

Counselor Chatter

February, 2017

WELCOME TO YOUR LAST SEMESTER OF HIGH SCHOOL! (YES...IN A WAY I HOPE THAT STATEMENT GAVE YOU BUTTERFLIES AND CAUSED YOU TO SHUTTER JUST A LITTLE.) IT IS NOW TIME TO REALLY GET TO THE BUSINESS OF PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. REFRAIN FROM THE TEMPATION TO DEVELOP “SENIORITIS” AND REMEMBER THAT EVERYTHING YOU ARE ENROLLED IN WILL MAKE OR BREAK YOUR GRADUATION STATUS AND THERE IS NO TIME TO MAKE ANYTHING UP IF YOU FAIL OR RECEIVE NO CREDIT FOR ABSENCES.

HANG IN THERE BUT GET TO WORK ON PLANNING FOR WHAT COMES IN MAY!

!!!!!!STILL!!!!!! CHECK YOUR FOLDER IN MY OFFICE OFTEN. If you are checking this folder you will have a good start on what you need to be doing. Many of you come in my office and ask questions that are addressed on information in the folder, but you haven't checked your folder! This year and your future won't be so intimidating if you use the information I am giving to you...and work with me to get the additional information you may want and need. I am here for you all, to help you transition to the “real world”, but if you don't ask for help, how do you expect me to be able to help????

“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”.

*****GRADUATION REMINDERS*****

FOR SENIOR VIDEO: Pictures are due by FEBRUARY 27.
5 single & 5 group pics max
Must be 4x6 hard copy

Videeing last words FEBRUARY 27 during English period.
Maximum of 20-30 seconds in length.

GRADUATION DRESS CODE.....STRICTLY ENFORCED

Girls wear dresses or skirts with black shoes Must have a strap.
Boys wear black SHOES NO TENNIS SHOES. with White dress shirt & a Tie.
Nothing written/drawn/glued, etc. on top of caps.

Please remember the following ACT dates for this year:

OUR ACT CODE FOR LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IS 372105

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
April 8	March 3
June 10	May 5

Begin to apply to your individual colleges of interest 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.

ECU SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 1ST!

Most other college application deadlines will be Feb. 1 or March 1, depending on which college. Be sure to check their websites.

You may apply for most colleges up to the Summer for Fall admission, just not be able to be considered for any scholarships. Check the college website, or come see me if you have questions.

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

If you haven’t completed the FAFSA, you need to do so NOW! You will use your tax information from April 2016 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.

.....:FAFSA NOTE:.....

IF YOU HAVEN’T COMPLETED THE FAFSA YET, YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR AN ID AT FSAID.GOV AND THEN OR TO WWW.FAFSA.GOV TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AIDE. THIS IS FOR YOU IF YOU ARE GOING TO COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL. YES, EVEN MID-AMERICA TECHNOLOGY CENTER CAN WORK WITH FINANCIAL AIDE!

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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!


<https://occf.academicworks.com/?page=1>

FEBRUARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Daughters of the American Revolution

Deadline: February 10, 2017

All applicants must be citizens of the United States and must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. DAR chapter sponsorship is not required; however, a chapter or state chairman may work with the applicant to put the information together to send to the DAR Scholarship Committee.

Website:<http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/general-info> 

AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship

Deadline: February 15, 2017


AFA is pleased to offer the AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship. Scholarship awards to deserving college-bound students will be a \$5,000 scholarship to the winner; and \$2,500 and \$1,000 scholarships to the first and second runners-up, respectively. Additionally, seven \$500 scholarships will be awarded for Honorable Mention.

Website:http://youngleadersofafa.org/about_new.html 

The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: February 15, 2017

Through its Mentoring and Leadership Development Program, the Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$28,000/four years to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice.

Website:<http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/> 

Vegetarian Resource Group College Scholarships

Deadline: February 20, 2017

Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, The Vegetarian Resource Group each year will award \$20,000 in college scholarship money to graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities. Vegetarians do not eat meat, fish, or fowl. Vegans are vegetarians who do not use other animal products such as dairy or eggs. One award of \$10,000 and two awards of \$5,000 will be given. Entries may only be sent by students graduating from high school in SPRING 2017.

