

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER 2020

***FAFSA INFORMATION: (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID)**

The FAFSA must be completed electronically for 2021-2022 college freshmen to be considered for federal and state student grants, work-study programs, and loans. Many scholarship programs also require that the FAFSA be completed before considering students. Log in at <https://fsaid.ed.gov> to obtain FSA ID numbers for *both the student and one parent*. To complete the FAFSA, go to www.fafsa.gov PLEASE COMPLETE THE FAFSA BEGINNING OCTOBER 1. Most colleges have moved scholarship deadlines up to January or even earlier because of the FAFSA now being completed earlier!

When your son/daughter starts receiving financial package letters from colleges, please pay close attention to the following and know the difference between the types of loans for which they may qualify:

***Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans are two separate, unique types of loans that are awarded separately: Please know the difference before accepting any loans:**

"Subsidized Loans" - need based; no interest is charged while the student is in school.

"Unsubsidized Loans"- not need based; interest is charged from the time the student receives the loan.

If you are a senior that is attending Collins Career Center, you have an e-mail set up by Collins. Any reminders of events, pictures, or things you should be aware of at CHS will be sent to you via e-mail. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail to know what is going on at your home school. If you are a CCP student or attend outside the high school building, it is your responsibility to check with the high school office to keep updated on events. It is not possible for us to contact each of you individually!

CHS Yearbook Senior Pages: Pages are available for parents to congratulate 2021 graduates. There are a limited number of pages available and they will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. Prices are \$50 for half page and \$100 for a full page. Please contact Robin Kimball for more information or to purchase. (A form is enclosed in this mailing) **Yearbooks:** 2020-2021 yearbooks can now be ordered. The cost is \$30. To order, go to: chspanthersbook.picaboo.com

ACT Dates: February 6 (Registration deadline Jan 9)

Cost is \$55.00. **Special note:** The ACT Assessment Plus Writing may be required by some colleges and universities. The cost of the Plus Writing version is \$70.00. Students need only take the Plus Writing version once. **(STUDENTS MUST UPLOAD A PICTURE TO THEIR ACT ACCOUNT. STUDENTS NEEDING TO UPLOAD THE PICTURE CAN SEE MRS.DAY FOR ASSISTANCE)**

Marshall University ACT: The Walk-In ACT is given each month; scores are only good for MU. For more information, go to: www.marshall.edu (student resource center link)

ACT Fee Waivers: Juniors and seniors who meet the economic need indicators (free lunch) are eligible to use an ACT fee waiver to cover the cost of the test (basic ACT only). Students may take the test two times using a fee waiver form. If a student feels they qualify for the waiver, they should see Mrs. Day for details and the form.

College Visits: Each senior is permitted to take 3 excused days to visit a college or other educational institution. A completed College Day form (with parent and teacher signatures) must be submitted to the guidance office at least two days before the scheduled visit. Students must schedule the visit with the college in advance. Upon returning to school, students must present to the guidance office a signed form from the college visited. **In order to be excused for the day, the above procedure must be followed.** No excused college visits will be permitted during the month of May.

Scholarships: Scholarships of which the guidance office receives information will be announced in this monthly newsletter but please understand that there are thousands of scholarships available which can be found on-line and through other sources. Examples are credit unions, banks, and companies with which parents may be employed. Some very good on-line sources for finding scholarships:

www.fastweb.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.finaid.org

www.mycollegeoptions.org

www.studentscholarships.org

www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm

NOTE: Scholarships require a transcript from the guidance office to be sent along with the scholarship application. Students should not wait until the day they need to send the application to ask for the transcript. Mrs. Day is sometimes out of the office for meetings and there are many other demands in the guidance office. Please allow 2 days to receive a transcript.

Distinguished Young Women Scholarship: Various scholarships and deadlines. Open to high school senior girls exhibiting the highest ideals, leadership and achievements. For more information, visit www.distinguisheddyw.org

National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts: Various scholarships and deadlines. Scholarships are available in the areas of dance, music, theatre, visual arts, film & video, photography, and writing. Visit the website at www.nfaa.ARTSawards.org

Society of Yeager Scholars: Deadline is December 15. (Application will be available on-line after Oct 1). Yeager is Marshall University's 4 year full scholarship. Minimum requirement for consideration is a composite of 30 on the ACT or 1340 on the SAT. A lengthy application is required. Please see MU's website for more info.

BURGER KING Scholars Program: Deadline is December 15. High school seniors must have a Cum GPA of 2.5. Up to \$50,000 in scholarships. Apply at: www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram

AXA Achievement: Deadline is December 15. To qualify, students should be well rounded, determined to succeed and have demonstrated achievement. Apply at www.axa-achievement.com

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award Program: Can apply October 1 - December 18. To qualify, student must have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative. They must own or operate a business. Scholarships are valued between \$1,000 and \$15,000. For more information or to apply, go to: www.NFIB.com/YEA

National Wild Turkey Federation Academic Scholarship Program: Deadline is January 1. Two scholarships available in the amount of \$500 each to a Lawrence County senior. Applicants must be licensed hunters to be eligible. The winners of the local chapter scholarship are then eligible to apply for the \$1,000 state award and finally, for the NWTF's \$10,000 National Scholarship. Min. GPA of 3.0 and pursuing a degree at an accredited institution. Must hold a current hunting license and must support the preservation of the hunting tradition. Applications available at: www.nwtf.org/resource-library/details/scholarship-application

Ohio University Southern Scholarships: (ALL ARE DUE JAN 1) Apply at: www.southern.ohiou.edu

OUSC Technology Scholarship: Minimum GPA of 3.0 and be enrolled in a tech prep program.

