**Blue Devil Senior College and Career Newsletter #3 (11/30/15)**

**From Mrs. Freeman**

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The CHS Guidance Department is on TWITTER! Follow us **@CHSCounselor483**

**Seniors & Parents**: To sign up for Remind messages text @**719da0** to 81010

**Upcoming Cordova High School Dates:**

**ASVAB Make-up and Senior Retake**: January 20 8:00 a.m.

**Bevill Bound:** January 26, 2016 (all day) only seniors that have applied to BSCC

**FAFSA Night**: February 25, 2015 5:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M. for parents and students who wish to apply for financial aid including scholarships. More info will come concerning what to bring.

**Workkeys**: beginning January 25- February 17

**Torch Invitational**: February 19, 2016

**INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES:** If you are considering participating in Division I or II athletics as a college freshman, you must register with and be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. This requires that you take a certain number of core classes and maintain a certain grade point average depending on your ACT/SAT score. Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org for information and to register. When registering for the ACT or SAT, remember that “official” test scores must be sent from the testing agency to the NCAA using the code 9999.

If you are considering participating in athletics at an NAIA school, you must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center at www.playNAIA.org. To be certified by the NAIA, you must meet two of the following three requirements: maintain a 2.0 gpa, score at least an 18 on the ACT, and/or be ranked in the top half of your graduating class.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION -** Males who are 18 years of age must register with the Selective Service System. Register online at www.sss.gov. You must register to be eligible for federal financial aid as well as for financial aid at most colleges.

Common Application – Here is the link to the list of schools who are members of the Common Application. <https://www.commonapp.org/pdf/commonapplicationmemberschools.pdf>

**Seniors** – When an organization offers a scholarship, it is customary to send them a THANK YOU note!

**Seniors** – Go to http://hscw-counselorscorner.blogspot.com/2013/10/the-note-you-send-every-college-bound.html for some courtesy protocol in your college application process.

This website has great information on scholarships and grants:

http://www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/11/generation-google-scholarship.html#more

A great resource for all First Generation College Students! http://www.imfirst.org/

Great web resource for anyone trying to navigate the college admission and financial aid process. From application to acceptance – step by step. www.collegeadmissionbook.com

Common mistakes students make in the college search process http://bit.ly/1HgYeBp

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**\***Visit this FREE online magazine (Next Step U) for information on all things related to college, career, scholarships, majors, etc. http://www.nextstepu.com/

http://potentialmagazine.com/resources/DigitalIssues- Potential Magazine - Parenting Teens to Achieve - A wonderful FREE online magazine for parents of college-bound teens with tools and resources to help teens reach their goals and *potential*.

**TESTING INFORMATION**

**ACT registration** is on-line at www.actstudent.org. **The CHS School Code (CEEB) is 010-760**.

**ACT Test Dates** Registration Deadlines Late Registration (Late fee required)

December 12, 2015 November 6, 2015 November 7 – 20, 2015

February 6, 2016\* January 8, 2016 January 9 - 15, 2016

April 9, 2016 March 4, 2016 March 5 - 18, 2016

June 11, 2016 May 6, 2016 May 7 – 20, 2016

**ACT Fee Waivers**-If you are an 11th or 12th grader receiving free or reduced lunch or a member of Upward Bound/Educational Talent Search (BSCC) at Cordova High School, you are eligible for an ACT fee waiver.  They may NOT be used to pay for late registration.  You must see Mrs. Freeman to begin the process.

**Registration for the SAT I and SAT II** subject area tests must be completed online at www.collegeboard.com. **The CHS School Code (CEEB) is 010-760**. http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenfees.html.

• For AP credit policy, go to www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

**CHS College Visitation Policy**

Students are encouraged to use vacation days to visit college campuses for the purpose of tours, information, and interviews. A school-day visit may be arranged by following the regulations listed below:

Students are allowed **1** excused day to visit a college. The students may use their college day their senior year.

Prior to the college visit, the students must provide Mrs.Vintson a written note (signed and dated by a parent or guardian in pen) from their parents or guardians granting permission for the college visit absence.

Upon the student’s return from the college visit, the student must provide written verification from the college on college letterhead that confirms the visit.

