

JONES HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK

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SENIORS

Dear SENIORS and Senior Parents:

You are about to embark on one of the most challenging, exciting, and emotionally-draining years of your life. While your individual learning experiences will differ, you will each be expected to make many difficult decisions that will affect the rest of your life. This handbook is developed to help guide you as you make those important choices.

Please keep in mind that this information is constantly changing. It is advised that you check websites often, tour and attend college fairs and promotional days, and visit with college representatives. In any decision making process, you explore all of your options and possibilities and do your research. No one can do all of that for you. This takes time and energy! The earlier you get started, the better! Gathering data is a key step in making any decision.

If you are planning to attend a four-year college or university after graduation, you should make sure you are enrolled in the College Prep Core Curriculum. You can find more information about graduation requirements on this website.

COLLEGE PREP CORE CURRICULUM(1 unit = 2 semesters)

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|---------|---|
| 4 units | English |
| 3 units | Math(Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2) |
| 3 units | Science(Biology, Physical Science, Other) |
| 3 units | Social Studies |
| 2 units | Foreign Language or Computer Technology |
| 1 unit | Additional Unit from above |
| 1 unit | Fine Art |

Students must have 9 more units of elective credit to graduate from Jones High School.

Please **watch deadlines** carefully as you apply for college and scholarships. A list of scholarship opportunities can be found on our website, scholarship bulletin and at Jones Scholarships on Facebook. I am eager to help you! Good luck on your journey and enjoy your senior year.

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Valuable Info for Seniors and Senior Parents

- Check the senior calendar in this bulletin often
- Watch ACT and SAT registration dates. Take one of these tests by October.
- Familiarize yourself with college application and scholarship deadlines
- Students, sign up in the counseling office to see college reps when they visit
- Athletes receiving athletic scholarships from NCAA Division 1 or 2 schools or NAIA schools must register with the NCAA or NAIA clearinghouse. Cost is approx \$60
- FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid. All students should complete the FAFSA. Order your pin number EARLY. It is like a password. It will be needed to file the FAFSA electronically. It will take about three to six weeks to receive your number. Memorize your pin number or keep it in a safe place. Both parent and student should apply for a pin number. Complete the FAFSA in January or February after completing your income tax return.
- Continue a rigorous course load during your senior year to be best prepared for college and scholarships!
- If applying for early admissions to a competitive university, be aware of early deadlines.
- Check college websites! Compare entrance requirements, scholarship opportunities, degree offerings, costs, etc.
- Begin research early if interested in out-of-state colleges.
- College visits-Seniors get 1 college day. Call in advance to make an appointment. Pick up college day visit form from the counselor before you go to your college visit. Make sure a college rep signs the form and turn back into the office when you return.
- Use the OKCIS to explore college/career/degree options and receive ACT/SAT prep information
- Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center has available the thirteenth year scholarship to Jones Seniors who want to attend the technology center after graduation. (College credit offered for some programs)
- Concurrent enrollment—Free tuition for Seniors. Students pay for books and fees. To enroll seniors must have 19 on ACT. You can pick up application from counselor.
- Residual Testing—ACT offered on most college campuses. May only use at that college for admission. It is better to take the ACT on a national Test Day. Jones High School is a Test Center for ACT
- Stay informed. Pay attention to announcements, check this website, and Jones High School on Facebook regularly.
- Students needing college application and counselor recommendation letters need to request this information from Mr. Moses
 - Allow 5 school days after your request to allow counselor to complete
 - Bring resume if requesting recommendation letter.
 - Follow up after 5 school days
- OK Promise/OHLAP scholarship students—meet with counselor by December.

DON'T ALLOW "SENIORITUS" TO SET IN. BE RESPONSIBLE! ENDURE!

PERSEVERE!

**REMEMBER YOUR GOALS.....GRADUATION, COLLEGE ADMISSION,
SCHOLARSHIPS.**

MAKE IT HAPPEN

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships and Grants(do not have to be repaid)

- Federal Grants(Pell, SEOG, Military)
- State Grants(OTAG) and scholarships(Oklahoma's Promise)
- Professional and Service Organizations Scholarships and Grants
- Private Foundations
- Individual Colleges

Loans (must be repaid)

- Federal Government(lower interest and flexible payback)
- Private Financial Institutions(BE CAREFUL)

Work-Study

- Jobs offered through the college
- Find work on your own—most colleges have student employment placement offices

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Order your pin number on-line for the FAFSA by November 1.
- Apply for FAFSA as quickly as possible after January 1. This requires specific tax information so you may wait until your income tax return has been completed, but do not wait long. Colleges require the FAFSA.
- Approximately three weeks after completing the FAFSA you will receive a response with a reprint of information you submitted. Review this very carefully for errors and to insure it has been sent to the appropriate schools and agencies. You may need to supply additional information. Follow all instructions carefully and promptly.
- You will also receive at about the same time a SAR(student aid report)
- The SAR will be sent directly to the school of your choice.
- The college will send you a letter or email detailing the amount and kinds of aid for which you are eligible.

SENIOR YEAR CALENDAR
GET IT DONE, CHECK IT OFF

SEPTEMBER:

- ☐ Talk with your counselor to be sure you have the necessary coursework and credits for graduation
- ☐ Complete a resume that will be needed for recommendation letters. Please give teachers, counselor and administrators **at least 5 school days to complete a letter for you.**
- ☐ Make plans to take or retake the ACT or SAT. Check dates and registration deadlines.
Register for ACT: www.actstudent.org
Register for SAT: www.collegeboard.com
HIGH SCHOOL CODE: 371-920 for either test
- ☐ If you have not clarified your educational goals, needs, and preferences, and developed a preliminary list of colleges, do so now. Visit with your parents about this.
- ☐ Attend college fairs. There are normally two or three fairs available to JHS students.
- ☐ Reduce your preliminary college list to approximately 5 to 10 colleges. Contact each college's admission's office to request its catalog, application form and financial aid form
- ☐ When you receive this information, analyze the application instructions to see what information is required and to learn all due dates. You may have to submit admission test scores, an essay, application form, recommendations, and a financial aid application form.
- ☐ Create a complete checklist of tests you'll take and deadlines for registering, fees, test dates, college applications and deadlines, and other materials you will need.
- ☐ If you apply for early decision, find out if your college offers an early estimate of your financial aid eligibility, and, if so, what forms you will need to file.
- ☐ Students often decide to the SAT or ACT more than once. If you take the SAT or ACT this year, plan to do so well before you submit scores to colleges.
- ☐ Find out from the colleges where you are seeking admission exactly what forms the require for financial aid.

