

Counselor Chatter

October, 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.

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
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 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.

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 or post-secondary school will be required to fill out a FAFSA application.

.....FAFSA NOTE.....

PARENTS AND SENIORS We will hold a college and career night **OCTOBER 17th** during parent/teacher conferences. I have about 10 colleges and several military branches planning to be here and hope the list grows. Nellie McBroom, who is an Academic Counselor from ECU, will be here for two group presentations at 6:30 and 7:00 to give information on how to apply for FAFSA as well as other financial aid information. **PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!**

ON NOVEMBER 2nd, Ms. McBroom will be at **LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** from **9:00-3:00** to assist you in completing the FAFSA. **PLEASE SEE ME TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. YOU WILL NOT NEED** to apply for FAFSA ID before your appointment and **YOU WILL** need to bring your **2016 TAX INFORMATION** to complete this application.

Of course, if you don’t want to wait for November 2nd, 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.

OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIPS

Wendy's High School Heisman

Deadline: October 2, 2017

A \$1,000 college scholarship will be awarded to one senior male and one senior female from each state. Wendy's High School Heisman is looking for all types of high-achieving seniors from more than 29,000 public and private high schools within the U.S. We consider young men and women who participate in a wide range of sports as well as school and community activities. Students must be seniors during the 2017-2018 academic year, graduating with the class of 2018. Have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of B (3.0) or better. Participate in at least one of the 47 sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games or the National Federation of State High School Association and sponsored by your school. Be a leader in school and in the community and serve as a role model for underclassman.

Website: <https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/> 

AES Engineering Solutions

Deadline: October 6, 2017

Award Amount: \$500.00. AES Engineering is pleased to be able to continue offering scholarships to motivated students to help in the furthering of their education. Students must submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question: When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? This award is available to high school seniors and all students attending a post-secondary educational facility. You are not required to be taking Engineering courses

to be eligible.

Website: <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php> 

Create Real Impact Scholarship

Deadline: October 6, 2017

Grand Prize: \$1500. Distracted and reckless driving is the #1 killer of teens in America. Winning entries will focus on SOLUTIONS and STRATEGIES to stop this deadly epidemic. Remember: distractions come in all shapes and sizes, such as 200 pound humanoid shapes (passengers) to small rectangular boxes (cell phones) to cylindrical cardboard containers (coffee cups). While extremely dangerous and highly illegal, being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while driving is NOT the focus of this contest. Entries focused on drinking alcohol or using drugs and driving WILL NOT be accepted. Create an original work showcasing your idea for a solution or strategy to fix the very real problem of reckless and distracted driving. Create Real Impact Contest Awards are open only to legal residents of the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia between the ages of 14 and 22 years. Entrants must be enrolled as full-time students in an accredited educational institution (secondary [middle/high] school, trade school, college, or university). Residency, age, and current enrollment at an accredited educational institution will be verified. All applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. Void where prohibited.

Website: <https://www.createrealimpact.com/> 

The Homes.com #FeelsLikeHome Scholarship

Deadline: October 13, 2017

Want \$1,000 for college? Homes.com can help make that happen. If you are currently enrolled in college (or headed there in 2017!) and want to win a \$1,000 scholarship to help cover expenses, consider entering the #FeelsLikeHome Scholarship contest. Homes.com will award a \$1,000 scholarship to one highly motivated student who can thoughtfully respond to the prompt below. The Prompt: At Homes.com, we know the importance of finding the perfect place to call "home." One of the most difficult parts of going to college can be making your college home feel as comfortable as *your* home! Snap a picture that shows us how you've made (or plan to make) your college experience feel like a home away from home, and share on Instagram or Twitter. Include a short explanation of your picture, tag @homesdotcom, and use the hashtag #FeelsLikeHome. Eligibility: You must be a graduating senior in high school or a current freshman, sophomore, or junior in college. You must be between the ages of 16 and 22. We reserve the right to verify the date of your high school graduation and/or college enrollment. Any and all content may be used in future Homes.com marketing.

