**Guidance Notes March 2020**

**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.

**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**

Just another reminder…Eighth grade orientation will take place Monday**, March 9th at 6:00p.m**. in the High School Library. We will kick off the night with an introduction to our new Ag teacher, Cassie Perrin. She will give us a brief description of all the exciting things our new Ag program will be offering next year. Additionally, students and parents will be given information on the high school curriculum and students will be assisted in choosing courses for next year. Notes were sent home the week of Feb.18th. Any questions, please feel free to call the school at 427-3839 and ask for Mrs. Hardiek. Hope to see you there!!

 **8th Grade Career Fair**

Lakeland College is once again hosting an 8th Grade Career Conference. This year’s event is scheduled for Friday**, April 3rd**. We encourage all 8th graders to attend. This is a great opportunity to begin exploring the career options available today. We will provide transportation. Permission slips will be sent home sometime in March.

**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.

**Wal-Mart**

* Must go to [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org)
* for an application.(Access code is WALDEPS)
* Must be a Wal-Mart associate or dependent of an associate
* Awards vary but are at least $1000 each
* Must **apply on-line** by April 2nd.

**Carle Auxiliary (Area)**

* Must pursue a degree in the medical field
* Go to <https://carle.org/Careers/volunteer/documents/carle-auxiliary-scholarship-application>
* Students will win $1000
* Must be **received** by April 1st.

**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.

**Cohen & JAFFE Law Firm**

* A one page essay required. Students can choose from a significant situation/experience, the severity of Distracted Driving, or the impactof Traumatic brain injury
* Awards range from $250 to $1000
* Must be emailed by April 2nd.

**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.

**Growmark**

* Must pursue an ag related degree
* Essay required regarding agriculture and cooperatives
* Go to [www.growmark.com](http://www.growmark.com) for an application.
* Award is $1500
* Must be submitted online by April 17th.

**Vandalia Chamber of Commerce (Area)**

* 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 20th.

**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.

 **Kylee Crown Memorial Scholarship (Not Available This year)**

* Essay required: “What diversity means to you”
* One student win $500
* Must be emailed to Kyleecrownmemorial@gmail.com by March 27th.