OCTOBER:

- ☐ Students planning to participate in concurrent enrollment should apply for admission and get enrolled for second semester at the college. Remember to pick up a transcript and approval form from the counselor.
- ☐ **ORDER YOUR FAFSA PIN NUMBER:** www.pin.ed.gov
- ☐ Chances are you will have to submit at least one essay with each application. This month, start to develop outlines
- ☐ Decide whom to ask for recommendations and ask them now if you have not already done so. Provide a addressed, stamped envelope plus the appropriate college forms and personal resume. **Give teachers and counselor 5 business days to write your recommendation.**
- ☐ Seek sources for financial aid and scholarships.
- ☐ Take campus tours.
- ☐ Apply for Admission, Housing, and Scholarships. **WATCH ALL DEADLINES!**
- ☐ Applications that have a section for counselor, should be turned in at least 5 days before the postmark deadline.
- ☐ Turn in your Mid-Year report(from Common App) to the Counseling office.

NOVEMBER:

- ☐ Complete the first draft of your application essays and start to revise them
- ☐ November 1st to 15th: Most colleges using “early decision” admission require test scores and applications between these dates. Students must apply by November 15 and are notified by mid-December.
- ☐ Although many colleges have mid-November deadlines, fill out applications for early decision, early action, or rolling admissions as soon as possible.
- ☐ November is a busy month for processing college applications. The Counseling office needs plenty of time to copy transcripts, gather data and complete recommendation information.

DECEMBER

- ☐ Complete all of your essays. Type them and be sure they are clean, neat, and attractive, grammatically correct, interesting, and legible. Keep Copies.
- ☐ Check deadlines for state-government sponsored student aid programs with counselor and obtain forms you need to apply.
- ☐ Begin completing FAFSA and institutional Financial Aid Forms. The FAFSA cannot be filed prior to January 1. Check with the colleges Financial Aid office about when to file other forms. To avoid delay, try to fill out application forms completely, accurately, and legibly. Even though you and your parents will not yet have filed your federal tax returns, try to collect wage statements or W-2's from employers early to help you get started. If it is possible to complete your tax returns prior to completing your financial aid applications, even on an estimated basis, try to do so to increase accuracy of information you report on the application forms.
- ☐ Give the counselor plenty of time to complete the Secondary School report section of your college applications. Two weeks is appreciated.
- ☐ Check your applications for any that may have deadlines the first week after winter break. If these require a recommendation or processing by the counselor, please turn them in at the beginning of December so they may be completed before winter break.
- ☐ If you have not had time to apply for college, spend time over winter break completing application forms and writing essays, if necessary. If you have received acceptance letters, you should now begin deciding which college you want to attend.

JANUARY:

- ☐ January 1: This is the usual deadline date for application to some of the selective colleges. Others have deadlines later in January or in February.
- ☐ Send in your FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. Make sure you meet all deadlines. Men 18 years old or older must be registered for the selective service in order to receive federal financial aid. If you have not registered, you may do so by completing a check-off box on your FAFSA, or register online(link on school website), or you may register at any post office.

FEBRUARY:

- ☐ Deadline for many institutional scholarships.
- ☐ If you are enrolled in AP Courses, you will begin getting information about ordering your AP tests.

MARCH:

☐ If you are applying to more than one college, carefully rank your preferences by location, academic program, and other important characteristics. Does their final ranking match your gut feeling?

APRIL:

☐ Most selective colleges start to announce their decisions this month. If more than one college accepts you, decide which one is best for you. You can give a deposit to only one college. Talk it over with counselor, family, and friends and think it through by yourself. Weigh offers against the factors that are important to you.

☐ Carefully review financial aid award notices from colleges. Call or write to the financial aid office if you have questions. Don't just look at how much aid you are offered; look at how much of your need is covered. If you don't get any (or enough) financial aid, ask if other financing plans are available.

☐ You will be given Senior Survey form that must be turned into Counselor.

☐ **Update counselor of all scholarships you have been offered!**

MAY:

☐ As soon as possible after May 1, notify colleges that have accepted you of your decision to attend, in keeping with the Candidates Reply Date Agreement (some colleges do not subscribe to the Agreement and may have earlier deadlines.) If you have been offered financial aid from the college you have decided to attend, make sure you accept the offer as instructed in your award letter. If you have received financial aid from the other schools, make sure you let them know that you will not be attending. (You must reapply for financial aid every year.)

☐ The first two weeks of May, Advanced Placement Examinations are given in high schools nationwide.

☐ IF you are "waitlisted" by a college and intend to enroll if accepted, call, visit, or write the admission director to state your intention and ask how to strengthen your application. Recent evidence of notable academic or other achievements could help. If you need financial aid to attend a school that has placed you on its "wait-list", find out if funds will be available if you are accepted.

☐ If you are not admitted to any of the colleges you selected, see your counselor immediately.

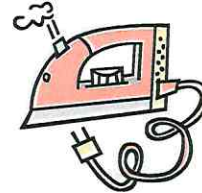
☐ **CONTINUE TO UPDATE COUNSELOR OF ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS YOU HAVE RECEIVED.**

☐ Write thank you notes to teachers for recommendation letters and to the organizations with whom you have received scholarships.