IMPORTANT: All college visit verifications must be given to the main office the next school day following the approved absence. Both the written verification and the excuse from the student’s parents will be filed to indicate an excused absence. **Both** documents must be on file in the main office in order for the absence to count as an excused college visit.

Please note: **It is the student’s responsibility** to return from his or her college visit with written verification on the school’s letterhead confirming his or her visit. Faxes and letters received in the mail several days after the visit WILL NOT be accepted for verification. Parking decals, copied or original agendas, or a general itinerary WILL NOT be accepted for verification.

**TRANSCRIPTS AND REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS:**

An official high school transcript will show yearly grades for grades 9, 10, & 11. Standardized test scores (ACT, SAT I & SAT II) will **NOT** be included on those transcripts (those test scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies).

You may request a transcript to be sent to a college by visiting the CHS Counselor’s Corner at <http://cordovacounselorscorner.weebly.com/recommendation-letters--transcripts.html> and downloading a transcript request form OR by getting a form from the office. Bring completed transcript form to Mrs. Freeman.  
**Scholarship Search Websites:** students should register to be sent email updates regarding available scholarships and deadlines.

* [FASTWEB Free Scholarship Search Service](http://www.fastweb.com/)
* [Scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com/)
* [StudentScholarships.org](http://studentscholarships.org/)
* [National Academy of American Scholars](http://naas.org/)
* [BankingSense.com's College, Scholarships & Grants Guide](http://www.bankingsense.com/college-scholarships-grants-guide-where-to-apply/)

**"Getting In" Your Guide to Higher Education** This publication will give you a jump start on planning for college.  It includes information about admissions, the projected cost of a college education at all Alabama colleges and universities, scholarships, loans and grants.  This publication is only available on line [http://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/planning?main=6&display=AL\_gettingIn](http://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/planning?main=6&display=AL_gettingIn.).

For regional college tours during the summer months  [www.college-visits.com](http://www.college-visits.com/)

**The Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AAICU)**  interactive electronic college guide which can be accessed by clicking [http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/14af2b63#/14af2b63/1](https://ch1prd0402.outlook.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=NoE9JwQipk-ma5_G4JlAkGkHWa6IZ84IPitC6TyvOrtXkzQonWRt8xnYeCaAroK-vaYJEC_YprI.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fviewer.zmags.com%2fpublication%2f14af2b63%23%2f14af2b63%2f1). This next-generation publication includes short, introductory videos and profiles from 13 AAICU member colleges and universities.   Although this information was published last year, it is still a viable link with valuable information.

**AUGUST 2015**

**The State Farm Youth Advisory Board** is one of the nations' most exciting opportunities for youth empowerment and development. The board is comprised a diverse group of 30 young people ages 17-20  chosen from each of twelve U.S. State Farm zones which cover all states within the United States and one State Farm Canadian zone (Alberta, New Brunswick or Ontario provinces only) with three at-large members nominated by State Farm’s national service-learning partners. Scholarships are provided to Youth Advisory Board members. Members of this Board play an important leadership role in creating and overseeing a $5 million/year signature service-learning initiative which addresses pressing issues of importance to youth, State Farm and communities across North America.  The Youth Board collectively helps identify these issues; develops the grant making processes for catalyzing large-scale, student-driven service-learning projects that systemically address the issues; selects the programs to receive grants; provides technical assistance and oversight to site grantees; and assists with the communications and outreach of the initiative.  The Youth Board interacts with senior State Farm leaders in presenting and defending an analysis of their grant making decisions. A diverse group of 30 young people ages 17-20 to serve on the first State Farm Youth Advisory Board.  Board members continue to represent each of twelve U.S. State Farm zones and one State Farm Canadian zone (Alberta, New Brunswick or Ontario provinces only) with three at-large members nominated by State Farm’s national service-learning partners. Scholarships are provided to Youth Advisory Board members. Applications are now available for the State Farm Youth Advisory Board at [www.statefarmyab.com/apply.php](http://www.statefarmyab.com/apply/)

