have a high school GPA of 2.5 or greater if entering the first year of college.
- Preference given to first time applicants.

Applications are available in the Counseling Center.

DEADLINE: **Must be received by March 1st**