☐ Provide counselor information on where to send final transcript. All colleges require final transcript. NCAA and NAIA require final transcript.

JUNE:

☐ Make sure that you accept the financial aid award from the college you decide to attend. Find out from the college that you choose what else you need to do, if anything, to establish and maintain your eligibility for financial aid. For example, you may need to send a copy of your own or your parents' most recent tax return.



SUMMER AFTER GRADUATION

Non-Academic Advice from Counselor and Parents of Former Seniors

If you have not done these things yet, now is the time.

- **Learn how to do your own laundry and ironing**
- **Open a bank account and prepare a budget**
- **Make a list of all items needed for living on your own, if applicable.**
- **If you are leaving Jones for college or a job, make copies of your health insurance information, car insurance and any other important documents.**

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

Students should apply for every scholarship for which they meet the minimum requirements. If you have doubts, apply anyway. Persistence pays off when it comes to scholarships. Scholarship criteria are different with almost every application. Some scholarships are based on grade point averages, while others are based on ACT or SAT scores, leadership, activities and specific intended majors, special skills areas, financial need, or combinations of any of the above. We encourage you to become involved in the scholarship application process early in the school year.

HOW DO YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THEM?

First, pay attention to announcements and stay up to date with Jones Scholarships on Facebook. Second, check school website. Scholarships received by the high school the previous year may be found on school website in order by month. Deadlines may vary from year to year, so if you see any scholarships that interest you, please go online to double check deadline dates. If no online address is given, most can be found using the Google search engine or you can see the counselor. Third, sign up with an entity like www.fastweb.com

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- Write the colleges for scholarship information and application if they are not included in the student application for admission packet.
- Particular colleges offer scholarships to their students. Each student should check with his/her chosen college for information. **Be sure you have applied for admission to college before you apply for a scholarship from that college.**
- Watch for weekly updates regarding scholarships from the Counseling office. These will be posted on Facebook and in the school announcements.
- Watch the newspapers for scholarship announcements.
- Watch for church-sponsored scholarships and for those sponsored by other groups in the community.
- Have your parents ask their employers if any company-sponsored scholarships are available for employee's children.

WATCH THE DEADLINES!!

In most cases scholarship decisions are based on a variety of and combination of criteria. These are a few of the most often used:

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| ➤ Grade Point Average | * Interviews |
| ➤ Class Rank | * Personal statement or essay |
| ➤ ACT or SAT score | * Financial need |
| ➤ Activities | * Specific intended major |
| ➤ Leadership | * Special Skill area |
| ➤ Letters of recommendation | |

Letters of recommendation from counselor and teachers require at least 5 days notice.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are (usually) offered each year.

These are the months they have been due in the past.

Remember that scholarship deadlines vary from year to year.

Be sure to check for applications since some might be due at the beginning of the month or may have changed their due date from the previous year.

SEPTEMBER

AnyCollege.com

(Seniors)-\$2000 scholarship

- ❖ Go to www.anycollege.net and click on win a scholarship button
- ❖ Complete short application and click on Submit Form button to automatically register

ConocoPhillips Spirit Scholars Program

(Seniors)- \$5000 per year

- ❖ **In partnership with OU, OSU, U of Tulsa, CO school of Mines, U of Texas, Texas A&M, Kansas State, and Texas Tech.**
- ❖ Application must be submitted via email to the University
- ❖ 3.25+ GPA
- ❖ Commitment to major in discipline recruited by ConocoPhillips(generally business, engineering, and geosciences)
- ❖ Must demonstrate leadership abilities, involvement in student/professional organizations, and interest in a career in the energy industry
- ❖ **See individual schools for application deadlines and to apply.**

Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizenship Award

(Seniors)-\$50 to \$5000

- ❖ Jones High School can select one senior to compete in DAR Good Citizen State scholarship competition
- ❖ More information in counselor's office

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

(SENIORS)

- ❖ Must be Hispanic American
- ❖ More information at www.hsf.net or call 1-877-HSF-INFO

OK Higher Ed Scholarship

(Seniors)

- ❖ For students considering teaching Math or Science in Oklahoma
- ❖ Oklahoma helps to pay for student loans or gives a cash benefit if student teaches for 5 years
- ❖ More information is at <http://www.okhighered.org/tseip/>

SAE Engineering Scholarship

(Seniors) Undesignated scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$10000

And University sponsored scholarships from \$400 to Full Tuition

- ❖ Must intend to earn a degree in engineering or related science
- ❖ Information and application can be found online at www.sae.org/ Go to student central and then scholarships

❖ Citizen of US and meet minimum requirements of individual scholarships
Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology

Awards range from \$1000 to \$100000

- ❖ Partnership with College Board
- ❖ Download the forms from the internet at www.siemens-foundation.org

United States JCI Senate Foundation scholarship and Oklahoma JCI Senate Club Scholarship
(Seniors)-Two \$2000 scholarships given in Oklahoma and trip to Washington DC

Winner of National Contest receive \$1000 Grant

- ❖ Five Letters of Recommendation
- ❖ Must follow directions precisely
- ❖ Financial contribution of applicant toward their own education is an important in awarding this scholarship

US SENATE AND RANDOLPH HEARST FOUNDATION GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP
11th and 12th elected officers \$5000

Scholarship based on results of US Government Exam

Zonta International Scholarship-Young Women in Public Affairs Awards

A Worldwide Service Organization of Executives in Business to advance the Status of Women
(Senior Females)-\$500

- ❖ Must be committed to the volunteer sector
- ❖ Evidence of volunteer leadership achievements
- ❖ Dedication to the advancement of the status of women
- ❖ Go to www.zonta.org for application and information

