

Seniors 2009-2010

* College Applications!! Get them done AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in order to get into your first choice school. Don't miss your opportunity or be wait listed! See Mrs. Millerov in the Guidance Office for official transcripts and for any help you may need. *

Check college websites – some schools, such as Ferris, waive application fees when done online!

Testing:

There are free ACT study guides and practice tests available in the Guidance Office!! Come and get one before retaking the ACT!

Note: if there is a school or Army representative that you would like to meet or request, please see Mrs. Millerov.

Scholarships: Apply for as many as you qualify for to increase your chances of receiving money!

- If you plan to participate in University Athletics during your college years, please see Mrs. Millerov in the counseling office for additional athletic scholarship opportunities.
- Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) has 30+ \$1,000 scholarships available if your parent works for a business that is a member of MRA. Applications must be done online at www.retailers.com by April 1st. (or paper apps are available through the guidance office).
- *NEW* Vestaburg Education Association (VEA). Super easy application available in Central Office, 3.0 minimum GPA, due April 16th!!
- *NEW* Stanley and Blanche Ash Foundation—One student from each school in the area guaranteed to receive money if they apply!! Deadline of receiving response: April 1st!! See Mrs. Millerov in Central Office for application.
- *NEW* NHS Red Cross Scholarship: \$1,000 to an NHS member. Application available from Mrs. Millerov in Central office; must be returned by April 16th!
- *NEW* Vestaburg Lions Club Scholarship: Any student can apply, looking for strong community activities. Application available from Mrs. Millerov in Central Office; must be returned by April 16th!
- Central Michigan Home Builders Association is offering 2 \$500 scholarships. Deadline for both: March 31st! Easy applications!!
 - 1st is reserved for children of Home Builders Association or Women Council Members.
 - Second is reserved for students entering the building industry (including interior design, architecture, construction management, electrical, plumbing, heating, carpentry, building trades, etc).
- Montcalm Conservation District Scholarships: 2, \$750 awards to graduating seniors who plan to pursue advanced college training in Agriculture, Natural Resources or Environmental Fields. Deadline April 2nd! Applications available in the Guidance Office.
- Montcalm County Farm Bureau Scholarship: Parent must be a member, must maintain 2.0 through first year of college. Renewable award between \$250-\$500. Deadline April 1! Applications available in the Guidance Office.

- Michigan State Trooper Assistance Fund, INC. has 20, \$1,000 scholarships available if you have a minimum of a 3.25 gpa, some community service hours and demonstrate leadership. Applications available in the guidance office.
Deadline: April 1!
- SpecsHoward School of Broadcast Arts (radio, film and graphic design) offers two full-tuition scholarships and 6 partial. Scholarship general aptitude testing will take place on Saturday December 5th at 10am and lasts about an hour. For full details visit www.specshoward.edu/scholarships
- AAA Scholl Safety Patrol Scholarship Program: 2 \$1,000 scholarships to Michigan seniors. Students must show documented proof of AAA Michigan School Safety Patrol participation, good academic standing and a strong record of involvement in the community and/or extra curricular activities. See Mrs. Millerov in the Guidance Office for applications. **Deadline April 16th.**
- Michigan Oil and Gas Producers Education Foundation. 3.0 minimum GPA, show financial need and pursue a degree that will allow for full time employment in the crude oil/natural gas industry. \$500 minimum scholarship, **deadline April 1st.**
- National Commission for Cooperative Education: if you plan to attend a Co-op school (such as Kettering University) see Mrs. Millerov for more info on this scholarship.
- **Montcalm Community College** offers many scholarships to their students. Go to <http://www.montcalm.edu/scholarships/applicationForms.htm>
- *Meritaid.com* offers \$11 Billion worth of scholarships for students with a variety of GPA's.
- **Western Michigan University** Medallion Scholarship Competition, on campus even, January 23rd, 2010. Fifteen \$40,000 scholarships available. Qualifications to compete include: 3.7 GPA and ACT 26 or higher. WMU applications must be in by December 4th to compete in January.
- **Northern Michigan University** 3.5 GPA or higher and a 24 and up on ACT can get you from \$2,000 to full tuition. www.nmu.edu/presidentialscholars for more info
- **Baker College** Scholarships: 3.5 GPA or higher and 24 or higher ACT score gets up to ½ your tuition paid! Applications in the Guidance Office. Or 2.5 or higher GPA could get you \$4,800 over 3 years for tuition at Baker. Applications in the Guidance Office.
- **Northwood University** scholarships: 28 ACT/3.8 GPA gets you \$36,000 for tuition; 25 ACT/3.0 GPA = \$30,000; 20 ACT/2.7 GPA = \$20,000.
- **Michigan State University** education students opportunity: \$1,000 to an incoming senior who intends to pursue Education degree. Apply online between December 1st – January 30th at <http://www.educ.msu.edu>
- **Ferris State University** offers numerous scholarships to incoming freshman with as low as a 3.25 GPA. See Mrs. Millerov in the Guidance office for specific information on FSU's individual scholarships.
- **Bethel College** in Indiana has number scholarships available, including special Music and Theatre Scholarships. See Mrs. Millerov in the Guidance Office for more information and audition dates.
- **Marist College (Poughkeepsie NY)** in joint effort with the National Science Foundation (NSF) is awarding 12 full scholarships to highly talented students majoring in Computer Science or Information Technology and Systems. See Mrs. Millerov for more info.
- American Legion: Offers the following scholarships:
 - (visit www.michiganlegion.org for more info on each of the below.)
 - Oratorical Scholarship, up to \$20,000 and more. A constitutional speech contest

- Student Trooper Program – priceless career option. A 5-day on site career law enforcement program at MSP training academy.
- Brewer & Wilson Scholarships-\$500. Must have 2.5 GPA or better, financial need and be child, grandchild or great-grandchild of honorably discharged war veteran.
- American Legion Baseball and Scholarship-opportunity to play baseball for their teams after HS
- Eagle Scout of the year – up to \$10,000 for MI Eagle Scouts
- Boys State – up to \$20,000 Samsung Scholarship (visit www.michiganboystate.org for more info)
- Check with individual school websites that you have been admitted to for available scholarships, as all Colleges offer unique scholarship opportunities to their students.
- Helpful Scholarship websites to check out/search:
 - Fastweb.com
 - Meritaid.com
 - Fafsa.gov

College Events & Open Houses: (note: students can receive excused absences for days missed to visit schools if a document is returned proving you attended (for example, admissions offices usually have a letter available to pick up and bring back to Mrs. Millerov or Mrs. Gerlach.))

- Ferris State University has “Dawg Days” currently running. Attend a campus visit, bring your official transcripts and ACT scores, get an admissions decision on the spot! More information and registration for “Dawg Day’s” is available at: <http://www.ferris.edu/admissions/dawgDay/homepage.htm>
- Aquinas College- Fine Arts Day Friday March 19th (Art, Music, Theatre & Creative writing). General AQDay-Friday, April 16th. Business & Technology Day- Friday April 23rd (Accounting, Business, Computer Inform. Systems & Sustainable business).

Good Websites to check out for help writing essays and completing applications:

- Fastweb.com
- Finaid.org
- Scholarshiphelp.org
- Essayinfo.com