



NORTH MARION HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed in order to qualify for federal and state financial aid (Promise Scholarship, grants, loans).

STEP 1: FSAID.ED.GOV

(federal student aid ID # - both student and 1 parent need one)

STEP 2: FAFSA.ED.GOV

(Use the student's FSAID to start the 2020-2021 FAFSA)



CAREER HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID PLANNING PLANNING PLANNING PLANNING

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF EXPLORE CAREERS GET A JOB VOICES

OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 2

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE 3:00 TO 6:00 P.M.
FINANCIAL AID INFO FOR SENIORS 3:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 16
PSAT
ALL JUNIORS
8 A.M.

OCTOBER 14-17
HOMECOMING WEEK

October 18

Professional Learning Day No school for students

OCTOBER 19

HOMECOMING DANCE 6:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

October 23

College Fair at Fairmont State 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

END OF FIRST 9 WEEK GRADING PERIOD

CFWV.COM

Explore:

- Career Interests
- 4 year colleges
- 2 year colleges
- Technical Schools
- Types of Majors
- Financial Aid/Scholarships

PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Pays \$4,750 for tuition at West Virginia College or University

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- * 3.0 Core GPA (All Math, English, History and Science classes)
- * 3.0 Cumulative GPA (All Courses)

ACT Score Requirement:

- * 22 composite (total) score
- * Minimum of 20 in English, Mathematics, Science, and Reading

SAT Score Requirement:

- * Total score: 1100
- * Math: 520 Evidence Based Reading and Writing: 530
- * The SAT writing portion is not included in the calculation of the composite score.

ORDERING TRANSCRIPTS



www.parchment.com/log-in

Marion County Schools has partnered with Parchment to provide electronic high school transcripts.

Students were given parchment codes in homeroom

Once an account is created, the student requests a transcript online. Mrs. Ellis in the counseling office approves the request.

If students need an official paper transcript mailed, they must fill out a transcript request form located in the counseling office.

August 24, 2019

March 14, 2020

May 2, 2020

June 6, 2020

September 14, 2019

December 14, 2019

February 8, 2020*

April 4, 2020

June 13, 2020

July 18, 2020*

OCTOBER TIMELINE FOR SENIORS

- Begin working on college applications.
- Take the ACT and/or SAT.
- Continue to work hard in classes. Colleges are able to revoke admission decisions based on your final senior transcript. Do not let 'senioritis' get you down.
- Work Based Hours-Students must have 30. Due May 15th
- Continue searching and applying for scholarships. Be sure to check the scholarship bulletin board posted outside the guidance office. Check college websites for scholarships that are offered at the school of your choice. Go to www.cfwv.com and use the scholarship search tool.
- Students who are planning to work right after high school—continue to research companies that offer jobs in the fields of your interest. The more you know about the company the better prepared you will be for the interview process.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 7-11 PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS & **FSAID**

All seniors will go to the computer labs to sign up for the PROMISE Scholarship. Counselors will work on makeups for students who miss the lab day. Promise applications must be completed by **March 1**.

Seniors will also sign up for the FSAID they need to complete the FAFSA.

SAT Test Date

October 5, 2019

November 2, 2019

December 7, 2019

Registration Deadline

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August 16

July 24

April 2

May 6

September 5

November 7

February 13

October 2

September 27

November 15

January 10

March 6 May 15

June 19

Practice tests for the ACT and SAT are also available in the guidance office.

SAT costs \$49.50

ACT costs \$50.50

Students who qualify for

free or reduced lunch can

get a waiver of the fees.

Students can get the fee

waiver form in the guidance office.

Register to take the ACT at

Register to take the SAT at

Free SAT Test Prep

www.khanacademy.org/SAT

collegeboard.org

www.cfwv.com

Free ACT Test Prep

www.cfwv.com

academy.act.org

ACT Test Date

October 26, 2019

TODAY'S MILITARY









MILITARY INFORMATION

Armed Forces Military Careers: http://www.nextstepmagazine.com/nextstep/military-careers.aspx

U.S. Department of Defense: http://www.todaysmilitary.com

Army ROTC: http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/

Army National Guard: http://www.nationalguard.com./

Navy: http://www.navy.com/navy.html

U.S. Air Force: http://www.airforce.com/learn-about/

U.S. Coast Guard: http://www.uscg.mil/

Marines: http://www.marines.mil/Pages/Default.aspx

COLLEGEVISITATION

Seniors have 2 excused days this year that can be used to visit colleges, technical schools or other postsecondary opportunities.

Juniors are allowed 1 day.