OCTOBER

Coca-Cola Scholars Program

(Seniors)-\$10000 to \$20000 in scholarships

- ❖ 3.0 or better GPA
- ❖ List school activities and clubs
- ❖ Leadership qualities
- ❖ Employment
- ❖ Community Service
- ❖ Applicants may NOT be children or grandchildren of employees or subsidiaries
- ❖ Students must apply online at www.coca-colascholars.org

Monsato Commitment to Agricultural Scholarship Program

(Seniors) 4 different scholarships with varying qualifications

Go to www.monsato.com for information and to apply. Click on scholarships

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

(9-12) \$1000 scholarship for State Honorees, then eligible for \$5000 award

Honors young people solely on basis of volunteer work in your community during past Year

JHS will select one student volunteer to nominate for state competition

Applications are at www.spirit.prudential.com/

Ron Brown Scholar Program

(African American Senior)-10 scholarships in amount of \$10000 per year for four years

- ❖ May be used at any university
- ❖ Must have excelled academically
- ❖ Exemplified exceptional leadership potential
- ❖ Participate in community service activities
- ❖ Demonstrate Financial need
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ Two letters of recommendation
- ❖ Twenty finalists will be chosen and invited to participate in a weekend selection process in Washington DC at the expense of the CAP Foundation
- ❖ Additional information online at www.ronbrown.org

SAMMY SCHOLARSHIP

(Senior Athletes) Twenty five \$7500 scholarships

- ❖ Outstanding academic performance
- ❖ Athletic Excellence
- ❖ Leadership skills
- ❖ Community Service
- ❖ Must apply online at www.whymilk.com

Tylenol Scholarship

Seniors

- ❖ Tuition assistance for healthcare students
- ❖ Receive one of 150 \$1000 grants or one of ten \$10000 grants being offered to students in healthcare related fields of study
- ❖ Apply online at www.scholarship.tylenol.com

UCO Leadership Scholarships

SENIORS- 4 LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❖ Leaders of Tomorrow, Emerging Leaders, Presidents Leadership Council, and Transfer Leadership Council
- ❖ Will attend UCO in the Fall
- ❖ Awards and eligibility vary by college
- ❖ Get more information and apply online through UCO

WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

(Seniors)-\$1000 to \$20000 scholarships

- ❖ Must be US Citizen
- ❖ Must be planning career in government service
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ GPA 3.0+
- ❖ Transcript, references
- ❖ See website at <http://college.enotes.com/scholarships-loans/Washington-Crossing-Foundation> for more information

Horatio-Alger Scholarship

Seniors \$2500 to \$20000

- ❖ Deadline October 30th
- ❖ Info and requirements www.horatioalger.org

NOVEMBER

AXA Achievement Scholarship Program in Association with US News and World Report

Seniors- one \$10000 state scholarship, ten \$15000 national scholarships

- ❖ Must be US Citizen
- ❖ Must demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community, or the workplace
- ❖ Be recommended by an unrelated adult who can attest to the achievement
- ❖ Download application at www.axa-achievement.com

Elks "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships

(Seniors who are US Citizens)

4 year amounts 1st- \$60000, 2nd-\$40000, 3rd- \$20000, 4th- \$4000

- ❖ Applicants judged on financial need, leadership, and scholarship
- ❖ To be used at any accredited US College or University
- ❖ Two letters of recommendation
- ❖ Parental Financial Statement
- ❖ Essay of 500 words or less
- ❖ Counselor report
- ❖ Transcript and SAT/ACT scores
- ❖ Apps in counselors office

Gates-Millennium Scholarship

(Seniors)

- ❖ Must be one of the following ethnic backgrounds: American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific, African American, or Hispanic/Latino American
- ❖ US Citizen
- ❖ 3.30+ GPA
- ❖ Must be admitted to an accredited two or four year college
- ❖ Must be Pell Grant eligible as determined by FAFSA and demonstrate Financial need
- ❖ Must have demonstrated leadership commitment through participation in community service
- ❖ If Native American must provide CDIB
- ❖ For more information and to apply online: www.gmsp.org

Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling(GPACAC)

(Seniors) six \$1000 scholarships(two from Oklahoma)

- ❖ For use at any college or university
- ❖ Personal Essay
- ❖ Transcript
- ❖ ACT score 21-28, minimum 3.0 GPA
- ❖ Applications may be downloaded at www.gpacac.net click on scholarship

KFC Colonel's Scholars Program

(Seniors)-Up to \$20000

- ❖ Planning to attend a public, in-state college or university
- ❖ GPA 2.75+
- ❖ US Citizen
- ❖ Demonstrate financial need
- ❖ Complete application online at www.kfcscholars.org
- ❖ For questions visit website or call 1-866-KFC-7240

Oklahoma Association of Higher Education and Disability

Seniors Three \$500 scholarships

- ❖ Pursuing an education at an Oklahoma Technology Center or two year or four year college
- ❖ Minimum 2.0 GPA and transcript
- ❖ Documented disability
- ❖ Three letters of recommendation
- ❖ List of Extra curricular and work activities
- ❖ Information available at www.ok-ahead.org/scholar Click on scholarships to learn about other scholarships for specific disabilities

Oklahoma City Community Foundation

Community Foundation Scholars

Seniors \$1200 scholarship

- ❖ GPA between 3.25 and 3.79 unweighted
- ❖ Demonstrate commitment to community and education
- ❖ Will not stack with other academic or performance based scholarships or displace tuition and fee waivers
- ❖ Applications online at www.occf.org or in the Counselors office

Sam Walton Community Scholarship Program

(Seniors) -\$3000

- ❖ US Citizen or permanent legal resident
- ❖ 2.5+ GPA-must have high academic and scholastic achievements
- ❖ Active extracurricular or community involvement
- ❖ Financial need
- ❖ Academic record
- ❖ ACT/SAT Scores
- ❖ School and community activities and leadership
- ❖ Essay section
- ❖ Information about applying can be found at www.walmartfoundation.org