**Kaplan Test Prep is offering an SAT prep course starting August 29. Call 1-800-KAPTEST or visit**[**http://www.kaptest.com/act/enroll?zip=35209&tab=events**](http://www.kaptest.com/act/enroll?zip=35209&tab=events)**for more details.**

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Troy State University**

Schedule a tour online at  <http://admissions.troy.edu/newsEvents/eventsListing.aspx>

**SportQuest Ministries,** Scholarship for Christian Student Athletes is accepting applications for scholarships from September 1, 2015 through February 1, 2016. Those students applying must currently be a high school sophomore, junior or senior, maintain a minimum of "C" grade average or higher, currently participate as a varsity level athlete in one or more sports, and be a committed follower of Christ. For more information and applying for the scholarship, interested students should visit the website at <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?SportQuestMinistries/fdd7d42485/c9be96ab1b/a27c2776d0>

**Sun Trust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes**-Apply on line at [offtocollege.info](http://offtocollege.info/) for a $1,000.00 scholarship plus a $250.00 Sun Trust Gift Card beginning September 14, 2015. It's free to enter and eligibility is not based on GPA or financial need. Drawings will be held and a winner chosen every two weeks through May 13. 2016. Only one entry per person for each drawing, however students can register after each drawing for the next scheduled drawing. No purchase or transaction necessary to enter or win. For complete details, visit [offtocollege.info](http://offtocollege.info/) or [suntrusteducation.com](http://suntrusteducation.com/).

**US Senate Youth Program** (sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation) Juniors & Seniors who hold either a class office, a student council office or a district, region or state office in another organization are eligible to compete for a spot as one of two nominees from the state of Alabama to attend the **51st Annual Senate Youth Program in Washington D.C.** **in March of 2016**and receive a $5,000 scholarship. For more information and to download a brochure go to <http://ussenateyouth.org/>

**Lipscomb University Fall Visit Days** Tour campus and meet with an advisor any Friday in the fall.  Register online at.<http://www.lipscomb.edu/admissions/visits-events>

**The Common Application**-The Common Application is the recommended form of 232 selective colleges and universities for admission to their undergraduate programs. Students complete one Common Application, photocopy it and send the form to any of the other participating colleges. Applications and information are available on line (which includes the participating colleges) see their website at [www.comonapp.org](http://www.comonapp.org/).

**CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE**is a program of the College Board-a national, nonprofit association of schools and school systems, colleges and universities, and educational organizations. Many colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools and scholarship programs use the information collected on PROFILE to help them award nonfederal student aid funds. The College Board does not award scholarship money or other financial aid. By completing PROFILE, you are able to give a complete picture of your family's financial circumstances, including explanations about special circumstances, on a single application. Register online at [**www.collegeboard.com**](http://www.collegeboard.com/).

**The John F Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest**invites United States high school students to consider the concept of political courage by writing an essay on a U.S. elected official who has chosen to do what is right, rather than what is expedient. A “Profile in Courage” essay is a carefully researched recounting of a story: the story of how an elected official risked his or her career to take a stand based on the dictates of conscience, rather than the dictates of polls, interest groups or even constituents. The contest challenges high school students to discover new profiles in courage, and to therefore research and write about acts of political courage that occurred after the publication of Kennedy's *Profiles in Courage*in 1956.  
The winner of the competitive annual contest is awarded a $10,000 prize and is invited to accept the award at the Profile in Courage Award ceremony hosted each May by Caroline Kennedy at the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. The student’s nominating teacher receives a John F. Kennedy Public Service Grant in the amount of $500 and is also invited to attend the Profile in Courage Award ceremony.  A second place winner receives $1,000 and up to five finalists each receive $500. All finalists receive a hardcover copy of *Profiles in Courage*. The essay contest is sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and generously supported by John Hancock Financial. You may get more information and guidelines at<http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>and by visiting the Facebook page at[http://www.facebook.com/pages/John-F-Kennedy-Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/](http://www.facebook.com/pages/John-F-Kennedy-Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/368548716012?sk=wall)where you can watch videos of both the essay winners and award recipients.

**OCTOBER 2015**

**Common Black College Application** allows students to apply to all 34 member institutions for a one time fee of $35.00. Use the online application located at <http://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>. Essays and recommendations must be mailed to the colleges students are interested in attending.

