

Counselor Chatter

October, 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

www.scholarships.com

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 THE TIME! 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.

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PARENTS AND SENIORS have been invited to PURCELL HIGH SCHOOL at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 11 for the College and Career Fair. Kirk Rushing who is an Academic Counselor from ECU will be there to give information on how to apply for FAFSA.

ON OCTOBER 19th, Kirk will be at LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL from 9:00-3:00 to assist you in completing the FAFSA. YOU WILL NEED to apply for FAFSA ID before your appointment and bring your 2015 TAX INFORMATION to complete this application.

Of course, if you don’t want to wait for October 19th, you may fill out the FAFSA on your own at www.fafsa.gov. This application will open October 1st!

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CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

IF YOU ACCESS THIS NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE YOU CAN CLICK ON THE ACTIVE LINKS TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FOR EACH.

Go to : www.lexington.k12.ok.us Scroll down on the right side of the home page, click on LHS Seniors Site and look for the Counselor Chatter Link under the panel picture.

Oklahoma City Community Foundation Scholarships.....Many to apply for!



Take the next step, apply now!

How to Apply:

1. After October 1, visit occf.academicworks.com to determine if you are eligible for a scholarship.
2. Click **Sign Up** to create a student account.
3. Complete the **General Application** and submit the required documents.
4. After submitting the General Application, click on **View Opportunities** to review the scholarships recommended for you.
5. Follow the prompts to apply for each recommended scholarship. Answer the additional questions required for each scholarship.

Online applications open October 1.
Scholarship deadlines vary, with most closing January-March.

Questions?
Contact Megan Hornbeek Allen at m.hornbeek@occf.org or 405/606-2917.

Big-Ticket Scholarship Deadlines

Below are some of the biggest scholarships you will come across. Sure, they are quite competitive but if done right, following all the rules and being selected as an awardee, you can make a very large difference in your post-college financial situation.

- **Siemens Foundation Competition**

The Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology rewards promising high school students for their original research projects by offering scholarship opportunities and national recognition. Any high school student may apply, individually or as part of a team. Scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$100,000 as students advance in the competition. Applications are due September 30th each year.

- **Coca-Cola Scholars**

High school seniors carrying a minimum GPA of 3.0 can apply for four-year achievement-based scholarships offered by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Each year, 250 four-year scholarships of \$10,000 and \$20,000 are awarded through this program. The application deadline is October 31st.

- **Intel Science Talent Search**

The Intel Science Talent Search is a scholarship contest in which the best and brightest high school seniors can demonstrate their research projects for the chance to win a \$100,000 college scholarship. Each year, 40 finalists are selected to present their research at a week-long national conference. Finalists receive \$5,000 scholarships and have a chance to compete for the grand prize award. The application deadline is November 20th.

- **Gates Millennium Scholars**

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, awards scholarships to minority students who are eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants and have achieved academic excellence in high school. The scholarship helps students cover the portion of their college costs not funded by other grant and scholarship awards. Scholarship applicants must be nominated by an educator familiar with their academic backgrounds. Applications are due January 15th.

- **Dell Scholars Program**

The Dell Scholars Program, sponsored by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, carries an award of \$20,000 to help students complete their college education. High school seniors who have financial need and plan to enroll immediately in bachelor's degree programs can qualify by enrolling in approved college readiness programs as high school students and completing a Dell Scholars scholarship application online. Applications are available on November 1st and the deadline is January 15th.

COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation supports more than 1,400 college students each year, with annual scholarships of \$3.4 million through two nationally recognized programs on behalf of the Coca-Cola System. Scholarship recipients excel academically and in service to others. Most Coca-Cola Scholars share a passion for social justice and many have overcome tremendous challenges to pursue their dreams.

High school seniors throughout the United States who meet the eligibility requirements may apply for one of our four-year, achievement-based scholarships. The application deadline is October 31.

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THE COCA-COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. With the 28th class in 2016, the Foundation has provided over 5,700 Coca-Cola Scholars with more than \$60 million in educational support. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.

Our application is open! If you are a current high school senior, you may [apply here](#) OR go to <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/>

The application deadline is October 31, 2016. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must be:

- Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States (or select DoD schools)
- U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, U.S. Permanent Residents, Refugees, Asylees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, or Humanitarian Parolees
- Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution
- Carrying a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school

Applicants may not be:

- Children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies, The Coca-Cola Company, Company divisions or subsidiaries.
- DACA students
- International students (with the exception of students at DoD schools)
- High school graduates
- Temporary residents

Deadline In November 2016 Scholarships...Found on www.Scholarships.com

All direct links available through digital newsletter on school website.

Deadline In November 2016 Scholarships

- [Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarship](#)
- [Amazon Student Scholarship](#)
- [Appreneur Scholar Award](#)
- [Army ROTC 4 Year Scholarships](#)
- [Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Competition](#)
- [Friends Church Leadership Award](#)
- [Girl Scouts of USA Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#)
- [Good360 Sustainability Scholarship](#)
- [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship](#)
- [Marine Band Concerto Competition for High School Musicians](#)
- [Patriot's Pen Competition](#)
- [Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#)
- [VFW Voice of Democracy Competition](#)
- [Women in Science Scholarship](#)
- [WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship](#)
- [YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund](#)