**Guidance Notes March 2023**

**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. However, because of the graduation requirement, either the FAFSA or the non-participation form needs to be completed by April 1st.

**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 Tuesday**, March 13th at 6:00p.m**. in the High School Library. At this time, students and parents will be given information on the curriculum, students will be assisted in choosing their classes for next year, career paths will be chosen, and four-year plans will be initiated. Notes were sent home the week of Feb. 13th. Any questions, please feel free to call the school at 427-3839 and ask for Mrs. Hardiek. Hope to see you there!!

**Scholarships**

**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 28th.

**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 28th.

**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 March 31st.

**Vandalia Chamber of Commerce(Fayette Co)**

* Must be a child of an employee or member of Chamber
* Essay discussing goals, why you should be selected, etc.
* Go to <http://www.vandaliachamber.org/>
* One student will win $500
* Must be received by April 8th.

**Growmark**

* Must pursue an ag related degree
* Essay required regarding agriculture and coops
* Go to <https://www.growmark.com/about-us/corporate-commitments> for an application.
* Award is $1500
* Must be submitted online by April 14th.

**National Defense Transportation Association**

* Must pursue a career in Transportation, Physical Distribution, etc.
* Essay: What experience have you had with business or transportation companies, etc?
* Go to <https://www.ndtahq.com/about-us/education/> for an application
* Awards are as high as $1000 each
* Must be submitted by April 15th.

**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
* Go to <https://www.sarahbush.org/volunteerservices/>
* Awards are between $500 and $1000
* Must be received by April 15th.

**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.

**TC4 (Mulberry Grove, Brownstown, and Vandalia)**

* Must be income eligible ($40,00 a year or less)
* Essay required discussing why you think you deserve this scholarship
* Five $1000 awards will be given to students covering Mulberry Grove, Brownstown, and Vandalia Schools
* Must be received by April 30th.

**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 31st.

**Brunk/Schwarm/Blank Scholarship**

* Awarded to Brownstown students who have successfully completed the most math and science courses
* First place is at least $1000. Second place is $500.