**The Gates Millennium Scholarship**-We highly recommend that forms be submitted online. The deadline for online submissions is January 13, 2016 at 11:59 pm EST.  Nomination booklets and additional materials are available at[www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org/). If you have any questions about the program, please contact us via phone at 1-877-690-GMSP (4677) or by email at [info@gmsp.org](mailto:info@gmsp.org).  Students are eligible to be nominated or recommended if they: \*Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American   
       \*Are a citizen/legal permanent resident or national of the United States    
       \*Have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED   
       \*Will be enrolling for the first-time at a U.S. accredited college or university as full time, degree­ seeking, first year student  
       \*Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in Community service, extracurricular or other activities   
       \*Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. (Eligibility for Federal Pell Grant can only be determined through the submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to               the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Programs)    
      \*Have all three required forms submitted (Nominee Personal Information Form, Nominator Form, and Recommender Form) by the deadline.

**Army ROTC Scholarship**- If you are planning on attending a four-year college and are interested in receiving a tuition scholarship along with some of the best leadership training available, Army ROTC may be right for you.  
FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP The high school Four-Year Scholarship is for high school students planning on attending a four-year college program. Contact your high school academic advisor or Campus Military Science department for more information. To qualify, you must:   
\* Be a U.S. citizen  
\* Be between the ages of 17 and 26  
\* Have a high school GPA of at least 2.50  
\* Have a high school diploma or equivalent  
\* Score minimum of 920 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT  
\* Meet physical standards  
\* Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard)   
The most competitive candidates for an Army ROTC Four-Year Scholarship will have at least a SAT score of 1100 or an ACT score of 24.

**Mercedes-Benz Automotive Systems Technical Program- Shelton State & Mercedes-Benz.  You must apply first to Shelton and then to the program.  See website for details and links.**

[**http://www.mbusi.com/employment/automotive-technician-training-program/mech-partnership-main**](http://www.mbusi.com/employment/automotive-technician-training-program/mech-partnership-main)

**University of Alabama Blount Undergraduate Initiative** is an innovative liberal arts program in the College of Arts and Sciences. It is a four-year program that offers students the best of both worlds: the atmosphere of a small liberal arts college in the midst of a major university. The Blount Undergraduate Initiative is not a major. However, a student in this program pursues one of the nearly fifty different degree programs offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, including computer science and economic, which are housed in other colleges, and New College. For more information and an application form go online to [www.as.ua.edu/blount/](http://www.as.ua.edu/blount/).

**NOVEMBER 2015**

**Points Scholarship** - $10,000 - 10 Scholarships will be awarded. Application deadline will be November 3, 2015. To be eligible for the scholarhip applicants shoulbe be at least 13 years old and enrolled or will enroll in a college or university in the US and be a legal resident of the U.S. or Puerto Rico. For more information go to <http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_points_scholarships_8953.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201510&utm_content=fdfebf6ea8786c6cbfd21084714066cf>

Here are several scholarship opportunities. Please go to the website for scholarship applications and deadlines.

1. <http://www.visine.com/scholarship>
2. <http://www.nhmafoundation.org/index.php/scholarship-program>
3. <http://www.usnewsuniversitydirectory.com/articles/the-gi-bill-and-beyond_13730.aspx#.VkYNRl5cjwA>
4. <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/>
5. <https://careers.microsoft.com/?rg=us>
6. <https://www.hometeamcare.com/scholarship>
7. <https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/community/education-programs/grants-scholarships/>
8. <https://www.rover.com/blog/rover-college-scholarship/>
9. <http://nshssfoundation.org/scholarships/stem-scholarships/>
10. <http://umsi.uncf.org/sif>
11. <http://www.homeadvisor.com/r/scholarships/#.VkYOfF5cjwA>

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation**- Seniors planning on attending a 4 year college with a 3.5 GPA and a 26 ACT who can exhibit financial need should apply at <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships>