Website:<http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm> 

MARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

BSO Ivy Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: March 1, 2017

The BSO Ivy Foundation Fund was established in 2004 to support the Beta Sigma Omega Chapter charitable scholarships and gifts. This is an endowed scholarship fund of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation administered in conjunction with the BSO Ivy Foundation. Funds may be used for educational-related expenses such as tuition, fees and books at any academically accredited two-year, four-year or vocational technical nonprofit institution in the United States. Payments are


made directly to the school. Award Amount: \$1,000

Website: <https://occf.academicworks.com/opportunities/1209> 

H.W. Almen West OKC Rotary Scholarship

Deadline: March 1, 2017

The West OKC Rotary established the H. W. Almen Scholarship Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation with the purpose of providing scholarships for students graduating from high schools in Oklahoma. Award amount: \$4,000.00

Website: <https://occf.academicworks.com/opportunities/1110> 

OK-AHEAD Scholarship

Deadline: March 1, 2017

OK-AHEAD offers scholarship money to Oklahoma students with disabilities in post-secondary education. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 1 of the award year. Scholarships can be applied at any Oklahoma technology center, or any two-year or four-year college or university. Up to three scholarships will be awarded: one to a student who will or is currently attending an Oklahoma two-year institution, another scholarship award for a student who will or is attending a four-year institution, and a third scholarship awarded to a student who attends or will attend a CareerTech. If there are no applicants from one of these institutions, the award will not be disbursed. The award amount will be up to \$500 based on available OK-AHEAD funds.


Website: <http://ok-ahead.org/scholar.html> 

Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation Scholarships

Deadline: March 1, 2017

"Your Future is out there, create it". Scholarship awards vary in amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per academic year, in most cases, for up to four years. To be eligible to compete for one of our scholarship awards, you must have the following:


Applicants must be pursuing a career in printing technology, printing management, publishing or graphic communications. A student who is enrolled in a printing or graphics program at a technical school, college, or university within the United States. Applicant must be a full-time student. A high school senior or high school graduate. Be able to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Website: <https://pgsf.org/application-information-instructions/> 

Kohl's Cares' Scholarship Program

Deadline: March 13, 2017

Applicants must be nominated by parents, educators or community members. There are two categories: one for kids ages 6-12 and another for ages 13-18. Nominees must be legal U.S. residents who have not graduated from high school.

Website: <http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/scholarships/kohls-kids-who-care-scholarship.php> 

BMW/SAE Engineering Scholarship

Deadline: March 15, 2017


This annual scholarship is provided by BMW AG in recognition of its commitment to excellence in engineering. BMW is world famous for designing and building luxury, high-performance passenger cars and motorcycles. The company is also a leader in developing and manufacturing high technology, high performance internal combustion engines. This scholarship is in support of the SAE Foundation to ensure an adequate supply of well-trained engineers for the future. One scholarship will be awarded each year for \$1,500 per year. Scholarship may be renewed at \$1,500 a year for three additional years (total award \$6,000).

Website: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/bmw/> 

Dan and Vicky Hancock Scholarship for Mechanical Engineering Excellence

Deadline: March 15, 2017


The Dan and Vicky Hancock Scholarship for Mechanical Engineering Excellence, established by Dan and Vicky Hancock, provides financial support for students pursuing college degrees in the field of mechanical engineering. One scholarship will be awarded each year for \$5,500. Students will be eligible to receive the scholarship for multiple years but the student must reapply each year and be selected by the SAE Scholarship Committee.

Website: <http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/hancock/> 

Donald & Barbara Mozley Scholarship

Deadline: March 15, 2017

The Donald and Barbara Mozley Scholarship provides financial support for students pursuing an engineering degree at an ABET-accredited college or university. Depending on corpus state and number of qualified candidates, SAE will strive to award seven scholarships of \$5,000 each year; Students will be eligible to receive the scholarship for multiple years but the student must reapply each year and be selected by the SAE Scholarship Committee.


Website: <http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/mozley/> 

Edward D. Hendrickson/SAE Engineering Scholarship

Deadline: March 15, 2017

This scholarship, established by Hendrickson International, honors the late Edward D. Hendrickson, a pioneer in the commercial vehicle industry. One scholarship will be awarded each year for \$5,000 per year.*Scholarship may be renewed at \$5,000 a year for three additional years (total award \$20,000).*

*starting the 2015-2016 academic year.

