

Counselor Chatter

November, 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”.

*****NEW INFORMATION FOR THIS MONTH*****

IF YOU ARE AN ATHLETE AND INTEND TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE, MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP FOR NCAA BY VISITING WWW.NCAA.ORG. You click on “Eligibility Center” and create a Prospective Student Athlete Account by clicking on “U.S. STUDENTS REGISTER HERE”. You will need to pay a registration fee. If you take the ACT, NCAA requires that they receive your scores. When you register, you must enter code 9999 for ACT to send scores.

Please remember the following ACT dates for this year:

OUR ACT CODE FOR LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IS 372105

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
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 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.

.....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!



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.

- **[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.

American Indian Students

Here are some scholarship opportunities for Native American Students!

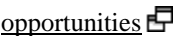
Website: www.usnews.com/education/blogs/the-scholarship-coach/2012/10/04/4-scholarships-for-american-indian-students



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



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>



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>



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/>



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/>



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 

NOVEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

Ron Brown Scholar Program

Early Applicant Deadline: November 1, 2016

Each year, a minimum of ten students will be designated Ron Brown Scholars and will receive \$10,000 annually for four years, for a total of \$40,000. The recipients may use the renewable scholarships to attend an accredited four-year college or university of their choice within the United States. Ron Brown Scholarships are not limited to any specific field or career objective and may be used to pursue any academic discipline. More than 250 students have been designated as Ron Brown Scholars since the inception of the Program.

Website: <https://www.ronbrown.org/> 

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: November 8, 2016

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service.


Created in 1995 by Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the program honors middle level and high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state and national level. Thus far, it has recognized more than 115,000 young people who've made a difference - and inspired countless others to consider how they might contribute to their communities. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for their schools or nominating organizations, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a nonprofit charitable organization of their choice.

Website: <https://spirit.prudential.com/> 

The Hagan Scholarship Foundation

Deadline: November 15, 2016


The Hagan Scholarships are intended for high achieving students who will require financial assistance in order to attend college. These students must graduate from a public high school located in one of twenty eligible states and in a county having fewer than 50,000 residents. Hagan Scholars currently attend 147 different colleges and universities. Each Hagan Scholarship will help pay the unmet financial need of the recipient, up to \$5,000 each semester.

Website: <http://haganscholarships.org/index.php> 

Regeneron Science Talent Search

Deadline: November 16, 2016

Regeneron will become only the third sponsor in 75 years of the nation's oldest and most prestigious high school science competition, committing \$100 million to support the Science Talent Search and other Society programs through 2026. As part of its commitment, Regeneron is nearly doubling the overall award distribution to \$3.1 million annually, increasing the top award to \$250,000, and doubling the awards for the top 300 young scientists and their schools to \$2,000 each. During its history, the Science Talent Search has provided more than \$25 million in awards to over 8,500 students and schools.

Website: <https://student.societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts> 

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program

Deadline: November 30, 2016


This is the largest undergraduate scholarship in the nation, providing up to \$40,000 per year for four years of study for high-achieving high school seniors with financial need.

Website: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/> 

Women in Aviation Scholarships

Deadline: November 17, 2016

Scholarship awards are a major benefit of membership in Women in Aviation International. In the past 20 years, WAI has disbursed more than \$10 million to its members to help them reach their goals and advance into the aviation and aerospace careers they have always dreamed about. Thanks to our generous sponsors, there is truly something for every interest. To apply, you must be a member of Women in Aviation International.

Website: <https://wai.org/education/scholarships> 

BBG Communications Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award

Deadline: November 29, 2016


BBG provides the Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award to recognize and reward a student who demonstrates a passion for volunteering, while maintaining a high level of academic achievement. Award amount is \$500.

Website: <http://www.bbgcommunications.com/communications/article/104.php> 

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Competition

Deadline: November 30, 2016

The 2017 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.


Website: <http://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm> 

DECEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

The UNIGO \$10K Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2016

Is college worth it? You invest your time, money, and energy into getting a college degree. The return could be your education, experiences, relationships, a career, a sense of purpose, or something else entirely. Weighing the expected investment and return, is college worth it for you? In 250 words or less, tell us why. Award amount is \$10,000.

Website: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship> 

Central Oklahoma of the ASHRAE Scholarship

Deadline: December 1, 2016

The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 to encourage the study of the engineering fields related to heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR). Award amount is \$1,000.

