Scholarship and Senior Announcements

October 2016

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***UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:***

 **OCTOBER 27 – Josten’s – FINAL ORDERS**

 **OCTOBER 28 – SHS College Fair**

 **NOVEMBER 2 – ASVAB**

 **NOVEMBER 14 – 18 – College Application Week**

***Please follow carefully sign-up and scholarship deadlines!***

Most scholarships in the early fall are national, state or regional scholarships or Institutional scholarships and they are extremely competitive. Many have applications online. If a scholarship has a paper application and the application requires a transcript, THE STUDENT should complete the application and turn it into the guidance office for processing at least 5 school days prior to the due date. Official copies of transcripts are not given to students.

If a scholarship says “sign up by…” the student should see Mrs. Murray to sign up for the scholarship. After the deadline to sign up, applications will be given to students or the list will be considered by the scholarship committee in order to select nominees. Students need to be careful to return scholarship materials to Student Services on or before the deadline dates given.

@ - the @ symbol means that the application is online. A \* means – we typically receive this information at this time of year, but we have not yet received it for this year. We are proceeding with scholarship sign up to allow processing time on these applications.

Registration Deadline for the November 5 SAT – October 7th

Late registration is open through October 25

Register at sat.collegeboard.com

ACT registration Deadline- November 4 – Test date December 10 actstudent.org

Students who are approved for Free or Reduced Lunch for 2016-17 can receive a fee waiver. You must do this at least 2 days prior to registration!! Pick up a “Sharing Form” from Mrs. Murray and return the form 2 days prior to a deadline in order for it to be approved in time for registration.

INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

**Davidson College** offers the **Belk Scholarship** as their most competitive scholarship program. **The Belk Scholarship** is based on superior academics, leadership, service and character. The John Montgomery Belk Scholarship is Davidson’s most prestigious merit-based program.  Covering the comprehensive costs of attending Davidson (room, board, tuition and fees), the Belk Scholarship is valued at over $55,000.

Belk Scholars are those students whose outstanding intellectual ability and success, leadership experience, commitment to service and overall personal vigor mark them as those who will accomplish much and contribute most to the Davidson community and in their lives beyond their college years. Students must have accomplishments that have made a difference in their schools and communities in addition to having a stellar academic record. Interested seniors should sign up by **October 14**

**Wofford College** offers the Wofford Scholars program. Scholarships range from $2000 per year to full scholarships. Applicants must be in the top 10% of the class and have a combined verbal and math SAT of 1250 or higher. If you are interested in being nominated for this scholarship and are seriously considering Wofford College, please sign up in guidance NO LATER THAN **October 14**.

**@UNC CHAPEL HILL** offers The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship – a full undergraduate support scholarship – to student writers. Students must apply to UNC Chapel Hill by October 15th and submit their application for the Wolfe Scholarship by November 15th. The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship award, the first of its kind at UNC-Chapel Hill, will be based largely on written work submitted by candidates. **Artistic merit is the chief criterion of selection.** Students who write poetry, fiction, plays, literary non-fiction (personal narratives, memoir, travel and nature essays, literary journalism, belles-lettres) are eligible. Multiple genre submissions are also encouraged, though submissions are limited to one application per student. The application process will require the submission of up to fifty (50) pages in prose, forty (40) pages in poetry, or sixty (60) in play writing, in English. Students submitting work in MULTIPLE GENRES should submit a minimum of 50 pages of original work. In addition to completing an application questionnaire, candidates will submit a five-hundred-word personal essay entitled "Why I Write." More information and application materials are available at <http://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative/scholarship/tws>

Deadline to submit applications is **November 15**.

**\*NC STATE** College of Textiles offers the Centennial Scholarship. 10 Centennial Scholarships valued at over $47,000 will be awarded. Students should be interested in fields such as engineering, business management, chemistry, polymer chemistry, forensics, medical fields, international studies, design, apparel, sourcing, fashion and merchandising or retail management – as these are focus areas within the textile program. SHS may nominate 1 student for this scholarship competition. Students are strongly encouraged to apply to NC State by the October 15th deadline. Students interested in being nominated for this scholarship should sign up by **October 14**

**UNCC** offers the Levine Scholarship. This is a full, four-year scholarship plus a stipend for a service project of the Scholar’s own design and four summer experiences (valued at $105,000 for NC students). Scholars must demonstrate a commitment to community service, intellectual curiosity and the capacity for ethical leadership. Students seeking nomination must have a strong academic record and demonstrate evidence of commitment to the areas listed above. Interested students should sign up by **OCTOBER 10**.