**Good360 Sustainability Scholarship** - $1,000 Scholarlship - We want to hear how sustainability has touched your life. If you’re a high school senior applying to college, or you’re currently a college student, and you have an interest in sustainability and the environment, then we’d love to hear your thoughts on what sustainability means to you. Thus, we’re sponsoring a college scholarship with an award of $1,000 to go towards tuition. Application deadline will be November 30, 2015. For more information go to <http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_good360_sustainability_scholarship_8951.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201510&utm_content=fdfebf6ea8786c6cbfd21084714066cf>

**The AXA Achievement Scholarship**, in association with U.S. News & World Report and managed by Scholarship America, provides $750,000 in annual scholarships to high school seniors throughout the nation. Achievers vary by race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic level and geography, but have some distinct similarities. They include, but are not limited to + Demonstrated achievement +Ability to achieve in a college environment +Ambition, drive and dedication + Commitment to succeed + Respect for self, family and community. AXA Achievers often achieve conventional feats in unconventional ways. For instance, they may have managed to improve attendance and academic record while working to help their family financially. Or, an AXA Achiever may be the aspiring scientist who developed a program for elementary age children to learn about basic chemistry. Apply and tell us why you would qualify as an AXA Achiever. For more information and to apply go to<http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html> Deadline is December 15, 2015.

**National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Free Enterprise Scholars Award**-A $1,000.00 scholarship will be offered to 300 college freshmen nationwide. These scholarships are not based on financial need. If you have demonstrated entrepreneurial achievement this scholarship may be for you. Apply on line at<http://www.nfib.com/foundations/yef/?src=mmi>First, be sure to fully read the Young Entrepreneur Award application instructions, and the frequently asked questions. Online applications are accepted until December 18, 2015.

**STOKES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  The Stokes Educational Scholarship Program (formerly known as the Undergraduate Training Program) was proposed and introduced into legislation in 1986. Its purpose is to facilitate the recruitment of individuals, particularly minority high school students, who have demonstrated skills critical to NSA.

Stokes provides a tremendous opportunity to gain valuable experience in your field while attending college and getting a degree. Stokes is open to high school seniors planning on majoring in Computer Science or Computer/Electrical Engineering. College sophomores majoring in Foreign Language (Arabic, Farsi only), Mathematics, or courses of study leading to careers in Intelligence Analysis (see Qualifications section below) are also invited to apply.

As an NSA employee with the Stokes Program, you will attend college full time, then work during the summer at NSA for 12 weeks in areas that are related to your course of study. You'll acquire real-world experience and receive a salary year round. (Please note: Eligible students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale each semester after their freshman year.) If selected as a program participant, you are required to work in your area of study for NSA after your college graduation for at least one-and-one-half times the length of study. *If you leave NSA employment earlier, you must reimburse the government for your tuition and book costs.*

**Benefits**

* Tuition at the college of your choice
* Reimbursement for books and certain fees
* Housing and travel entitlements during summer employment (if the distance between NSA and the school exceeds 75 miles)
* Year-round salary
* Employment with NSA after graduation

**Application Deadline**

Applications are accepted September 1st - November 15th of each year.  For more information and application instructions go to http://www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities\_4\_u/students/stokes.shtml

**Qualifications for High School Students**

* You must be a U.S. citizen
* You must be a high school senior at time of application
* You must achieve a minimum SAT/College Board score of 1600 (1100 Critical Reading and Math, 500 in Writing), or ACT of 25
* You must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
* You must demonstrate leadership abilities

**Bevill State Admissions/Scholarships**: If you wish to apply for a scholarship at more than one campus, each campus must receive a separate application. All application forms are available online at www.bscc.edu.

1. **Bevill State Admissions**Application form should filled out prior to filling out scholarship applications and is only available online. Pay close attention to the admission process on the right side of the screen.<http://www.bscc.edu/admissions-application.php>

2.**Bevill State Scholarship Application** -which include: Performing Arts, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Presidential/Academic, Presidential/Applied Technology, Scholar' Bowl, Ambassador, Leadership and Foundation (check each scholarship's individual requirements)

[Bevill State’s 2016-17 Scholarship application](https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1841871-JdBn5RXkxF) is now open for submissions.   The submission deadline is **Monday, February 15th**.  We have made some changes to our application and they are as follows:

* Submission of a resume is no longer required with the application.  Information normally provided on a resume is now a part of the online application itself.
* Ambassador applicants will be completing the essay as a part of the online application rather than uploading a separate document.  If the essay portion is not completed the application is considered incomplete for the Ambassador scholarship.
* Applicants are required to upload a copy of their high school transcript.   The transcript will be used to document the applicant’s GPA for scholarship review. You may obtain your transcript from iNOW (login info in main office) or by requesting your own personal copy from Parchment. Saving to your computer and uploading will be much easier than printing and scanning.
* If a scholarship has a minimum ACT score required, applicants must provide ACT score documentation to be considered for that scholarship.  An ACT score report must be uploaded along with the transcript. You may print or save your ACT score from your www.act.org account.

**Bevill State Advanced Registration for Spring Semester**-will begin November 16. In order to register for classes all Juniors and Seniors with a B average and room in your schedule will need to get an Dual Enrollment High School Student Recommendation Form from their counselor to take with them to Bevill. (All Juniors and Seniors should bring a copy of their Bevill class registration form to their counselor as soon as they register.) The online version of the Spring 2016 schedule of classes is available on http://cordovacounselorscorner.weebly.com/.

We invite you to use, and we hope you will link to <http://www.college-scholarships.com/schools/alabama/> , which lists and offers contact information for virtually all post-secondary schools, colleges, and universities in Alabama. Elsewhere on <http://www.college-scholarships.com/>   are links to 70 scholarship search data bases, GPA and student loan calculators, a guide to the FAFSA, information on online degree programs for adults, and dozens of helpful articles for college students of all ages.

**Sallie Mae’s “Make College Happen Challenge”**contest.  This contest will reward 10 high school students who creatively  communicate their plan to pay for college in videos, photos, essays, songs or poems.The challenge will award a first place prize of $10,000; second place $5,000; third place $2,500; and $1,000 to seven semifinalists.  Students may submit their entries October 15 through December 15.The 10 finalists will be announced in January based on creativity of entry, effective communication of the message and potential of their plan.  The public will then have the opportunity to choose their favorite entry from the 10 finalists by voting online for a week in February.  Top online voting entries, combined with the judges’ scores will determine the contest winners who will be announced in March. For more information, visit[www.makecollegehappenchallenge.com](http://www.makecollegehappenchallenge.com/).  For contest rules, visit [www.makecollegehappen.com/rules](http://www.makecollegehappen.com/rules).  You may also distribute and/or post the attached flier to your students.

**The BURGER KINGSM Scholars program can help you pay for college!**High school seniors, BURGER KING® employees, their dependent children, spouses or domestic partners in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico can apply to receive up to $50,000 in scholarship awards for the 2016-2017 school year! High school seniors must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible. **Don't miss your chance to become a BURGER KINGSM Scholar.**[**Apply today!**](http://osixy2.com/p/?_3616-124/1XDRC01S3-2/_2._ct&_olinkid_=48861a46-d486-4612-a1fa-e82738963d5a)[www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram](http://osixy2.com/p/?_3616-124/1XDRC01S3-2/_2._ct&_olinkid_=12982eeb-7fe2-4651-be09-fbd815d2fad8)The application period for the 2016-2017 school year opens Oct. 15, 2015 and closes Dec. 15, 2015.

**DECEMBER 2015**

**December 1st is the admission/scholarship deadline for many schools in order to be considered for scholarship consideration. Check with the schools your are applying to for individual deadlines.**

**Smith Scholarship-**Graduating high school seniors entering Alabama Colleges for the upcoming fall college term may apply. To be eligible you must have an overall "C" in your courses. ACT scores must be submitted but no minimum is required. You will be required to write an essay on your future plans or goals of accomplishment for yourself, an essay documenting community and civic-oriented activities or assistance to family members and personal recommendation letters. Special consideration will be given to applicants who would be the first in either their mother's or father's families to attend college. Recipients must complete community or volunteer work to maintain their awards and demonstrate a commitment to "give back to their community." This scholarship will cover tuition, room, board, and books over a four year period if you meet the requirements. You may apply by using the pdf application at [http://www.smithscholarships.com](http://www.smithscholarships.com/)/.  Application deadline for Part 1 is December 5, 2015.Application deadline for Part 2 is January 15, 2016.