DECEMBER

Navy or Army ROTC Scholarships

Seniors

- ❖ US Citizen
- ❖ Good High School Grades
- ❖ Extracurricular participation
- ❖ Pursue an Army or Navy approved academic major-listed on application
- ❖ Agree to commission in and serve in Navy or Army on Active Duty or in a reserve component
- ❖ 8 year commitment
- ❖ Meet physical standards
- ❖ 2.5+ GPA
- ❖ ACT 19+
- ❖ Three references
- ❖ Handwriting preferred over typewriter or computer
- ❖ Essay

- ❖ Information and application found at ARMY ROTC or NAVY ROTC website

Burger King Scholars

Seniors \$1000 scholarship

- ❖ Must be nominated by teacher or counselor(1 nomination per school)
- ❖ 2.5+ GPA
- ❖ Must work an average of 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year
- ❖ Demonstrate participation in community service
- ❖ Demonstrate Financial Need
- ❖ Provide written recommendation and signatures from both school official and employer
- ❖ Must plan to enroll in a two year or four year college or university, or career technology center in the Fall
- ❖ Visit website www.bk.com/scholars

John W. & Mary D. Nichols Scholarship

Seniors-\$10000

- ❖ Must be nominated by teacher or administrator not related to student
- ❖ Based on demonstrated knowledge and appreciation of Oklahoma History and academic achievement, citizenship, and leadership
- ❖ Information and application at www.oklahomaheritage.com/EducationAwards/Scholarships

McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship

Seniors \$10000 per year, renewable

- ❖ Must have owned and operated own business while in high school
- ❖ Have at least one paid employee
- ❖ Go to any four year college within the 50 states
- ❖ For more information and to apply go to www.mckelveyfoundation.org click on entrepreneurial scholarship

Nathan Zane Fleming OSU Presidents Distinguished Scholarship

Seniors- \$2200 scholarship renewable for 4 years

- ❖ Must attend OSU
- ❖ Submit the Freshman Scholarship application by Feb 1
- ❖ Scholarship awarded under existing criteria for PDS program
- ❖ Preference given to applicants with financial need
- ❖ More information is available at www.okstate.edu/finaid

Oklahoma Engineering Foundation Scholarships

Seniors \$500 to \$1000 one year awards

- ❖ Must be used in an engineering curriculum at: OSU,OU, U of Tulsa, Oklahoma Christian, UCO, or Oral Roberts University
- ❖ Must have 3.0 GPA and ACT of between 24-29
- ❖ ACT Math must be 28 or higher
- ❖ National Merit or Oklahoma Regents Scholars do not qualify
- ❖ Transcript must show first semester grades
- ❖ Essay and personal interview
- ❖ List extra curricular activities, volunteer activities and/or employment

- ❖ Must complete pre-qualification form. The internet process will ask student to answer a questionnaire. IF properly qualified, he or she will be able to download an electronic copy of the application. <http://www.ospe.org>
- ❖ Scholarships will be awarded to students with intense desire to become a practicing engineer

FFA Scholarships

Seniors Various with various amounts

Information can be found at www.ffa.org click on scholarships

Oklahoma Heritage Scholarship Competition

(open to 9-12th)

- ❖ Earn a maximum of one \$1000 cash scholarship and one tuition waiver by participating in exam at UCO
- ❖ Exam will be objective and deal with history and geography of Oklahoma
- ❖ You must preregister to participate
- ❖ Scholarship funds held until high school graduation and enrollment in a post secondary educational institution. Funds paid out on a semester basis
- ❖ Registration and information can be found at www.oklahomaheritage.com/EducationAwards/Scholarships

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation College Scholarship Award

Seniors-Up to \$10000 per year, renewable

- ❖ Must be children of parent who has died from breast cancer
- ❖ Plan to attend a state supported college in Oklahoma
- ❖ US Citizen or documented permanent resident
- ❖ More info at <http://cms.komen.org/komen/GrantsProgram/AwardsScholarships/CollegeScholarshipAwards/index.htm>

JANUARY

Best Buy Scholarship

Seniors

- ❖ Awarded to seniors dedicated to helping their communities
- ❖ Academic excellence
- ❖ To learn more and apply, visit www.BestBuy.com/scholarships and click on community relations

Greater Oklahoma City Alumnae Pan-Hellenic Scholarship

Senior Girls-Fourteen \$1500 awards

- ❖ Must enter a University in Oklahoma with a National Pan-Hellenic Conference Sororities in the fall after graduation. These universities are: Cameron, East Central, Northwestern State, OCU, OSU, OU, OCU, UCO, and U of Tulsa
- ❖ 3.0 GPA and ACT score of 22 or higher
- ❖ Three sealed letters of recommendation
- ❖ Scholarships are awarded based on: Academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, citizenship, and financial need
- ❖ Application is in counseling office

National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Dr. Aura-Lee and James Hobbs Pittenger American History Scholarship

Seniors- \$2000 each year up to four consecutive years

- ❖ Seniors who will study American History or American Government in college(24 credit hours)
- ❖ Based on academic merit, commitment to field of study, and financial need
- ❖ No affiliation with DAR is necessary
- ❖ Obtain letter of sponsorship from local DAR chapter
- ❖ More info go to www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm (space= _)

NCCE CO-OP Scholarship

Seniors-\$6000 merit scholarships renewable

- ❖ Must be accepted at one of the national Commission Partner Institutions(listed on website)
- ❖ GPA of 3.5+
- ❖ One page essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program
- ❖ Minority and female students encouraged to apply as well as students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math fields
- ❖ Does not require transcripts or recommendations
- ❖ Visit www.co-op.edu for an application

