

Counselor Chatter

August, 2016

WELCOME TO YOUR SENIOR YEAR! I want you to enjoy, make memories and have fun. Make the most of this year, but don't forget, this is the year that begins the rest of your life! Make good choices, be safe and prepare, prepare, prepare.

CHECK YOUR FOLDER IN MY OFFICE OFTEN. This is where you will find scholarship information and updates on things I need from you. You will get a monthly news letter and other information that is imperative to this year.

“Counselor Chatter” monthly memos as well as other information specific to Seniors will be accessible online at www.lexington.k12.ok.us. Go to the school website and scroll down. There is a link titled “LHS Senior’s Site”.

MY OFFICE IS ALWAYS OPEN TO YOU FOR WHATEVER YOU NEED. PLEASE COME SEE ME!

There are many scholarship search engines. I will be able to share A LOT of information with you, but you will need to do your own research as there are entirely too many offers for me to keep up with. Here are a few websites that will be extremely important for you to keep up with:

www.ucango2.org

www.actstudent.org

www.fastweb.com

www.okcollegestart.org

Also, I will send information and reminders using the Remind App. You and/or your parents can sign up for this by texting @lexingtonh to (918)221-3974 to receive information via text message or you may send a blank email to lexingtonh@mail.remind.com. If you sign up and would like to unsubscribe, you simply reply “unsubscribe”.

Please remember the following ACT dates for this year:

OUR ACT CODE FOR LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IS 372105

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
October 22	September 16
December 10	November 4
February 11	January 13
April 8	March 3
June 10	May 5

Begin to apply to your individual colleges of interest SOON.....LIKE NOW! If you meet admission criteria, NOW IS NOT TOO EARLY! The earlier you apply for admission, the better your chances of getting scholarships and offers. Just because you apply to a college and they accept you and offer a scholarship, does not mean you are obligated to go there. SHOP around, apply to colleges and determine later where your best offers and programs are.

I will be able to offer 2 days of “excused absences” for you to visit college campuses. See me for more information.

Beginning this year, FAFSA will be available in OCTOBER. Look for information on this process in your folders next month. You will use your tax information from this past April to complete the application. The earlier you apply for FAFSA, the better and all colleges will require that you apply for FAFSA whether or not you are eligible. This will be done at www.fafsa.gov. Everyone who will go to college will be required to fill out a FAFSA application.

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

American Indian Students

Here are some scholarship opportunities for Native American Students!

Website: WWW.USNEWS.COM/EDUCATION/BLOGS/THE-SCHOLARSHIP-COACH/2012/10/04/4-SCHOLARSHIPS-FOR-AMERICAN-INDIAN-STUDENTS 

Culinary Scholarships

Are you planning to attend a culinary school? If so, check out these scholarships!

Website: WWW.USNEWS.COM/EDUCATION/BLOGS/THE-SCHOLARSHIP-COACH/2012/07/05/CULINARY-SCHOLARSHIPS-SERVE-UP-VARIED-CAREER-OPPORTUNITIES 

Students with Learning Disabilities (Various)


5 Scholarships for Students With Learning Disabilities

Website: WWW.USNEWS.COM/EDUCATION/BLOGS/THE-SCHOLARSHIP-COACH/2012/10/25/5-SCHOLARSHIPS-FOR-STUDENTS-WITH-LEARNING-DISABILITIES 

Scholarships for Volunteers Reward Students Who Give Back

Deadline: Various

There are local and national funds available to students volunteering in their communities.

Website: WWW.USNEWS.COM/EDUCATION/BLOGS/THE-SCHOLARSHIP-COACH/2012/12/06/SCHOLARSHIPS-FOR-VOLUNTEERS-REWARD-STUDENTS-WHO-GIVE-BACK 

OCCC ACT NOW Scholarship

Deadline: Various

The ACT NOW scholarship is offered as an automatic merit-based tuition waiver program for the 2016 graduating class of high school students. The waiver amounts are based on the student's composite score on the national ACT. Students who score a 21 are eligible for a 3 hour credit tuition waiver. Scores of 22 - 23 receive a 6 hour credit tuition waiver, scores of 24-26 will receive a 9 hour credit tuition waiver, and scores of 27-30 will receive a 12 hour credit tuition waiver. Students with exceptional scores a 31 or higher will receive a 15 hour credit tuition waiver. All waivers are per semester; freshman year only.

Website: [HTTP://WWW.OCCC.EDU/ADMISSIONS/ACT-NOW.HTML](http://WWW.OCCC.EDU/ADMISSIONS/ACT-NOW.HTML) 

Folds of Honor Foundation

Deadline: Accepted Year Round

Provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation.

Website: WWW.FOLDSOFHONOR.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS 

McNair Scholars Program

Deadline: Year Round

Scholarship program is designed to prepare students for careers as graduate students, professors or professional researchers. Must be full time student, with 42 hours or more completed, 3.0 GPA & first generation college student or student from an underrepresented ethnic group.

Website: [HTTP://MCNAIRSCHOLARS.COM/RESOURCES/](http://MCNAIRSCHOLARS.COM/RESOURCES/) 

Oklahoma City Community Foundation

Deadline: Various

If you're looking for scholarships, don't forget to visit OCCF.org. There you'll find an abundance of scholarship opportunities for students right here in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is home to more than 120 scholarship funds established by individuals, organizations and companies. These funds share the common goal of helping to make a difference in the lives of others. The foundation is now able to receive your transcripts electronically if your high school participates in this free service. Please see website for details on the list of scholarships.