Website: <http://www.homes.com/blog/scholarship-2017/> 

College JumpStart Scholarship

Deadlines: October 17, 2017

The College JumpStart Scholarship is an annual, merit-based competition -- financial need is not considered -- that is open to 10th-12th graders, college students and non-traditional students. The main requirement is that you are committed to going to school and can express your goals for getting a higher education. The first place prize is a \$1,000 scholarship to help cover educational expenses. This award can be used at any college or university in the United States.

Website: <http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net> 

Dr. Pepper Scholarship

Deadline: October 18, 2017

Dr. Pepper is awarding over \$1,000,000 in tuition to help students reach their biggest goals. How to enter: (1) Tell us how you'll change the world in 350 characters or less. (2) Rally your friends to vote. (3) Once you reach 50 votes, submit a video to inspire more fans. Dr. Pepper selects finalist to compete during throw-offs at NCAA conference championship games. Eligibility: You must be a U.S. legal resident of an Eligible State and within the Age Eligibility (18-24). You are not eligible if you or a member of your immediate family or household (whether or not related) is an (A) employee, officer or director of any Promotion Party, or (B) owner/operator or person responsible for purchasing or promotion decisions at retailers of Sponsor products. You must not be an active NCAA collegiate athlete (any division) in any sport, nor played professional, semi-professional, or Division I collegiate football at any time.

Website: <http://www.drpeppertuition.com/> 

The Sleep Judge State of Sleep Scholarship

Deadline: October 30, 2017

The Sleep Judge is pleased to announce our annual State of Sleep Scholarship helping to increase the awareness around the importance of sleep. Each student who is awarded The Sleep Judge State of Sleep Scholarship will be given \$1,500 towards their university or college fees. Eligibility Requirements: (1) Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States or Canada OR current college students already studying at an accredited U.S. or Canadian post-secondary institution. (2) U.S. or Canadian citizens. (3) Anticipating completion of high school diploma at time of application or already in possession of high school diploma / GED. (4) Planning to or already currently pursuing a degree at an accredited U.S. or Canadian post-secondary institution. (5) Carrying a minimum 3.00 GPA or equivalent grade average.

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

The Wealthy Education Scholarship

Deadline: October 30, 2017

Apply to win a \$3,000 scholarship. In order to spread financial literacy, we are opening our first annual Wealthy Education Scholarship Program to young students who share the same passion for investment with us. Who Can Join: All bona fide university and college students are welcomed to join. If you are below 18 years old, or if you're still in high school, be sure to get the consent of your parents or legal guardians before joining. Having a strong passion for investment and personal finance is a plus as we will be choosing a scholar who believes in the same vision and values as Wealthy Education. All we're asking for is that you write an essay that's 500 to 2000 words long about stock investment and personal finance. But we don't want it to be just about any finance story. Your essay must emphasize the importance of investment and valuable enough to help other people. Keep in mind that we give premium to uniqueness, so make sure to avoid the usual boring stuff such as general advice and clichés. Your essay must contain actionable tips that most readers should be able to relate to. In fact, the more personal it is, the better!

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

CARiD Scholarship Program

Deadline: October 31, 2017

CARiD is giving away \$1,000 to offset your educational expenses for college! Just getting the essentials can add up quickly and CARiD wants to help - books, food, backpacks, some sweet spinners for your commuter vehicle, or whatever else you need to get ready for school! Most importantly - CARiD believes in higher education and wants to help you achieve your goals! Create a photo inspired by any aspect of the automotive industry and email it to scholarship@CARiD.com. Eligibility: Any current US student who (1) Is enrolled in post-secondary education in the upcoming semester (2) Is between the ages of 16 and 20 (3) Is not a CARiD employee (4) Is not related to an employee of CARiD or its partners. Winners will be announced on November 15.

Website: <https://www.carid.com/scholarships.html> 

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: October 31, 2017

We're looking for 150 incredible high school seniors to receive a \$20,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. The Coca-Cola scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. Applicants must be: current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the U.S. (or selected 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.

Website: <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/blog/be-a-coca-cola-scholar/> 

Pinot's Palette Scholarship for Artistic Excellence

Deadline: October 31, 2017

Pinot's Palette is one of the nation's largest paint and sip franchises. We welcome all USA students looking to achieve a degree in the arts to apply for our scholarship. We will award the chosen applicant with \$1,000 to be used towards their tuition expenses and any other verified educational costs. Eligibility: (1) Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the U.S. (2) U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, or U.S. Permanent Residents. (3) Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application. (4) Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution.