OUSC Military Order of the Purple Heart: Minimum 2.5 GPA; must be the child or grandchild of a Purple Heart recipient.

OUSC Spriggs Family Scholarship: Minimum 3.0 GPA; parent must have been employed full-time for at least one year as a Lawrence County law enforcement officer or fireman.

OUSC Dingus Family Scholarship: Minimum 3.0 GPA; be the first member of immediate family to go to college.

OUSC Greg Smith Scholarship: Minimum 2.5 GPA; taking classes at the OU Proctorville Center.

OUSC Disabled American Veterans Scholarship: Minimum 3.0 GPA; have a disabled veteran in the family, submit the 2020-2021 FAFSA by Feb 15, write essay on the "Importance of the Military to the USA".

OUSC Evans Family Scholarship: Minimum 3.0 GPA; be the first member of immediate family to go to college, write 300-500 word essay on "Why I want to go to college."

OUSC Myrtle E. and Lloyd Wood Scholarship: Must major in Education.

OUSC Frank McCown Veterans Memorial Scholarship: Minimum 2.5 GPA; be the dependent of a veteran; Write an essay on "What Freedom Means To Me."

OUSC India Association Scholarship: Minimum 2.75 GPA; Complete a 300-500 word essay on "Indian Culture and Philosophy."

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute: Deadline is January 3, 2021. Offers scholarships to exceptional students who demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. For more information, visit: www.reaganfoundation.org/education

SAE Engineering Scholarships: Deadline is January 4. Two types of engineering scholarships are available - undesignated and designated. Fee to apply is \$5 per application. www.students.sae.org/scholarships/freshmen/

The Jackie Robinson Foundation: Deadline is February 1, 2020. Offers promising minority students four year grants to assist with the costs of attending college, but also a full support network of fellow scholars, alumni, and professional mentors to help excel in school and beyond. For application, visit www.jackierobinson.org/apply

KFC Colonel's Scholars: Accepting online applications December 1 -February 8. To qualify, student must have cum GPA of 2.75, enroll in college in their state of residence, plan to pursue a bachelor's degree and demonstrate financial need. Apply at: www.kfcscholars.org

Buckeye Rural Electric Co-op Scholarship Program: Must be postmarked by Feb 9. Parents of the student must be a member of the Buckeye Rural Electric Co-Op. This year, there will be two girls and two boys receiving scholarships on the local level. Winners then qualify for the state competition. To qualify, students must have a 3.5 Cum GPA. After applications are completed, there will be one student nominated from CHS. All applications need to be turned in to Mrs. Day. Applications available in the guidance office or on-line at www.ohioruralelectric.coop (click on the "Youth Programs" tab.)

Touchstone Energy Special Achievement Scholarship: Must be postmarked by Feb 9. Parents of the student must be a member of the Buckeye Rural Electric Co-Op. To qualify, student must have a Cum GPA of 2.75. Students will be judged on integrity, accountability, innovation, and commitment to community. After applications are completed, there will be one student nominated from CHS. Applications available in the guidance office.

National Co-op Scholarship Program: Application deadlines for each institution are different including some with 2021 early applicant deadlines. To qualify, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better, complete all required admissions applications material and be accepted at one of the 11 National Commission Partner Institutions listed on the website. For application, please visit www.waceinc.org

SunTrust Off To College Sweepstakes: \$1,000 scholarships for high school seniors selected by random drawings every two weeks, from October - May. Apply online at www.offtocollege.info

2021 HonorsGradU Scholarship: Design A Better Future: Deadline May 28. Five \$10,000 scholarships awarded. Seniors can participate in a design-thinking community building project. For more information and for application, go to: <https://www.honorsgradu.com/scholarship/>

Robert A. Klingler Co., L.P.A. Ohio Problem Solving Scholarship: Application deadline May 31, 2021. 500-1,000 word essay required, describing one thing you would change about the world. No minimum GPA required. \$1,000 scholarship for seniors planning to enter a 2 or 4 year institution in 2021. Please read instructions and terms on web site. www.klinglerlaw.com/scholarship/

BigSun Scholarship: Deadline is June 17. The scholarship, in the amount of \$500 is open to any deserving athlete, regardless of the sport they participated in. To apply, please visit the website: <http://www.bigsunathletics.com>

****I have not received updated mailings on all the above scholarships. Some of the dates are the deadline dates from last year. PLEASE CHECK DATES EARLY.**