Website: WWW.OCCF.ORG/ 

SMART

Deadline: Various

Part of the National Defense Education Program, science, math, and research for transformation. Open to undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Website: [HTTP://SMART.ASEE.ORG/](http://SMART.ASEE.ORG/) 

Varsity Tutors Scholarship

Deadline: Monthly

Varsity Tutors holds a monthly \$1,000 college scholarship contest where students must 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.

Website: WWW.VARSITYTUTORS.COM/COLLEGE-SCHOLARSHIP 

AUGUST SCHOLARSHIPS

NeW Young Women's Essay Contest

Deadline: August 1, 2016

When was the last time you had the chance to win \$1,000 for less than 1,000 words? Applications are now open for the NeW Essay Contest. The Network of enlightened Women (NeW) works to make sure conservative college women are finding their voices and conservative views are heard on campus. NeW would like to help your voice be heard as a participant in this year's NeW Essay Contest. This year, there will be two categories, the high school contest (for high school seniors who will be freshmen during the fall semester) and for college students (students who will become sophomores, juniors, and seniors during the fall semester).

Website: [HTTP://ENLIGHTENEDWOMEN.ORG/ESSAY-CONTEST/](http://ENLIGHTENEDWOMEN.ORG/ESSAY-CONTEST/) 

Job-Applications.com Scholarships Programs

Deadline: August 13, 2016

Are you a working parent currently in college or other accredited post-secondary educational institution? Job-Applications.com is proud to announce our new initiative, a college scholarship awarded twice a year designed to help working parents currently enrolled in higher education. We're here to assist you get the education you need to get the job you've always wanted. Earn \$1,000 to help with school costs!

Website: <http://www.job-applications.com/scholarships/> 

American Fire Sprinkler Association Second Chance Scholarships

Deadline: August 26, 2016

Enter for the chance to win \$1,000 Scholarship (*5 Available*). The American Fire Sprinkler Association created the scholarship program to help with the educational and training pursuits of students just like you. AFSA wants to educate the public at-large about the life-saving properties of automatic fire sprinklers. If you meet the contest requirements and want to learn a little during the process, please enter and good luck.

Website: <HTTPS://WWW.AFSASCHOLARSHIP.ORG/SECONDCHANCE/> 

The Clubs of America Scholarship Award for Career Success

Deadline: August 31, 2016

As much as they have enjoyed serving their customers, Clubs of America has also committed to serving students. They believe students who passionately pursue their career goals will one day be able to delight the customers and clients they serve as well. That is why Clubs of America is proud to offer the "Clubs of America Scholarship Award" for students pursuing their career aspirations. This \$1000 annual scholarship will help students consider their aspirations as well as ease the burden of the costs of higher education. Clubs of America proudly invites all eligible students to apply by writing an essay about how their current courses will help them achieve success in their careers.

Website: <HTTP://WWW.GREATCLUBS.COM/SCHOLARSHIP-AWARD-FOR-CAREER-SUCCESS.ASP> 

Wag! College Scholarship Video Contest

Deadline: August 31, 2016

The assignment for the Wag! \$1,000 College Scholarship Video Contest is to make a 1-2 minute video narrative telling the story of "a day in the life of a dog" from the perspective of a dog. You have full creative control on how you storyboard and shoot your video, but here's a few to help add context: Situation: Think of unique situations or locations where a dog was present. Narrative: Include a voice over of thoughts going through the dog's mind. Perspective: Find clever ways to get a few angles/shots from the dog's perspective. Effects: Try and make use of different video styles like slow/fast motion, time-lapse etc.

Website: <HTTPS://WAGWALKING.COM/BLOG/COLLEGE-SCHOLARSHIP-VIDEO-CONTEST/> 

The ExpressVPN Future of Privacy Scholarship

Deadline: August 31, 2016

Grand prize: \$2,500, second prize: \$1,000, third prize: \$500. The ExpressVPN Future of Privacy Scholarship was created to raise awareness around Internet privacy and security. The way we use the Internet is shaping the future of our education system. By 2018, ninety-nine percent of classrooms across the U.S. will be equipped with unprotected high-speed broadband. But with that growing connectivity comes an increased risk of privacy exposure. As more students are bringing their Internet-ready devices to class, awareness of basic online security and a fundamental understanding of privacy rights are more important than ever.

Website: <HTTPS://WWW.EXPRESSVPN.COM/EXPRESSVPN-SCHOLARSHIP> 

SEPTEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology

Deadline: September 20, 2016

The Siemens Foundation established the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology in 1999. The Competition is the nation's premier science research competition for high school students and seeks to promote excellence by encouraging students to undertake individual or team research projects. It fosters intensive research that improves students' understanding of the value of scientific study and informs their consideration of future careers in these disciplines. Scholarships for winning projects range from \$1,000 to \$100,000.

Website: <HTTPS://SIEMENSCOMPETITION.DISCOVERYEDUCATION.COM/> 

QuestBridge National College Matching Program

Deadline: September 27, 2016

The QuestBridge National College Match is a college and scholarship application process that helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and *full four-year scholarships* to the nation's most selective colleges. If you are a student who has achieved academic excellence in the face of economic challenges, we encourage you to apply. QuestBridge's college partners are committed to making college affordable for all students regardless of financial background and offer generous financial aid packages that cover 100% of demonstrated financial need.

Website: [HTTP://WWW.QUESTBRIDGE.ORG/FOR-STUDENTS/NCM-NATIONAL-COLLEGE-MATCH](http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/ncm-national-college-match) 