Website: <https://www.pinotspalette.com/scholarships> 

NOVEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

10 Words or Less Scholarship

Deadline: November 1, 2017

Award Amount: \$500. Eligibility: (1) Anyone who is between the ages of 14-25 who will be attending school in the Fall of 2018. (2) Submit answers to the essay question prior to the deadline. (3) This scholarship is provided by StudentScholarships.org. In order to apply for our scholarship follow these instructions: Go to www.facebook.com/myscholarships. On the left hand side of the page you will find an area entitled "10 Words or Less Scholarship". In the comment section underneath the "10 Words or Less Scholarship", answer the question.

Website: <https://www.studentscholarships.org/easy.php> 

uPONICs Hydroponics/Aquaponics Scholarship

Deadline: November 1, 2017

Award Amount: \$1,000. uPONICs is proud to offer a scholarship to eligible students who are interested in hydroponics and/or aquaponics. Students with concentrations in agriculture, business, environmental sciences, and engineering are especially encouraged to apply. However, we welcome submissions from all students who have an interest in hydroponics and/or aquaponics, as well as in sustainable methods of agriculture. Eligibility: (1) Must be a US Citizen. (2) Must be attending an accredited college or university within the US. (3) Submission must be 100% original and written entirely by the applicant. (4) Minimum GPA requirement: 2.5.

Website: <http://uponics.com/aquaponics-scholarship/> 

VFW: Voice of Democracy Scholarship

Deadline: November 1, 2017

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a democracy-loving high school student interested in a \$30,000 college scholarship, this scholarship may be for you. The Voice of Democracy Program is open to students in grades 9-12, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories. The 2017-18 theme is: *American History: Our Hope for the Future*. Established in 1947, our Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Website: <https://www.vfw.org/VOD/> 

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: November 7, 2017

Award Amount: \$1,000. Are you a middle level or high school student who's making a difference through volunteering? The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. To apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards: Complete the application and the student/parent agreement. Deadline: November 7, 2017. Go to the "Certification" page to email or print out instructions for your certifier. You must deliver these instructions to your certifier by November 7, 2017. Your certifier can be your school principal or the head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or Affiliate of Points of Light's HandsOn Network. Your certifier has until November 17, 2017, to review applications online and select Local Honoree(s) from the applicants in your school or organization, and nominate them for state-level judging.

Website: <https://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2018> 

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation - College Scholarship Program

Deadline: November 14, 2017

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. Selected from a nationwide pool of applicants, up to 40 students will become Jack Kent Cooke Scholars and have access to funding for up to four years for undergraduate studies. This highly competitive scholarship includes: Up to \$40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school, Ability to pursue any area of study, Personal advising about selecting a college and navigating

financial aid, and Multifaceted advising about how to transition to college and maximize the college student experience. Eligibility: (1) Plan to graduate from a U.S. high school in spring 2018. (2) Intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college or university beginning in fall 2018. (3) Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above. (4) SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1200 or above and/or ACT composite score of 26 or above. (5) Demonstrate significant unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. However, we anticipate that a majority of scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive a Pell grant.

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

Lawn Maintenance Master Scholarship

Deadline: November 15, 2017

Award: \$500.00. Lawn Maintenance Master is a family owned business which operates in Winter Park and Orlando Florida. We believe that anyone can achieve their dreams if the given the chance. We know how important and education is for society as this is where new inventions and business owners are developed. Write an essay on "Why lawn maintenance is important to society and property value" and share your thoughts on the process through experience or research. Eligibility: (1) 18 years or older. (2) Legal residents of the United States or Canada. (3) Applicant must be a student who is currently enrolled in high school, college or university based in United States or Canada. (4) Having a Minimum GPA: 2.75.

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

Moreira Team Mortgage Scholarship

Deadline: November 15, 2017

Award Amount: \$500.00. This academic scholarship is meant to ease the financial burden that is associated with a higher education, so that everyone has the opportunity to expand their knowledge. Choose a mortgage products and services topic relevant to "First Time Home Buyers, Getting Home Loan Ready, Financing Your Home, and Home Loan Ready Credit" and share your thoughts on the process through experience or research. Eligibility: (1) 18 years or older. (2) Legal residents of the U.S. or Canada. (3) Applicant must be a student who is currently enrolled in high school, college, or university based in U.S. or Canada. (4) Having a Minimum GPA: 2.5.