Phi Beta Kappa Association Scholarship

Seniors- three 1000 scholarships

- ❖ Nominated by school
- ❖ Minimum ACT of 30, high class rank, and/or exceptional GPA
- ❖ Plan to attend institution with Phi Beta Kappa chapter(OU and U of Tulsa-find more chapters at www.pbk.org)
- ❖ Complete application and submit essay
- ❖ Interview
- ❖ Applications in counselors office

Ronald McDonald House Charity(RMHC) National Scholarship Program

Seniors-\$1000 applied toward tuitions and fees(4 programs available)

- ❖ Seniors planning to enroll in a 2 or 4 year college
- ❖ Legal US resident
- ❖ Personal statement
- ❖ Letter of recommendation
- ❖ Parent/Guardian IRS form 1040 required
- ❖ Download application or online application at www.rmhc.org

Sir Alexander Fleming Scholarships for Gifted Science Students

Summer scholarship program for students who have completed their junior year in high school

- ❖ Twenty scholarships offered
- ❖ Must have excellent academic standing and aptitude in science and mathematics
- ❖ Submit transcript and ACT/SAT scores
- ❖ 3 letters of recommendation by teacher, counselor, or principal
- ❖ Will work 8 weeks in laboratories of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation during June and July and receive \$2500 stipend
- ❖ Housing furnished by OMRF

Sutton Summer Awards

Juniors and Seniors-Up to \$15000

- ❖ Demonstrate the ability to communicate current conservation topics in artistic and dramatic ways
- ❖ Presentation can be submitted in these formats: Movie(VHS or DVD), photo essay, Fine Art(drawing, painting, sculpture, or mixed media) or Advertising(television commercial, poster, or other medium)
- ❖ Include brief Project Description
- ❖ Information and application forms are available at www.suttoncenter.org

FEBRUARY

Clara Luper Scholarship, Oklahoma City University

Seniors-30 scholarship recipients each year, scholarship pays the balance of tuition, fees, room and board after all available financial aid and other scholarships received have been applied.

- ❖ Applicant must complete the Oklahoma City University Application for admission and be accepted
- ❖ Must complete and submit FAFSA
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ Interview may be required
- ❖ Provides a \$200 per semester book allowance
- ❖ Two letters of recommendation
- ❖ Students are eligible for up to 8 consecutive semesters of the scholarship

Integris Babtist Medical Center High School Scholarship

Seniors-fifteen \$2000 awards

- ❖ Must be an immediate family member of Integris Babtist Medical Center employee
- ❖ Planning a career in Registered nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Radiological Technology, or Pharmacy
- ❖ 3.5+ GPA
- ❖ 20+on ACT
- ❖ Completed 5 semesters of Math and 5 semesters of science
- ❖ Three references
- ❖ Typed personal goal statement
- ❖ Interview, if selected
- ❖ Complete info and application found at www.wwbckc.com/files/2009HSScholarshipApp.doc

J Clarence Karcher Scholarship

Seniors-\$1400 per academic year

May be renewed upon application for up to four years

Must study physics, astronomy, astrophysics, or engineering physics

High Level of academic performance

Application online at www.nhn.ou.edu/JCKapplication.pdf

Kohl's Kids Who Care

Ages 13-18 Three winner levels

Level One Store winner \$50 gift card

Level Two Regional Winner \$1000 Scholarship

Information obtained at Kohl's website
www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship

Oklahoma Burglar and Fire Alarm Association

Seniors \$100 first prize, \$500 second prize

For sons and daughters of active duty police, fire, public safety personnel, and children of Alarm industry

One page letter of essay giving reasons for applying

Two letters of recommendation

Applications can be found at www.okbfaa.com

Oklahoma City Community Foundation

Friends of Kim Jones Shelton Scholarship

Senior girls \$500

- ❖ 3.25+ GPA
- ❖ Demonstrated commitment to education
- ❖ Demonstrated commitment to school and community activities
- ❖ Demonstrated financial need
- ❖ 500 word reflection paper on friendship
- ❖ Application at www.occf.org click on scholarship directory

Oklahoma City Community Foundation

H.W. Almen-West OKC Rotary Scholarship

Seniors-\$2000 to \$4000

- ❖ GPA of 2.75+
- ❖ Must document a family income not exceeding \$100,000
- ❖ A committee will select students from the applications turned in
- ❖ Awards may not be stacked with grants, scholarships, waivers, or any other source of funding
- ❖ Awards are applicable to tuition, fees, and book expenses only
- ❖ Essay of 500 words or less on "The Object of Rotary in my Community"-help is available online at www.rotary5750.org
- ❖ Basis of selection: 50%essay; 20% Academic Achievement; 10% Academic Plan; and 20% Community Service
- ❖ Mail completed application directly to the address on the application
- ❖ Applications at www.westokcrotary.org or www.occf.org

Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship

Senior males-four to six awards \$250 to \$1500

- ❖ Judged on academic excellence, selfless leadership, service to the community, and a healthy lifestyle
- ❖ Submit one page summary of academic honors, leadership experience and extracurricular activities
- ❖ Finalists will be interviewed
- ❖ NO requirement for affiliation with Sigma Pi Epsilon or any other fraternity
- ❖ Applications in Counseling office

Tinker Officers' Spouses Organization Scholarship

Seniors- \$1000 scholarship

- ❖ Applicant is a dependent of a US Military member-active duty, deceased, or retired
- ❖ GPA of 3.5+ or ACT of 22+
- ❖ Have applied as a full-time student at an accredited college or university
- ❖ One page essay
- ❖ Photocopy of your current military dependent ID Card
- ❖ Applications are in the Counseling office

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

Seniors-Amount dependent on funding, renewable for 3 years with academic eligibility

- ❖ Must be US citizen
- ❖ ACT 32+
- ❖ Must have been accepted at an institution of higher education in or out of state(public or private)
- ❖ Official High School Transcript
- ❖ Two letters of recommendation
- ❖ Essay

