**Guidance Notes March 2021**

**Financial Aid (Seniors)**

Seniors, one last reminder to complete your FAFSA. Please make sure you are going to the correct web site to complete the application. It is [**www.fafsa.ed.gov**](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**.** Deadline for application is usually based on a first come, first serve basis. However, because of the graduation requirement, either the FAFSA or the non-participation form needs to be completed by March 1st.

**Union Craftsmanship Laborer’s Training program (Seniors)**

The Construction Craft Laborer Apprenticeship Program will resume its open application period beginning in March. An application can be picked up from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Greenville location. For further assistance, please contact 217-773-9083.

**College Loans:** The First National Bank of Vandalia is offering an interest free loan through the Ella McKee Foundation for Fayette County residents. Please contact the bank at 618-283-1141 for additional information and an application.

**8th Grade Orientation** Eighth grade orientation looked a little different this year. Mrs. Hardiek met with the 8th graders on Feb. 25th to go over the orientation materials. During this time, students were given information on the curriculum, graduation requirements, etc., and were then assisted in choosing their classes for next year. All materials were sent home for parents to review, sign, and return. Please, any questions at all, send me an email. I can either respond to that or even give you a call so we can talk more in detail.

**Scholarships**

**I Dare You Leadership Award**

* One junior and one senior is chosen based on leadership skills
* Students will receive a certificate and motivational book
* Deadline March 15th.

**Council of Catholic Women**

* Open to Catholic female seniors
* Essay required
* Three students will receive $1000
* Must be postmarked by March 20th.

**Egyptian-Illini Conference (Area)**

* One male and female is nominated
* Nominee must have a 3.3 GPA and have completed at least four varsity seasons during his/her junior and senior year
* Student must write an essay discussing the importance of extra-Curricular activities
* Awards are $250 to $500; Turn in to Guidance by March 27th.

**Sons of the American Revolution**

* One student is nominated based on outstanding citizenship, leadership, dependability, congeniality, etc.
* The winner is given a certificate and honored at a banquet
* Turn into Guidance by March 25th. Must be received by March 13th.

**United Producers, Inc.**

* Applicants must be members or a child/grandchild of a member
* Go to <https://www.uproducers.com/scholarship/>
* Must pursue an agricultural career
* Several $1000 scholarships will be awarded
* Must be postmarked by April 1st.

**National Tooling and Machining Association**

* For students pursuing an education in Industrial Technology, machining, engineering, or other manufacturing related fields
* Go to <http://www.stlouis-ntma.org/> for an application. Click on Work Force Development
* Awards are between $100 and $5000
* Must be in their hands by April 17th.

**Sarah Bush Lincoln**

* Students must enroll in a hospital related clinical health career professional curriculum
* Essay required
* Would like students to have a 3.5 GPA
* Awards are between $500 and $1000 each
* Must be received by April 15th.

**National Defense Transportation Association**

* Must pursue a career in Business, Transportation, Physical Distribution, etc.
* Essay: What experience have you had with business or transportation companies or organizations?
* Go to <https://www.ndtahq.com/about-us/education/> for an application
* Awards are as high as $1000 each
* Must be postmarked by April 15th.

**Growmark**

* Must pursue an ag related degree
* Essay required regarding agriculture and coops
* Go to https://form.jotform.com/210104555232138 for an application.
* Award is $1500
* Must be submitted online by April 15th.

**Vandalia Chamber of Commerce(Fayette Co)**

* Must be a child of an employee or member of Chamber
* Essay discussing goals, why you should be selected, etc.
* One student will win $500
* Must be received by April 10th.

**CEFS (Fayette Co)**

* Student must be income eligible, for example, a family of four can only make $30,372 a year
* Essay required stating career goals, etc.
* Award covers tuition(multiple awards given out if student qualifies)
* Must be received by April 28th.

**Fayette County Auxiliary (Fayette Co)**

* Must be pursuing a degree in the .medical field
* Must request an application at the Fayette Co. Hospital(Go to the front desk)
* Two $500 scholarships will be awarded
* Must be received by May 15tth.

**Brownstown Scholarships**

**Jameson Lockart Advancement Fund**

**(Brownstown and possibly Vandalia)**

* Essay required discussing your financial need
* Awards are $500 each
* Turn in to Guidance by March 27th.