Forms are available in the counselors office.

All colleges have visitation days . Students are encouraged to participate in the scheduled events.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY



If you intend to play sports at a Division I or Division II college, you must register online at:

www.eligibilitycenter.org

** Registration fee is \$90. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you will qualify for a fee waiver. See your counselor if you have questions.

COMMUNITY & MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES





GET CONNECTED. GET HELP. 24 HOURS A DAY. 7 DAYS A WEEK

You are not alone. Every day hundreds of people across West Virginia turn to 211 for information and support—whether financial, domestic, health or disaster-related.

- Addiction
- Counseling + Mental Health
- Crisis + Emergency
- Disabilities
- Domestic Violence
- · Emergency+Disaster Relief
- · Food

- Healthcare
- Human Trafficking
- Jobs + Education Reentry
- Shelters + Housing + Utilities
- Substance Abuse
- Veterans

West Virginia VESTS GRANT PROGRAM

WVINVESTS.ORG

West Virginia Invests is a state-funded grant program that covers the full cost of basic tuition and fees for select certificate and associate degree programs at a West Virginia public two- or four-year institution.

1-844-**HELP4**WV

Call the 24-hour Behavioral Health Referral & Outreach Call Center for confidential help for yourself or a loved one. Click here to learn more.

SUCIDE PREVENTION

I-800-273-TALK www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org



More information located on the bulletin board outside the guidance office.

Visit https://www.fastweb.com/ and https://www.Studentscholarships.org for more scholarships & information

Horatio Alger Scholarship - \$10,000 scholarship for high school seniors who exhibit strong commitment to pursue & complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution; demonstrate critical financial need; involved in co-curricular & community service activities; display integrity & perseverance in overcoming adversity; maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0

Go to: https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/state-scholarships/ Deadline is October 25, 2019

Coca Cola Scholarship - \$20,000 achievement based scholarship for graduating high school senior. 150 high school seniors are selected each year. Go to https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/ Deadline to apply is October 31, 2019.

Voice of Democracy Scholarship – Open to students in 9-12 grade who are enrolled in public high school within the US. Grand prize is \$30,000. For more information visit: https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships or call Diana Walker at 304-365-0698 Deadline is October 31, 2019.

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship – Awards ranging from \$1,000 - \$12,500 per year. Elks National Foundation will award 500 four year scholarships to the highest rated applicants; male & female students compete separately. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, & financial need. **Deadline is November 5, 2019.** Go to: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards – For students who have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. For more information go to: https://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2020 Application deadline is November 5, 2019.

Barbara Lotze Scholarship for Future High School Physics Teachers - Successful applicants will receive a stipend of up to \$2,000. Eligibility: declare intent to prepare for, and engage in, a career in physics teaching at the high school level; high school senior; U.S. citizen. To apply go to: https://www.aapt.org/programs/grants/lotze.cfm Deadline is **December 1, 2019.**

National Space Club Scholarship - \$10,000 scholarship awarded to a high school senior pursuing a career in STEM fields & planning to attend an accredited college or university. **Deadline is December 2, 2019**. For more info & to apply go to: https://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/ AXA Achievement Scholarship — Offers scholarships of \$2,500, \$10,000 & \$25,000 to high school seniors. Qualifications: Ambition and drive; determination to set & reach goals; respect for self, family & community; ability to succeed in college. Go to: https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html Applications will be accepted until **December 15, 2019** or until 10,000 applications are submitted, whichever comes first.

MENSA Foundation - scholarship based totally on essays written by the applicants. Consideration is not given to grades, academic program or financial need. **Deadline is January 15, 2020**. For more info go to: https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/rules-and-guidelines/

United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually is at the discretion of the Foundation and must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. Go to: http://usjcisenate.org/33-programs/scholarships3 for more information. **Deadline is January 24, 2020.**

Elks Legacy Award – 300 - \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Deadline for application is **January 31, 2020** Go to: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/legacy.cfm for more information.

Sixt Scholars Program – offers five \$5,000 scholarships to high school seniors. Designed to assist students who plan to continue their education in college; will take into consideration financial need & extracurricular activities.

Go to https://www.sixt.com/sixt-scholars/#/

Your Community Foundation Scholarships – YCF offers a variety of scholarships to help students acquire a post-secondary education. Some scholarships are designated for graduating seniors of certain schools or those who reside in certain counties; others are awarded for specific fields of study. Carefully read the criteria listed with each scholarship before applying. Deadlines vary for each scholarship. Go to: http://www.ycfwv.org/scholarships/ for more information.