

Counselor Chatter

August, 2017

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! Before you know it, you will join that period of life when ADULTING must begin.

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 newsletter 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 28	September 22
December 9	November 3
February 10	January 12
April 14	March 9
June 9	May 4
July 14	June 15

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.

When you are ready to fill out an application, you may do so on your own, OR if you need help you are welcome to come work on it in my office. You all are one of my biggest focuses and my door is always open. You must put forth the initiative to come to me though, you should be old enough to not need to be pulled in here to get help with these things. I'm more than happy to help, just ask.

I will 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. 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 College Fund

Deadline: Various


The American Indian College Fund was established in 1989 to provide scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native students attending tribal colleges, and to fund and create awareness about the community-based accredited tribal colleges and universities that offer students access to knowledge and skills alongside Native culture, language, and values. The American Indian College Fund also provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students attending any other accredited public and non-profit private college all across the United States.

Website: <http://collegefund.org/student-resources/scholarships/> 

American Indian Science And Engineering Society

Deadline: Various


The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) helps students move forward in their educational journeys by providing a wide range of programs and scholarship opportunities. AISES scholarships help students acquire skills and training that will help them meet the unique STEM needs of our communities. We highly encourage you to apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for!

Website: <http://www.aises.org/scholarships> 

Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation

Deadline: Various


CKSF offers a wide variety of scholarship quizzes throughout the year for U.S. high school, college, and graduate students. We even have some scholarships that parents can win for their children. Award amounts range from \$250 to \$2,500.

Website: <http://www.cksf.org/index.cfm?Page=Scholarships> 

Eskridge Auto Free Ride College Scholarship

Deadline: Year Round

Eskridge Auto Group and Prosperity Bank (together, "Program Sponsors") are awarding a "Free Ride" college scholarship worth up to \$25,000 and a new 2016 Chevrolet Sonic LTZ to one graduating senior at a central Oklahoma Area High School! The Program Sponsors together with KOCO 5 are also teaming up to award scholarships worth up to \$5,000 to four graduating seniors. The terms and conditions of participation in this program (the "Program") are explained on the website.

Website: <http://www.koco.com/freeride> 

Folds of Honor Foundation

Deadline: 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 

Geneseo Migrant Center Scholarships for Migrant Students

Deadline: Various


The Geneseo Migrant Center administers a variety of scholarships, linked below, to offer financial assistance to migrant students who want to further their education.

Website: <http://migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/index.htm> 

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/> 

Tuck Sleep Scholarships

Deadline: Various


Many scholarships today are geared toward specific candidates, including those who struggle with sleep-related issues. Tuck.com provides you with more than \$500,000 in scholarship funding for undergraduate and graduate students. Some of these awards target sleep-deprived individuals, while others are available to students pursuing degrees in sleep science and other areas of psychology and mental health.

Website: <https://www.tuck.com/sleep-scholarships/> 

UCanGo2.org

Deadline: Various

Check out UCanGo2.org for numerous scholarship opportunities for middle school, high school, college and adult students. We provide you with links to scholarships by deadline and by category, as well as a new scholarship of the week each Monday. UCanGo2 also offers free information on college planning and financial aid. Visit our website to find these helpful tools!

Website: <http://ucango2.org/Scholarships.html> 

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 

SEPTEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology

Deadline: September 19, 2017

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. NEW enhanced prize structure! For the first time this year, National Finalists will be awarded prizes as follows: first place - \$100,000, second place - \$50,000, all other Finalists - \$25,000. The Siemens Competition is open to high school students who are citizens or permanent residents (green card holders) of the United States. Students must be in good standing, enrolled in and attending one of the following (during the 2017-18 school year): 1. High school (grades 9-12) in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Wake and Midway Islands, or the Marianas. 2. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school. 3. Foreign school as an exchange student or because your parent or guardian lives and works abroad. 4. Homeschool provided that signatures are obtained from the school district responsible for such programs. If your state does not require district supervision, the parent or guardian responsible for the homeschooling must sign it. 5. Students must be enrolled in high school (grades 9-12) during the 2017-18 school year.

Website: <https://siemenscompetition.discoveryeducation.com/> 

CoffeeForLess.com Hit the Books Scholarship

Deadline: September 30, 2017


We at CoffeeForLess.com are introducing the semi-annual "Hit The Books Scholarship" as our way of helping the future leaders of the business world meet their educational goals. Eligible students will be aged 18-25 and enrolled in an accredited college or university. The "Hit The Books Scholarship" will award one student up to \$500 dollars to be used for educational books and materials.

Website: <https://www.coffeeforless.com/scholarship> 

Don't Text and Drive Scholarship

Deadline: September 30, 2017


The purpose of this scholarship is to help you understand the risks of texting while driving. You must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or a current student or entering college or graduate school student of any level. Home schooled students are also eligible. There is no age limit. You must also be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. Complete the application form including a 140-character message about texting while driving. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists. The finalists will be asked to write a full length 500- to 1,000-word essay about texting while driving. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Website: <http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship/> 

Hiking Ambition Wellness Scholarship

Deadline: September 30, 2017

At Hiking Ambition our goal is to make hiking and any outdoor adventure easier and more accessible for everyone interested in learning and exploring the wilderness. We have created the Hiking Ambition Wellness Scholarship for high school, undergraduate or postgraduate students who are committed to a lifetime of healthy habits to receive a \$1,000 award. Students who are currently enrolled in a high school, college, university, or trade school are encouraged to submit their application. To participate in this scholarship, you will have to write about a practical approach to a healthy lifestyle during high school, college or university years.

Website: <http://hikingambition.com/scholarship/> 

Shout It Out Scholarship

Deadline: September 30, 2017

Have something on your mind? Let it out, or better yet SHOUT it out. Give your thoughts a voice and earn free college money at the same time. Our Shout It Out Scholarship committee wants to know what you have to say. Whether it's a message for the world or just a quick "hi mom," this is your opportunity to speak up and win money for college. We're listening! Let your keyboard be your megaphone, and shout out your message. This unique scholarship gives you the platform to speak up - and cash in. The "loudest" applicant will receive the \$1,500 Shout It Out Scholarship reward. Applicants must: Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application. Be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia. Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2023) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education.

Website: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/shout-it-out-scholarship> 