Website: <https://moreirateam.com/mortgage-scholarship/> 

Regeneron Science Talent Search

Deadline: November 15, 2017

The Regeneron Science Talent Search (Regeneron STS), a program of Society for Science & the Public (the Society) is the nation's most prestigious science research competition for high school seniors. Eligible students are invited to apply to the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors. From the entrant pool, the Society for Science & the Public and Regeneron will award \$3.1 million dollars to top students and their schools.

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

The Hagan Scholarship Foundation

Deadline: November 15, 2017

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide, need based merit scholarship for rural students who will require financial assistance to attend college. These students will graduate from a public high school located in a county in the United States having fewer than 50,000 residents. Three hundred fifty scholarships can be awarded each year. Eligibility: (1) Must be a U.S. Citizen. (2) Must attend an Eligible Public High School; see List of Eligible Public High Schools. (3) Must be a student in the 2018 high school graduating class. (4) Must have achieved a high school CGPA of 3.50 or higher. (5) Must have scored 23 or higher on the ACT (Composite Score); or 1,200 on the SAT. (6) Must enroll in a four-year college the first semester following high school graduation. (7) Must work 240 hours in the twelve months prior to the start of college. (8) Must complete the FAFSA in 2017 using 2016 tax return information.

FAFSA EFC must be less than \$6,500. (9) Must apply for eligible Federal and State grants. (10) Must not have been convicted of a felony.

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

Elks National Foundation - Most Valuable Student

Deadline: November 27, 2017

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2018 competition. The 2018 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. Eligibility: (1) Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply. (2) Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. (3) High school graduates are not eligible to apply. (4) Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify. (5) Male and female students compete separately.

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

Duffel Bags Boy Internet Marketing Scholarship

Deadline: November 30, 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. 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. To participate in this scholarship program you will have to research and create a piece of content between 500 - 1,000 words on the subject "Internet Marketing and its Importance in Society." We want you to include the following ideas: (1) Why do you believe that internet marketing is important? (2) How have you used internet marketing in school? The person who does the best will receive \$1,250 that can be used either in course materials or other resources. If you would like to know more, please continue reading Eligibility: This scholarship is only for students that are currently enrolled in colleges, universities or high schools.

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

River Cohen College Scholarship

Deadline: November 30, 2017

Award Amount: \$1,000. The River Cohen College Scholarship was created with students in mind. College has become increasingly expensive and necessary. This scholarship is designed to help someone in their college career. River Cohen wants to hear your answer to this question, "How can philanthropy change the world?" This should be a short essay (under 500 words). Eligibility: (1) High school students graduating this calendar year and have been accepted into a college, university, trade school, or design school. (2) Students currently enrolled in a college, university, trade school, or design school.

Website: <http://rivercohengiving.com/> 

Siddhi Yoga Scholarship

Deadline: November 30, 2017

Award Amount: \$1,000. We believe in community at Siddhi Yoga. And more than anything, we believe that education should be accessible to everyone, regardless of status, level or income. Yoga means union, and we aim to unite as many people as we can through this practice. As part of our commitment to community, we at Siddhi Yoga have decided to start an annual Siddhi Yoga Scholarship program. Eligibility: We welcome all students-from universities, colleges and high schools. If you are under the age of 18, or if you're still in high school, you'll need to get consent from your parents or legal guardians before applying. Having a strong passion for yoga is a major benefit, as we will be choosing a scholar who believes in the same vision and values as SiddhiYoga. It's simple. We want you to write a personal story or essay of 500 to 1000 words in length about yoga. But we want a story that shines. Your essay should focus on the impact yoga has had in your life and how it continues to help you grow in your daily life. Your story should be about you, as well as provide value that can help others, too. We want to get to know you. Let your personality come through your writing and try to steer clear of clichés and advice in general.

Website: <https://www.siddhiyoga.com/siddhi-yoga-scholarship> 