



# March Newsletter

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## March "TO DOS":

- ⇒ Apply for scholarships—many local ones are now available through April 1.
- ⇒ Once you have submitted your FAFSA, look for the Student Aid Report (SAR). Your SAR contains federal financial information.
- ⇒ Watch for important deadlines at your chosen college (housing, financial aid, award letter, etc.)

## Planner Entries:

- March 6: End of Third Quarter
- March 16-18: Spring Break
- March 27: Honor Banquet

## A+ Students

A+ students don't forget to give Brad your FAFSA Confirmation!

## Need a Prom Dress?

If you would like to attend prom, but can't afford to buy a prom dress or pay for other prom expenses at this time, please see Mrs. G for information about resources that are available to you.

## Time to Make Your College Choice

The time to make the important decision of which college to attend (if you haven't already) is growing closer. In April, many colleges and universities begin sending offer letters to students who have been accepted for their incoming freshman class. Offer letters list the cost of tuition and fees plus the amount of financial aid available (for those who have applied for it) through the school.

If you are accepted at more than one institution, you can compare financial aid offers and accept the offer that best suits you. Be sure to keep the lines of communication open with all of the schools that have extended an offer to you. Once you decide, let them all know of your decision.

## Scholarships

The following scholarships are FAIR PLAY local scholarships—meaning Fair Play students will receive these scholarships. Also, for some of these scholarships, (Carson and Riedesel) several scholarships are given out. The deadline for all local scholarships is **April 1**. Scholarship applications may be obtained from Mrs. G

- **Fair Play Alumni Association**
- **Leo and Helen Saye Memorial Scholarship**
- **Jesse and Elsie Lower Memorial Scholarship**
- **Shoemaker Scholarship**
- **Fair Play Metals Scholarship (must be pursuing a vocational degree or certificate in a skilled trade such as welding, mechanics or carpentry)**
- **Anna Carson Scholarship**
- **P. J. "Jack" and Effie Riedesel Scholarship**
- **Sawyer Scholarship (must be FFA member)**

- **Bruce Hopkins Memorial Scholarship (must be FFA member)**
- **Cecilia Gibson FFA Scholarship (must be FFA member)**
- **Bobby Higginbotham Memorial Basketball Scholarship (must have completed play in either/or JV or varsity basketball at Fair Play all four years)**

### **Protect the Farm Scholarship**

This scholarship award four \$1000 scholarships to students from Bolivar, Fair Play, Halfway, Humansville, Marion C. Early and Pleasant Hope. You must be majoring in agriculture or an agriculture-related field to be considered for this scholarship. **NOTE: The scholarship must be mailed to the address listed on the scholarship to be received by March 13!**

### **Other Scholarships**

- OTC Scholarships are open as of March 1. Go to <https://students.otc.edu/financialaid/scholarships/> to apply.
- Community Foundation of the Ozarks: various scholarships are available for SW Missouri school students at <http://cfozarks.org/>. To access the multiple scholarships opportunities, click on Find Grants and Scholarships, then Current Scholarships, then High School Seniors. Follow instructions which take you to the online scholarship portal logon page. Students will have to create a username and password to establish an account. Next, you will be prompted to answer a couple of eligibility questions, which will determine the scholarships you are eligible to apply for. The deadline for most CFO scholarships is in March, so check the deadlines closely.
- Missouri Bankers Foundation offering scholarships to students who are planning to enroll in a full-time course of study leading to a major in a field related to banking; go to [www.mobankers.com](http://www.mobankers.com) for info; deadline is March 8.
- Bolivar Farmers Exchange is offering a \$2000 scholarship; applications can be obtained from Mrs. G; deadline is March 10. (NOTE: preference is given to students' whose families use Bolivar Farmers Exchange, but all are welcome to apply.
- American Legion Scholarship Programs(all due April 20)—basic criteria must be a descendant of a veteran. Applications area available at <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships>.
- Freedom Alliance Scholarship 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/>.
- Daughters of the American Revolution National Scholarships. Find more information at <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>.
- The Patriot Guard Riders of Missouri are offering four scholarships to MO students who are sons or daughter of those who fall within the following categories: (1) those who have given their lives in the line of duty, including both military and first responder. (2) Those honorable discharged veterans who have passed after their term of service. (3) Those veterans or first responders disabled in the line of duty to the extent that providing an advance education cannot be easily realized. See Mrs. G for Application. Deadline is April 1, 2020.
- The American College Foundation offers multiple scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$5000; for more information and the application go to [www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org](http://www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org); deadline is May 1.
- This company would like to help a Missouri student pay for their college tuition and also encourage students to get involved and serve their communities. To be eligible for this scholarship, students need to find an opportunity to serve their community and then tell about it in the scholarship application. The scholarship is worth \$1000 and is due May 30. Access the scholarship application at <https://amcoranger.com/amco-ranger-scholarship/>
- This scholarship is focused on helping students whose test scores or GPAs might not be the best, but have the drive to succeed; Students may apply using this link: <http://bit.ly/pbjscholars22020>; deadline is May 31.

- Scholarship Search Engines:
  - Sallie Mae Scholarships: <http://go.salliemae.com/scholarship>
  - Fastweb: <http://www.fastweb.com>
  - Scholarships.com: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-by-state/missouri-scholarships>
  - Missouri Department of Higher Education: <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/>

.....One quarter to go—make the best of it!