**APPALACHIAN STATE** Students are considered for merit scholarships and Honors College when they apply by the first deadline – which is November 1. Please check on the ASU website for institutional scholarships that you wish to apply for. Scholarship application deadline is November 15th - please see guidelines at https://scholarships.appstate.edu/apply/freshmen

**UNC GREENSBORO** offers a number of merit scholarship opportunities. To be considered for academic scholarships, students must apply for admission by December 1, 2016. Students should have a GPA of 3.5+, SAT of 1200 or ACT of 27. All required credentials must be submitted by that **date** – including the required essay.

**CLEMSON**: Academic scholarships for out-of-state students – are awarded competitively, based on the student’s record and test scores. Students must rank in the top 10% and have SAT scores of 1320+ {NEW SAT SCORES for EWR + math} or 28+ ACT.

Admission to the Calhoun Honors College requires a separate application that is due December 8. Students applying for the Honors College can be considered for Clemson’s National Scholars Program if applications are complete by December 8.

@**The Lyceum Scholars Program** at Clemson is a new scholarship for $10,000, distributed over 4 years. Lyceum Scholars study the moral, political and economics foundations of a free society. In addition to studying the unique curriculum, students are assigned a mentor and experiences outside the classroom are included. Applications are available at Clemson.edu/capitalism/lyceum

Lenoir-Rhyne Teaching Scholarship is designed to help future educators develop the skills to become effective teacher leaders.  Interested students should apply at https://www.lr.edu/academics/opportunities-for-exceptional-students/teaching-scholars  Priority consideration will be given to students who apply by January 10.

**@Boston University** offers the Trustee Scholarship. Trustee Scholars demonstrate exceptional leadership in their schools and communities. Recipients are selected by a faculty committee and the scholarships covers full undergraduate tuition plus orientation and fees for four years. Interested students should apply at bu.edu/admissions/trustee. Deadline to apply is December 1.

The **University of Virginia** offers the Jefferson Scholarship to students who have excelled academically, are superior leaders and demonstrate an inquisitive spirit. SHS may nominate one student as a candidate for the Jefferson Scholarship. Interested students should sign up by **October 14**.

**Columbia College** offers the McNair Scholars program to young ladies who have superior academic achievement, excellent standardized test scores, demonstrated inclination to service and volunteerism and evidence of leadership, concern for others and integrity. This is a full four-year tuition scholarship. The college president serves as a mentor to this group and they have access to community projects and opportunities. More information is available at [www.columbiasc.edu](http://www.columbiasc.edu).

**USC - McNair Scholars Award for out of state students**

*Annual Value: $15,000 + tuition reduction*
*Four-Year Value with Tuition Reduction: more than $128,600*

**USC - Horseshoe Scholars Award for out of state students**

*Annual Value: $11,000*
*Four-Year Value with Tuition Reduction: more than $112,600*

The McNair and Horseshoe Scholars Awards are two of the most prestigious awards at the university. Forty out-of-state students with strong academic records who are leaders in their high schools and communities will be invited to participate in an interview weekend. Of these 40 candidates, half will be named McNair Scholars, and the other half will be named Horseshoe Scholars. Candidates must participate in the entire weekend (March 1-3, 2014) in order to remain in consideration for these awards. Last year, McNair and Horseshoe Scholars had an average SAT score of 1507 (ACT score of 34) and an average weighted high school GPA of 4.60. Recipients of these awards qualify for the in-state tuition rate. *To apply for this scholarship, both an application for general University admission and a scholarship application must be received by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions*. The postmark deadline for the applications is November 15. All nonresidents students receiving this scholarship receive significant tuition reduction by qualifying for the in-state tuition rate.

The Catawba College Teacher Education Department and The Ritchie Academy for Teaching are looking for students interested in the teaching profession.  The **West Teaching Scholarship at the Catawba College Academy for Teaching** is available. The scholarship is a yearly award of $2,500 in addition to any other academic scholarships for which the student is eligible. The Academy provides a wealth of experiences including early field experiences, excursions and professional networking.  We currently have 20 West Teaching Scholars across four cohorts!  Interested students may apply online or contact us to discuss this scholarship. <http://catawba.edu/academyforteaching>

**The Robertson Scholarship** is awarded to students who will attend UNC - Chapel Hill or Duke University.  It a very competitive award.  The Robertson offers 18 scholarships to students admitted to Duke and 18 to those admitted to UNC.  If you feel that you meet the eligibility criteria you can self nominate.  You must meet the first application admission's deadline to UNC (October 15th) and Duke (Early Decision December 1 or Regular Decision January 1).  **The Robertson Scholarship Deadline is November 15th.**The application can be found at [**https://robertsonscholars.org/**](https://robertsonscholars.org/)

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

@**The Horatio Alger Association** awards scholarships to students who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Scholarships range from $7000 to $22000. Applications are available online until October 25 at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships). Students must complete their part in the academic information section prior to October 20 so that the counselor part can be completed by the deadline.

