



December Newsletter

December "To Do's" and Planner Entries:

- ✓ As you finish and send your applications and scholarships, be sure to keep copies in your personal file.
- ✓ If you have not filed or finished your FAFSA, do so as soon as possible. February 1 is the Access Missouri Grant priority deadline.
- ✓ Keep applying for scholarships!
- ✓ ACT: February 8; must be registered by January 10

Graduate Reception Wednesday, December 18, 5th hour

I have invited last year's graduates who have been attending college to come back and share with you what they have learned about making the transition from high school to college. And YES, of course, there will be food! ☺

End of 1st Semester is December 20

The end of the semester is when your credits are calculated for your high school transcript. Be sure you are passing all classes required for graduation!

FEBRUARY ACT

If you are interested in taking the ACT on February 8, you need to have your registration in by January 10 to avoid late fees. Register online at www.actstudent.org. Fair Play's school code is 261035. If you have not used all your waivers, you may pick one up in my office—otherwise the cost is \$52.00.

OTC Bound? Follow this "to do" list!

If you are planning to attend OTC and have not yet applied, go to www.otc.edu and click on "Apply Online." The application is free. Once you receive your acceptance letter from OTC, double check that you are completing the required tasks on the checklist you receive in the mail.

One required step you will have to do next semester before you enroll in classes at OTC is attend a **STAR Session** at OTC to learn how to enroll in classes. I have scheduled a group date on **March 3 at 9 a.m.** and we will take a bus for those students who prefer to do this as a group instead of on your own. **PRIOR** to that STAR Session, a rep from OTC will work with you to help you prepare for the STAR session. That date will be on **February 26, 5th hour**. If you are planning to attend OTC next year these are important dates for you to note!

Current Scholarships Opportunities:

Don't forget to look at colleges' financial aid/scholarship WebPages for the schools you are considering. They offer their own academic scholarships that require certain GPA and ACT scores and have various deadlines.

MSU ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

If you qualify, or would like to qualify, for an MSU automatic academic scholarship, the last ACT test date you can use to raise your score is December 2019. All MSU Freshman Scholarships are available at <http://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/scholarships/Freshman.htm>.

MISSOURI PORK ASSOCIATION AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Missouri Pork Association is now accepting applications for the Youth Pork Ambassador Scholarship program. This program combines a scholarship opportunity with the chance to actively participate in Missouri's pork industry. The Ambassador will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, payable to a technical school, community college or a four-year university, as well as many opportunities to increase their knowledge of the pork industry. Visit <http://www.pork.com/youth/youth-pork-ambassador/> for complete details. Applications and three letters of recommendation are due December 13.

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

\$670,000 will be awarded to AXA Achievers. Go to <https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html> for more details. Deadline is December 15.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY DANFORTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Danforth Scholars Program at Washington University in St. Louis honors the student who embraces high ideals, whose life choices are guided by personal integrity, selflessness, a commitment to community, and a dedication to leadership and academic excellence. Find more information at https://admissions.wustl.edu/Financial_Aid_Scholarships/First_Year_Academic_Scholarships/Pages/Danforth-Scholars.Program.aspx. Deadline is January 2.

GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Exceptional student leaders are invited to apply for this distinguished scholarship in honor of the legacy and character of President Ronald Reagan. Visit <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx> for more information. Deadline is January 3.

WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Visit www.gwcf.org for information about a scholarship for the student who enjoys history and/or politics. Deadline is January 15.

NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Current senior FFA members who plan to be full-time students in a post-secondary institution can visit <https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/local-engagement-programs-scholarships/> to access the application for various FFA scholarships. Deadline is January 15.

JOHN F. KENNEDY ESSAY CONTEST

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation invites students to write an original essay on the political courage of a U.S. elected official as described by John F. Kennedy in *Profiles in Courage*. For more information on this program visit <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>. Deadline is January 17.

MISSOURI JCI SENATE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The United States JCI Senate Foundation awards \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities, or vocational schools. The application can be downloaded from

http://www.mojcisenate.org/public_html/Programs/Scholarships/Scholarships_Index.html. Deadline is January 24.