Rose State Scholarships

Seniors-Various scholarships available

- ❖ More information available at www.rosestate.edu/commfriend/foundation/applications.asp

Society of Petroleum Engineers Scholarship

Seniors

- ❖ ACT Composite of 24, Math 24 and Science Reasoning 24 or SAT 1090+
- ❖ Scholar must show desire to benefit the oil and gas business in their future occupation or be the child of current SPE member
- ❖ More information at www.speokc.org
- ❖ Applications in the counseling office

WEOKIE Foundation Scholarship

Seniors-\$1000 to \$3000

- ❖ Essay limited to two pages
- ❖ Winners asked to attend WEOKIES Annual meeting in the spring
- ❖ Applications in the Counseling office

MOST COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 1

MARCH

Air Force ROTC Scholarship Programs

Juniors

- ❖ The scholarship cycle begins March 15 of Junior year and continues through Dec 1 of applicants senior year.
- ❖ GPA of 3.0+
- ❖ 3 types of scholarships available
- ❖ Requirements vary-go online for more info
- ❖ Official transcript
- ❖ Be 17 prior to scholarship activation

- ❖ More information at www.afrotc.com

The Dream Institute Scholarship

AKA Higher Education Academic Program Scholar Award

Seniors with physical and/or learning disability-Up to full tuition and fees

- ❖ Must attend a 2 or 4 year Oklahoma college or university
- ❖ Must be full time student
- ❖ Minimum GPA of 2.0
- ❖ Documented learning or physical disability
- ❖ Letters of recommendation
- ❖ Details and application can be found at www.dreaminstitute.org

First Fidelity Bank Scholarship

Seniors-twenty \$1000 awards

- ❖ Must attend University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University
- ❖ Personal statement
- ❖ Applications online at www.first-fidelity.com

Oklahoma State University Guide to Scholarships

Seniors-deadlines vary

- ❖ This guide describes both the general University scholarships available as well as those that available only to students majoring in specific academic disciplines.
- ❖ This guide is available on OSU website at www.okstate.edu/finaid then click on scholarship

OU Program of Excellence Scholarship

Seniors

- ❖ \$1500 per year for 4 years to students majoring in chemical engineering
- ❖ Information and applications can be found at <http://www.cbme.ou.edu>

APRIL

AL's Formal Wear Salute to Education Scholarship Program

Seniors Two \$2500 scholarships

- ❖ Applications available at AL's formal wear stores or visit www.alsformalwear.com

MAY

Alpha Tau Omega Scholarship

Senior males

Any male student entering OSU or UCO in the Fall

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded

Membership or interest in a Greek organization in not required to win the scholarship

Submit application materials to www.joinato.org

Sigm Alpha Epsilon

Senior Males-\$500

Males attending OSU

Resume

250 word essay about what it means to be gentleman in today's society

Applications can be downloaded at www.okmu.tk

JONES HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Kiwanis Sophomore of the Year—October/November

Jones Scholarship- March

Team One Scholarship-January

Tim Wallace Memorial Scholarship-March

TM52 Foundation Scholarship

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

State Superintendents Student Advisory Council (9-12)-September

Youth Leadership Exchange (10th, 11th, and 12th) –September

Hugh O Bryant Youth Leadership(10th)—October

American Legion Boys State(11th)-March

American Legion Ladies Auxillary Girls State(11th)-March

PAGEANTS

Miss SWOSU Outstanding Teen Pageant

Girls age 13-17

\$500 scholarship

Entry fee \$125

www.swosu.edu click on Miss Southwestern

Miss Oklahoma Teen USA

Girls age 14 to 18

2.5 million dollars in scholarship money

Information and registration at www.missoklahomausa.com

ESSAY/SPEECH CONTESTS

These essay/speech contests were available to students in recent years. Some of these contests may or may not be repeated for the 2010-2011 school year.

The American Legion

National High School Oratorical Contest

1st place-\$18000; 2nd Place-\$16000; 3rd Place-\$14000

Each State winner who advances to the second round but does not advance to the final round receives \$1500 scholarship.

Requirements

- ❖ Must be US Citizen
- ❖ The prepared oration must be between 8-10 minutes in length. The subject must be on some phase of the Constitution of the US which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to or government.
- ❖ The assigned topic must be between 3 to 5 minutes in length
- ❖ For more info contact local American Legion post or go to www.legion.org

American Planning Association High School Essay Contest

Juniors and Seniors-First place \$5000

Directed Essay of 1200 to 1500 words

More info at www.planning.org/institutions/hsessay.htm

Avar Press Literary Essay Contest

Juniors and Seniors-\$500 to \$1000

Essay 1250-1500 words

Letter on School letterhead accompanying application attesting to current grade level and enrollment status

Also submit copy of agreement signed by student and legal guardian

Rules online at www.avarpress.com

Bennington Young writers Awards

Soph, Junior, and Seniors-\$250 to \$500

Submit Poetry, Fiction, or Non-Fiction

Specific requirements for formatting

Must be original Work and sponsored by a high school teacher

Winning entries published on Bennington College website

Information and submission at www.bennington.edu/go/news/young-writers-competition

First Freedom Student Essay Contest

9-12 \$750 to \$3000

Essay of 750 to 1200 words

Must work through Social Studies or English Teacher for sponsorship

Comply with requirements and get more information at www.firstfreedom.org

1st Amendment Congress Essay Contest

All Grades-\$100 to \$300

500 word essay on what your rights should be, as well as any possible consequences, when exercising freedom of speech in cyberspace

Research should be factual , writing should be personal

Winners recognized and receive prizes during Annual First Amendment Congress

More information at www.foioklahoma.org

Holocaust Remembrance Project National Essay Contest

Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Grades 9-12 \$500 to \$5000

Three topics from which to choose

Submit two copies, typewritten or word processed from website www.holocaust.hklaw.com