@**The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** offers $1000 scholarships to students who have carried out a community service project during the last 12 months. Applications are available at [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit). Deadline to submit applications is November 8. Applications must be submitted to Mrs. Heffelfinger by the end of the day on November 8 in order to be considered by the committee for selection as the school nominee for this award.

\*The **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Scholarship** is offered by the NC Association of Educators Minority Affairs Commission and amounts of the scholarships vary each year. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Criteria for the scholarship include character, community involvement and scholastic achievement. Interested seniors should sign up in guidance NO LATER THAN October 1.

@The **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship** program offers scholarships up to $30,000 to selected students. Applicants must have a 3.5 or better GPA and have an SAT (math and verbal) of 1250+ or ACT of 26+. Financial need is also a consideration. Students **should apply by November 30** at [www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org).

**@Create-A-Greeting-Card** offers a $10,000 scholarship to interested seniors.  Applicants must submit a unique photo, piece of artwork, or computer graphic for the front of a greeting card.  Apply at [www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm](http://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm)  Deadline to apply is February 18.

@Ron Brown Scholarship are offered for African-American high school seniors who will make significant contribution to society.  Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need. There are 2 deadlines – Nov 1 for students who want to be considered for additional programs. Jan 9 – to be considered ONLY for the Ron Brown Scholar Program. Interested students should sign up by October 14th – or you may download an application at www.ronbrown.org

@Inheritance of Hope offers scholarships for students whose parents are battling cancer or for students who are battling cancer.  Applications for scholarships are available online at <http://inheritanceofhope.org/scholarships>. **Deadline for the application is May 31**. It has several parts so start early.

@SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes: Seniors can enter for a chance to win a $500 scholarship.  One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 31 to May 15.  Go to [suntrusteducation.com/scholarshipsweepstakes](http://suntrusteducation.com/scholarshipsweepstakes)

NC Division of Veterans Affairs scholarships are available to students whose parent(s) are veterans. The parent must have been a resident of North Carolina when he or she entered military service.  For more information contact Debra Conn from the Cleveland County Veterans Services office at 704-484-4803 or visit [www.ncveterans.net](http://www.ncveterans.net/).  Applicants may complete and print the Scholarship Application and Financial Questionnaire online and take it to the Veterans Services office along with Birth Certificate, DD214, Release of Authorization, and High School Transcript.   Deadline to apply is in February.

**\*@ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT –** This year in order to apply for this scholarship, seniors must go online to complete the application and then print it off and bring it into student services so that we can complete the application package. The directions MUST be followed exactly or applications will be discarded. Go to [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm)

Click on the 2017 MVS application link. Enter your email address to register. Fill out your contact information and submit. A cover page specific to you will be generated. Print and save this document. Download the remaining four pages of the application. The application is five pages total, including the cover page. The five pages do not include supplemental materials. After completing the application, bring ALL 5 pages to guidance and complete the paperwork for the supplemental information. You MUST turn in applications NO LATER **THAN November 20**.

\*ELKS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP – The Elks Club also offers a scholarship for students pursuing a career in Nursing. If you plan to pursue a career in Nursing and you are interested in applying for this $1000 scholarship, sign up in guidance **NO LATER THAN October 21.**

@Coca-Cola Scholars offers scholarship for seniors who are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve.  Applicants should have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and plan to pursue a degree at an accredited US institution.  Apply online at

[www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org](http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/)    **Deadline to apply is October 31.**

@ A$500 scholarship is awarded randomly to two students a year who complete the Financial Basics course on[CFNC.org](http://cfnc.org/).  Visit CFNC under “pay for college” for more information about this opportunity.

@Foot Locker Scholars--scholarship available to high school senior athlete with a 3.0 UNweighted GPA.  Applicant should embody good sportsmanship, moral character, be committed to serving the community, be a confident leader, and display academic excellence.  Application is available online at [footlockerscholarathletes.com](http://footlockerscholarathletes.com/).  Deadline to apply is **December 16.**

@NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award--Award available to high school seniors who operate their own small business.  Application and more information is available at [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.nfib.com/YEA).  **Deadline to apply is December 18.**

@Goodnight Scholars--From NC State University.  For students of middle-income families who intend to major in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, & math) discipline. More details about the program and selection process can be found at [goodnight.ncsu.edu](http://goodnight.ncsu.edu/)

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