ED STEGNER NATURAL RESOURCE SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship to provide major financial aid for students pursuing degrees in natural resource management in the areas of fisheries, forestry, wildlife, parks and recreation and soil and water conservation. Priority for this \$1000 scholarship is given to those who demonstrate financial need. More information is available at <http://www.conservemo.org/ed-stegner-natural-resource-scholarship.html>. Deadline is January 31.

MISSOURI SOCIETY OF CPAs SCHOLARSHIP

This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student declaring accounting as a major. For more details on how to apply for this scholarship go to www.mcpa.org. Deadline is January 31.

JAMES & NELLIE WESTLAKE SCHOLARSHIP

Seniors who have at least a 2.5 GPA and demonstrate limited financial resources (adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or less) are invited to apply. Applications are available at <https://www.scholarsapply.org/westlake/>. Deadline is February 1.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS SCHOLARSHIP

Four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to students attending a vocational/technical school and pursuing a certificate or associate's degree in Diesel Mechanics or Heavy Equipment Repair. Application includes a 750-1000 essay, letters of recommendation plus other application requirements. Check with Mrs. G for application. Deadline is February 3.

CMH MEDICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Students planning to pursue degrees in the areas of medical school, nursing, therapy, pharmacy and other medical related fields may apply for this scholarship. If selected for this scholarship, the student will commit to return to work for CMH for a period of time that is based upon the amount of assistance that was provided. Applications are available from Mrs. G or may be accessed at <https://www.citizensmemorial.com/professionals/careers/medical-excellence.html> and should be returned to CMH Human Resources Office by February 28 to this address: Citizens Memorial Hospital, Attn: Human Resources, 1500 N. Oakland, Bolivar, MO 65613.

MISSOURI GAMING ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

MGA offers their Project 21 2019 Scholarship Program to promote the message that it is not permissible in Missouri for persons under the age of 21 to gamble in a casino. Scholarship applicants may write an article or create a video or poster addressing the issue of underage gambling. \$1500 will be awarded to winning entries. For more information go to <https://secureservercdn.net/ip-ac.mwp2.iad2.godaddy.com/bn7.d3b.godaddywp.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2019-Project-21-Application.pdf>. Deadline is March 1.

MIKE ROWE WORKS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (MIDWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE)

If you are interested in attending MTI, scholarship information is available at <https://www.midwesttech.edu/admissions/scholarships/mti-dtc-high-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is March 6.

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MO SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship awards are available for descendants of a veteran who had at least ninety days active service in the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, who received an Honorable Discharge for such service. Applications are available at <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships>. Deadline is April 20.

AYN RAND ESSAY CONTEST

This essay contest awards cash prizes from \$50 to \$10,000 for 255 winners. Students must read The Fountainhead and write an essay. Find more details at <https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#thefountainhead-1>. Deadline is April 28.

FREEDOM ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP

This program honors Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships for their children. For more information, go to <http://www.fascholarship.com>.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP SOURCES

FASTWEB SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Go to www.fastweb.com for a free account.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS SEARCH

A listing of scholarships that students from Missouri school districts are eligible for can be found at www.studentscholarships.org

CHRISTIAN CONNECTOR, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

This website provides free Christian college information college information as well as allows you to enter in a \$2500 scholarship drawing: www.christianconnector.com.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Many scholarships are offered through the National Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Find more details at <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>.

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

The American Legion provides helpful information about scholarships and the financial aid process at www.legion.org/needalift.

Scholarship Search Sites:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.studentscholarships.org
- www.cappex.com
- www.scholarships.com
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>
- <https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarship/scholarship-search/>
- <http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>

COMING SPRING 2020: FPHS Local Scholarships will be available early spring. Don't miss out on opportunities to apply for scholarships that are guaranteed for the FPHS Class of 2020!!!

Merry Christmas

*Wishing you a restful and meaningful holiday season,
filled with an abundance of
free time, family, fun, and great food!*