15 first place winners receive 5 day all expense paid trip to Washington DC to visit Holocaust Memorial Museum and other historic sites

Lincoln Essay Contest

Grades 9-12

\$100 to \$200

Essay topic: How are characteristics of Abraham Lincoln important to leaders of today?

www.bancfirst.com

Mensa Education and Research Foundation

Seniors \$1000

Write essay that describes career, vocational, or academic goals

Not necessary to be applicant or member of MENSA

US citizen

No more than 550 words

Typed or computer generated

www.mensafoundation.org

National Ready Mix Concrete Association Essay Contest

Students aged 16-18

\$1000-\$5000

An entry form must be included with all essays

Entries must be typed, double spaced and not to exceed 600 words

Essays judged on content, creativity, and grammar

Themes vary year to year

Entry form and contest rules at www.ormca.com

National Society Daughters of American Revolution

Seniors-Variety essay scholarship contests with varying deadlines

\$250 to \$3000

Must obtain letter of sponsorship from local DAR chapter

Go to www.dar.org and click on scholarships for more information

National School Bus Safety Speech Contest

9-12 \$250 to \$4000

More info www.napt.org/displaycommon.cfm

Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum Essay Contest

All grades \$50-\$100

Typed 500 word essay

Information at www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org

Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs, Inc "Citizenship Essay Contest"

Seniors Five cash prizes \$1000 to \$5000

Directed essay of 1000 to 1250 words

Matching scholarships available at some colleges and universities

More information at www.ocpathink.org

Oklahoma Heritage Association poster/essay contest

Grades 10-12 \$125 to \$350 application due in late October

www.oklahomaheritage.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest

9-12 \$1000 to \$30000

Deadline November 1

3-5 minute essay typed, then recorded on audio cassette

Submit directly to local VFW

Theme varies year to year

Full contest details at www.vfw.org under programs then scholarships

Foundation for Individual Rights In Education Essay Contest

\$1000 to \$5000

For more info and topic go to www.thefire.org/contests

United States Institute of Peace Essay Contest

\$1000 to \$10000

Info and topic at www.usip.org

ACT/SAT/PSAT PREP

Chad Cargill comes to Jones every year for ACT Prep. Pay attention to announcements.

OU offers ACT Prep before every National test date. Cost is \$90. For info and to register go to www.youth.ou.edu

OU offers PSAT prep Cost is \$90 registration deadline is normally end of September. For more information go to www.youth.ou.edu

Steve Bowlware at Edmond Memorial offers an ACT Prep course. He can be reached at steve.bowlware@edmondschools.net

Study Hub in Choctaw offers ACT PREP. Register at www.choctawstudyhub.com or call Kari @ 405-850-2582.

ACT/SAT/PSAT prep available at OKCIS

Metro Libraries have free Test prep information

Can purchase Test Prep material at any bookstore. Make sure you purchase prep book with CD-ROM with practice tests

MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES

**WEST POINT, ANNAPOLIS, AIR FORCE, MERCHANT MARINE, COAST GUARD
US MILITARY ACADEMY APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED DURING
JUNIOR YEAR. BEGIN PROCESS IN DECEMBER OF JUNIOR YEAR.**

MILITARY EDUCATIONAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

All branches of the military have an educational funding program that can be used after or during military service to pay for college or special training. Contact recruiters from each branch to get latest information.

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

DIR OF ADMISSIONS AND REGISTRAR, BLDG 606

West Point New York 10996

(845)938-4041

www.usma.edu

US AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HQ USAFA/RRS

2304 CADET DRIVE, SUITE 200

USAF ACADEMY, CO 80840-5025

1-800-443-9266 www.usafa.edu

US NAVAL ACADEMY

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

ANNAPOLIS, MD 21402

www.usna.edu

US MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

KINGS POINT, NY 11024

1-800-732-6267 www.usmma.edu

ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION

- ❖ Admission by congressional nomination, or the student must be in a category authorized law to be considered for appointment.
- ❖ Apply the spring of your junior year to the congressman or to the academy

QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Single, 17-22
- ❖ US Citizen
- ❖ Academically qualified
- ❖ Physically and medically qualified
- ❖ Admission forms, college entrance test, recommendations

US COAST GUARD ACADEMY
DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS
NEW LONDON, CT 06320
www.uscga.edu

Appointment based solely on annual nationwide competition. Apply as early as possible

QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ SINGLE, 17-22
- ❖ US CITIZEN
- ❖ PHYSICALLY SOUND
- ❖ GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, RESPONSIBILITY, TRUSTWORTHINESS, AND EMOTIONAL STABILITY

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.ChristianConnector.com
www.fastweb.com
www.collegeboard.com
www.actstudent.org
www.okcollegestart.org
www.UCanGo2.org
www.oklahomamoneymatters.org
www.eligibilitycenter.org
<http://naiaeligibilitycenter.org/>
www.okhighered.org
<http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/>
www.acenet.edu
www.aesmentor.org
www.anycollege.com
www.careersandcolleges.com
www.collegeaid.com
www.collegelink.com
www.colleges.com
www.collegeview.com
www.commonapp.org
www.fallin.house.gov
www.mycollegeguide.com
www.nacac.com
www.oc.edu
www.okstate.edu
www.ou.edu
www.petersons.com
www.review.com
www.scholarstuff.com
www.students.gov
www.uco.edu
www.universities.com
www.asvab.org
www.act-sat-prep.com
www.ets.orf
www.4test.com
www.bankofamerica.com
www.collegecapital.com
www.savingforcollege.com
www.pin.ed.gov
www.collegequest.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.grants.gov
www.nces.ed.gov
www.nsls.ed.gov
www.okhighered.org/student-center/
www.osrhe.edu
www.finaid.com