Website: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/hendrickson/> 

Fred M. Young Sr. /SAE Engineering Scholarship

Deadline: March 15, 2017


The Young Radiator Company established this scholarship in memory of the company's founder, Fred M. Young, Sr. Mr. Young started the company in 1927 and saw it grow to become a major force in the field of Heat Transfer. He had a high regard for the value of engineering in terms of its contribution to the success of society. One scholarship will be awarded each year for \$1,000. Scholarship may be renewed at \$1,000 a year for three additional years (total award \$4,000).

Website: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/young/> 

SAE Ford Partnership for Advanced Studies Scholarship

Deadline: March 15, 2017


Established in 2007, The Ford Partnership for Advanced Studies (Ford PAS) Scholarship was developed by the Ford Motor Company Fund in partnership with Education Development Center Inc. (EDC). It is for high school seniors who are past or present students in a Ford Next Generation Learning Community, and/ or past or present students of a Ford PAS program at their high school or in a Ford PAS afterschool/weekend/summer/college program. One \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded each year.

Website: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/ford/> 

Tau Beta Pi / SAE Engineering Scholarship

Deadline: March 15, 2017

The purpose of the Tau Beta Pi is to recognize engineering students of superior scholarship and exemplary character and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges. Headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee, the Association's largest national philanthropy is its fellowship program, which has provided \$4,565,000 in advanced-study grants to 870 students, and the scholarship program that has provided \$958,000 in awards to 479 engineering seniors. Six scholarships valued at \$1,000 each will be awarded for the freshman year only.

Website: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/taubetapi/> 

TMC/SAE Donald D. Dawson Technical Scholarship

Deadline: March 15, 2017


As a transport equipment manager, Mr. Dawson combined extraordinary technical understanding and knowledge with vision and foresight to develop practical solutions to equipment problems and vehicle design. A dedicated, lifelong student of his profession and technology, he encouraged professional development in those with whom he worked. This scholarship is intended to encourage the ideal of Mr. Dawson's respected technical competence in transport management. One scholarship will be awarded each year for \$1,500 per year.

Website: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/dawson/> 

Anthem Essay Contest

Deadline: March 29, 2017


Eligibility for Anthem: 8th, 9th and 10th Grade. 1st Place: \$2,000. 2nd Place: \$500. 3rd Place: \$200. Finalists: \$50. Semifinalists: \$30. Students must choose from one of three topics listed on the website to write an essay. Essays will be judged on whether the student is able to argue for and justify his or her view-not on whether the Institute agrees with the view the student expresses. Judges will look for writing that is clear, articulate and logically organized. Winning essays must demonstrate an outstanding grasp of the philosophic meaning of Anthem.

Website: <https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#anthem-1> 

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Deadline: March 30, 2017


HSF/General College Scholarships are designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a college degree. Scholarships are available on a competitive basis to: graduating high school seniors, community college transfer students, undergraduate students, & graduate students. Awards are based on merit; amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000, based on relative need, among the Scholars selected.

Website: <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship> 

Aquant Innovative Designer Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2017


This scholarship is designed to help young architects and interior designers innovate. This scholarship is open to all students, who are enrolled in, Architecture or Interior designing course for the year 2016 anywhere in the world. To apply for this scholarship students need to submit a Bathroom design along with a short (under 5 min) video explaining about their design. Applications will be judged on creativity, originality, and innovation and the winner will be awarded \$500 to be used towards their educational expense.

Website: <http://www.aquantindia.com/#scholarship> 

Hiking Ambition Wellness Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 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/> 

Internet Marketing Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2017

We have created the Duffel Bags Boy Internet Marketing Scholarship for High School, Undergraduate or Postgraduate students with the passion of "Internet Marketing" to receive a \$1,250 award. This scholarship is only for students that are currently enrolled in colleges, universities or high schools. Those students who are currently studying in the areas of Marketing, Business, Information Technology, Computer Science, Programming or Communications may be extremely interested in this scholarship program. One does not require any expertise in this area. Passion for internet marketing content creation is enough.

Website: <https://duffelbagsboy.com/scholarship/> 