*January 2018 FPHS Junior Newsletter*

2018 Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy

Students ages 16-18 who have at least a 2.0/4.0 GPA scale, have good moral character, a valid driver’s license and are interested in pursuing a career in the Criminal Justice System are invited to apply for the Cadet Patrol Academy that is offered by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and American Legion during the week of June 10-15, 2018, in Jefferson City. For more info and application go to <http://missourilegion.org/molegion_005.htm>. Deadline to apply is February 15, 2018.

MU Mini Medical School

The University Of Missouri School Of Medicine offers an exciting and informative summer experience for high school students interested in a career in medicine. MU’s High School Mini Medical School is a one-week program that gives students a preview of life as an MU medical student. Selection criteria include evaluation of the student response to an essay question, academic effort and success, involvement in extracurricular activities and a high school teacher recommendation. Scholarships are avaialbe for some students who meet a financial need and want to attend. For more information and the application go to <https://medicine.missouri.edu/education/pre-med-outreach-programs/mini-medical-school/> Deadline to apply is March 1, 2018.

MARK YOUR PLANNERS: STATE ACT TEST FOR JUNIORS APRIL 3.

ACT Academy Dates Scheduled

All juniors will take the ACT on April 3 during the school day. This test will be free. The scores will count for college entry just like a regular ACT test. You will register for this test through a paper registration process (not online like you for the December test). We will designate a time to register everyone at the same time. Prior to this test you will have the opportunity to participate in an ACT Academy. The dates of those workshops will be March 15, 23 and 28.

7 Valuable Associate Degrees

With annual tuition for many two-year programs costing as little as $5000, as associate degree might be the best bang for the education buck you can find. Here are seven areas that have hot job prospects:

1. Accounting
2. Nursing
3. Information Technology
4. Applied Science
5. Paralegal Studies
6. Medical and dental specialities
7. Electrical engineering

Selective Service Registration

All males are required by law to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Seventeen year-old males can submit their registration information early on the Internet at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) or by filling out a form available from the post office. Selective Service registration is required to be eligible for a federal student loan, job training, many federal jobs and U.S. citizenship.

Scholarship Opportunities

* AYNRAND ESSAY CONTEST: Scholarships from $10,000 to $50 for 255 winners; Students are required to read The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand and write 800-1600 word essay; find details at [www.aynrand.org/contests](http://www.aynrand.org/contests). Deadline is May 15.

Scholarship Resources:

Fastweb Free Scholarship Matching Service: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

FinAid’s Scholarships Section: [www.finaid.org/scholarships](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships)

Search for Scholarships on the Web: [www.finaid.org/websearch](http://www.finaid.org/websearch)

Beware of Scholarship Scams: [www.finaid.org/scholarshipscams](http://www.finaid.org/scholarshipscams) and [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams)

Education Tax Benefits: [www.finaid.org/taxbenefits](http://www.finaid.org/taxbenefits) and [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf)

Federal Student Financial Aid: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)