Website: <https://occf.academicworks.com/opportunities/1583> 

2017 Academic All-State Awards Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence

Deadline: December 2, 2016


The Foundation recognizes and honors academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools through a prestigious Awards Program. Awards to be given at the Academic Awards Banquet in May include: a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the 100 Academic All-State scholars selected from Oklahoma's public high school graduating seniors; a \$5,000 cash award and Medal for Excellence to five public school educators, one each at the elementary, secondary, community college/regional university and research university levels. An elementary/secondary administrator also is honored.

Website: <http://www.ofe.org/index.php?home> 

Job-Applications.com Scholarships Programs

Deadline: December 10, 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/> 

The Axa Achievement

Deadline: December 15, 2016

The AXA Achievement Scholarship provides over \$1.4 million in scholarships to young people throughout the nation representing all 50 states, Washington DC and Puerto Rico. Students have the opportunity to receive a \$2,500, \$10,000 or \$25,000 scholarship. In addition, for every student who wins a scholarship, a grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be made to the winner's school.

Website: <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/axa-achievement-scholarship.html> 

Burger King Scholars Program

Deadline: December 15, 2016

Scholarship grants range from \$1,000 to \$50,000, and are intended to help students offset the cost of attending college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. Recipients are selected based on their grade point average, work experience, extracurricular activities and/or community service.

Website: <http://www.bkmclemorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram> 

Foot Locker Scholar Athletes

Deadline: December 16, 2016


We're giving \$20,000 to 20 student athletes. Foot Locker wants to celebrate you, not just because you scored the game-winning point, but because sports have helped you grow into a strong leader at school and in your community.

Website: <https://footlockerscholarathletes.com/> 

Young Entrepreneur Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: December 18, 2016

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards program was established to raise awareness among the nation's youth of the critical role that private enterprise and entrepreneurship play in the building of America. NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards are open to any graduating high school senior entering their freshman year at an accredited (not for profit) two- or four-year university, college or vocational/technical institute. Applicants must be running their own small business in order to be considered for an award. The scholarships are valued between \$2,000 and \$15,000.

Website: <http://www.nfib.com/foundations/yef/yef-programs/young-entrepreneur-awards/> 

DISHPROMOTIONS.COM Scholarship

Deadline: November 30, 2016

DISH Promotions, a leading online Satellite TV and Internet retailer, is excited to announce the \$1000 DISHPromotions.com Scholarship. Both current students and incoming freshmen are eligible. Applicants must complete a 1000-word essay which encourages critical thinking. It's important to note that this is a semi-annual scholarship that renews each year. So twice a year you will have the chance to earn \$1000 toward your education.

Website: <http://www.dishpromotions.com/scholarship/> 

USE THE BELOW TITLES AS LINKS. GO TO THE LHS WEBSITE AND FIND THIS NEWSLETTER. HOLD ctrl+CLICK ON THE BLUE TITLES TO BE TAKEN TO THE INFORMATION FOR EACH. These come from www.studentscholarships.org

[Voice of Democracy Scholarship](#)

- \$30,000

Each year, nearly 40,000 high school students from across the country enter to win a share of \$2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the VFW's Voice...

Deadline: *Nov 01 2016*

[Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#)

- \$5,000

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Deadline: *Nov 08 2016*

[Spirit of Innovation Challenge](#)

- \$10,000

The Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge is an annual multi-phase competition that challenges high school students (ages 13-18) from across the globe to use STEM (science,...

Deadline: *Nov 09 2016*

[Student Photography Scholarships](#)

- \$2,500

High school students applying for these scholarships must have completed one year at an accredited high school (student must therefore be a sophomore or older) and should have...

Deadline: *Nov 15 2016*

[Zumper Apartments Scholarship](#)

- \$1,000

We know from our time at college that school is expensive, so we want to help you out with a \$1,000 scholarship. We're looking for outstanding students who have helped their...

Deadline: *Nov 15 2016*

[Real World Design Challenge](#)

- \$1,000

The Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) is an annual high school competition run by a public-private partnership with the goal of sustainably increasing the Science, Technology,...

Deadline: *Nov 20 2016*

[Elks Most Valuable Student Competition](#)

- \$50,000

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2017 competition. A) Any high school senior who is a citizen of the...

Deadline: *Nov 30 2016*

Sixt Scholars

- \$5,000

Sixt rent a car is pleased to offer five high school seniors graduating in 2017 the opportunity to receive a \$5,000 scholarship and become a Sixt scholar. The program is designed...

