

MONDAY

This week is college application week where we help seniors celebrate getting college applications done.

Not every student will choose college but every student deserves to know about their choices and know the facts.

TODAY'S FACT:

SAT = FREE \$\$

Wednesday you take either the PSAT or the SAT. **Here is what is in it for you to do your best on the test.**

Colleges offer "merit scholarships". You automatically get FREE \$\$ based on your GPA and SAT.

EXAMPLES:

GVSU

Award for Excellence Scholarship = **\$20,000** over 4 years with a 3.5 GPA + **1240 SAT**
Faculty Scholarship = \$23,000- **\$32,000** over 4 years with a 3.6 GPA + **1370 SAT**

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Crimson Scholarship = **\$6,000** over 4 years with 3.0 GPA + **1040 SAT**
Gold Scholarship = **\$8,000** over 4 years with 3.25 GPA + **1080 SAT**
Dean's Scholarship = **\$14,000** over 4 years with 3.4 GPA + **1140 SAT**
Provost Scholarship = **\$18,000** over 4 years with 3.5 GPA + **1210 SAT**
President's Scholarship = **\$24,000** over 4 years with 3.7 GPA + **1300 SAT**
Founder's Scholarship = **\$40,000** over 4 years with 3.9 GPA + **1350 SAT**

MORE examples [f 2019-20 scholarships from promote the publics s...](#)

TUESDAY

Don't rule out college just because of \$\$\$. There are ways to make it work!

- 1) Your employer may pay for it! It's a common benefit called "tuition reimbursement"
- 2) The better your grades and SAT score, the more chances for an automatic ("merit") scholarship
- 3) All seniors need to apply to FAFSA <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- 4) Private Scholarships (watch your email and you learn more senior year)
- 5) Work and save money
- 6) Go to college part-time
- 7) Start out at a community college then transfer
- 8) Borrow - make an investment in your future but don't borrow more money for college than you would make once you graduate in one year

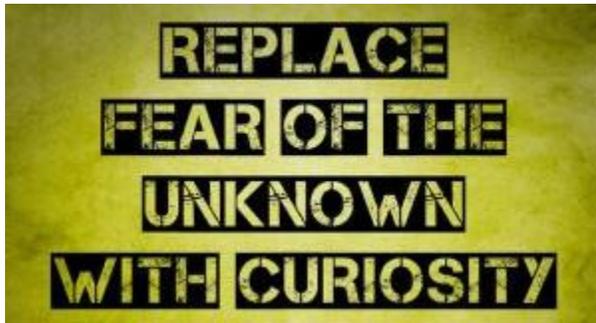
More \$\$\$ ideas YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT ALREADY:

 **CONSIDERATIONS WHEN PAYING FOR COLLEGE**

WEDNESDAY

Don't know what you want to do after high school?
No worries!

Goal: Know more next week than you know today.



Use these links - explore without expectations.

All Options:

[My Next Move](#)

[O*NET](#)

[MI Career Outlook Through 2028](#)

[Michigan's Hot 50 Careers through 2028](#)

[Best Companies to Work for in West Michigan](#)

College Curious:

[Big Future Collegeboard/Search Majors or Careers](#)

[MyMajors.com](#)

[Big Future Collegeboard/How to Find Your College Fit](#)

[Big Future Collegeboard/College 101](#)

[College Scorecard - Department of Education](#)

Thinking about the military? Shop the branches!

[Choosing Which Branch to Join](#)

[Comparing Military Branches](#)

[Comparing Military College Benefits to Civilian Jobs](#)

[Comparing Military Pay and Benefits to Civilian Jobs](#)

[Head to Head Comparison of Different Branches](#)

[ROTC programs in Michigan](#)

THURSDAY

Curious about options that **DON'T require a traditional college degree...**
...that are in demand
...and make good money?

Check out these options!

Certification Programs in West Michigan

FRIDAY

Do you want to know how to get free or nearly free college credit before graduating from high school? Look at this resource and follow up with your school counselor for details.

[College Credit Menu](#)

[How Can You Get College Credit at CHS?](#)

Do you have questions on playing a sport in college? Would like advice on to do a college search? Not sure where to start on figuring out what career is right for you? Check out this library of over 20, short videos made especially for Coopersville students.

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