Deadline: *Nov 30 2016*

Good360 Sustainability Scholarship

- \$1,000

Here at Good360, we work hard to help companies reduce their waste outputs and total carbon footprints by donating excess stock or products to nonprofits in need. For the Good360...

Deadline: *Nov 30 2016*

Odenza Caption Scholarship

- \$500

To be considered eligible for the Odenza Caption Scholarship you must: 1) Be attending college/university no later than the fall of 2017 2) Submit a caption in the comment...

Deadline: *Nov 30 2016*

10 Words or Less Scholarship

- \$500

Scholarship Eligibility: A) Anyone who is between the ages of 14-25 who will be attending school in the Fall of 2017. B) This scholarship is provided by...

Deadline: *Dec 01 2016*

Closetbox Entrepreneur Scholarship

- \$5,000

We need to get something off our chest. Many of us here at Closetbox have had the benefit of scholarships in various forms to help us get an education. Because of that, we want to...

Deadline: *Dec 01 2016*

Lamber-Goodnow Scholarships

- \$1,000

The Lamber-Goodnow Injury Law Team (an award winning personal injury law firm in Phoenix) awards several academic scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate and graduate...

Deadline: *Dec 01 2016*

No Bull Sports Scholarship

- \$5,000

No Bull Sports is a non-profit organization dedicated to uniting, educating, and empowering young women to reach their full potential. When we set out to build a community of...

Deadline: *Dec 01 2016*

National Space Club Scholarship

- \$10,000

Provided to a high school senior, undergraduate or graduate student with definite plans to pursue a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields....

Deadline: *Dec 02 2016*

[Solution Reach Scholarship](#)

- \$2,000

In 2000, Solutionreach introduced the world of healthcare to revolutionary tools which would help healthcare providers across a broad spectrum of specialties to communicate more...

Deadline: *Dec 04 2016*

[Legal Templates Business Plan Annual Scholarship](#)

- \$1,000

Every November, we are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to the student who can create the best business plan executive summary. Our panel of business plan experts will judge the...

Deadline: *Dec 15 2016*

[Rubincam Youth Award](#)

- \$500

The Rubincam Youth Award was established in 1986 to honor Milton Rubincam for his many years of service to the National Genealogical Society and to the field of genealogy. These...

Deadline: *Dec 15 2016*

[Christopher Reeve Award](#)

- \$1,000

The Heart of America Foundation's Christopher Reeve Service Award is presented in honor of actor and activist Christopher Reeve, who was awarded a Heroes of the Heart Award in...

Deadline: *Dec 15 2016*

[FormSwift Scholarship](#)

- \$1,000

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Deadline: *Dec 15 2016*

[Green Home Improvement Scholarship](#)

- \$1,000

Green home improvement is rapidly becoming a trend in modern home design and construction throughout the United States. Homeowners are taking steps to improve their homes for...

Deadline: *Dec 15 2016*

[Young Entrepreneur Awards](#)

- \$2,000

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Deadline: *Dec 18 2016*

Odenza Marketing Group Volunteer Award

- \$500

The main goal of the Odenza Marketing Group Volunteer Award is to encourage students to make a positive contribution to their individual communities, while providing scholarship...

Deadline: *Dec 30 2016*

Design Thinking Scholarship

- \$1,000

All scholarship applicants must meet the following requirements along with all other scholarship rules, including: A) Must be enrolled in a degree-granting program at an...

Deadline: *Dec 31 2016*

SBO Essay Scholarship Contest

- \$1,000

School Band & Orchestra is pleased to announce the 17th annual scholarship competition for music students, grades four to 12. Since its inception the SBO Essay Scholarship Contest...

Deadline: *Dec 31 2016*

Imagine America Scholarships

- \$1,000

Are you a high school student trying to find money to pay for your career college education? Are you planning to attend any of the more than 1,000 participating career school...

Deadline: *Dec 31 2016*

CrossLites Scholarship

- \$4,000

There are no minimum GPA or test score requirements in order to qualify for the scholarship contest. Any student that is currently enrolled in a high school, college, or graduate...

Deadline: *Dec 31 2016*

Promises Annual \$10,000 Scholarship

- \$6,000

At Promises Treatment Centers, we're dedicated to providing young people and adults with the highest quality treatment for addiction and mental health disorders in some of the...

Deadline: *Dec 31 2016*