**University of Mobile Preview Days** will be held on December 4. Students receive a $2,000 scholarship for attending Preview Day. For more information call 1-800-946-7267, 251-442-2273 or <http://umobile.edu/visit/>

**We the Students Scholarship Essay Contest**Win up to $5,000.  Details may be found at <http://scholarshipmentor.com/we-students-scholarship-contest>

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**Flosum Scholarship** - $750 - Application deadline will be December 15, 2015. To be eligible for the scholarship applicants must be enrolled in an accredited 4-year university or college located in United States or a high school senior with a GPA of 3.5. For more information go to <http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_flosum_scholarship_8952.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201510&utm_content=fdfebf6ea8786c6cbfd21084714066cf>

Students ages 14-18 can enter **Sallie Mae’s “Make College Happen Challenge”**contest.  This contest will reward 10 high school students who creatively communicate their plan to pay for college in videos, photos, essays, songs or poems. The challenge will award a first place prize of $10,000; second place $5,000; third place $2,500; and $1,000 to seven semifinalists.  Students may submit their entries October 15 through December 15.The 10 finalists will be announced in January based on creativity of entry, effective communication of the message and potential of their plan.  The public will then have the opportunity to choose their favorite entry from the 10 finalists by voting online for a week in February.  Top online voting entries, combined with the judges’ scores will determine the contest winners who will be announced in March.For more information, visit[www.makecollegehappenchallenge.com](http://www.makecollegehappenchallenge.com/).  For contest rules, visit [www.makecollegehappen.com/rules](http://www.makecollegehappen.com/rules).  You may also distribute and/or post the attached flier to your students.

**Alliance for Young Artists & Writers Essay Award and Scholarship**- The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards offer early recognition of creative teenagers and scholarship opportunities for graduating high-school seniors. The Awards are national in scope and administered by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The process begins across the country as young artists and writers submit creative works of art and writing to a network of affiliate programs of the Alliance who share the Alliance’s vision to inspire the next generation of artists and writers. Supported by their visual arts and writing teachers and other community mentors, participants create and submit their best work in a variety of areas. [http://www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org/)   Submissions accepted until December 16, 2015

**Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen** is the only teen program associated with the Miss America/Miss Alabama System.  Scholarships are available for many of our state's colleges and universities. Information and applications are available at:  www.outstandingteen.homestead.com or call (205) 223-5127

**SAE International Scholarships**Applicant must be a high school senior at the time of application. In recognition of the important contributions made by engineers in improving the quality of our lives, particularly those related to mobility, SAE is proud to be able to offer a number of scholarships to qualified students who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences. These scholarships are made possible by the support of the corporate and academic community. Applications are accepted through January15. For a list of all scholarships and application forms go to <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/freshman/>

**National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Free Enterprise Scholars Award**-A $1,000.00 scholarship will be offered to 300 college freshmen nationwide. These scholarships are not based on financial need. If you have demonstrated entrepreneurial achievement this scholarship may be for you. Apply on line at<http://www.nfib.com/foundations/yef/?src=mmi>First, be sure to fully read the Young Entrepreneur Award application instructions, and the frequently asked questions. Online applications are accepted until December 18, 2015.

**The Linley Heflin Scholarship Committee**grants four year scholarships to Alabama women who have both significant economic need and strong academics.  Minimum ACT composite to apply is a 23.  The application may be found at [**www.linlyheflin.org/**](http://www.linlyheflin.org/)**Deadline is January 9, 2016.**

**Anycollege.com Scholarship**-  Go to www.anycollege.com and click on the "Win a Scholarship" link.  AnyCollege.com is a direct, user-griendly college search engine for high school students.  There is no fee to sign up for this random scholarship drawing.  The ongoing deadlines for the scholarships are June 30th, September 30th, December 31st and March 31st of each year.  The value of this scholarship is $2,000.00.

**Bevill State Advanced Registration for Spring Semester**-will begin November 16. In order to register for classes all Juniors and Seniors with a B average and room in your schedule will need to get an Dual Enrollment High School Student Recommendation Form from their counselor to take with them to Bevill. (All Juniors and Seniors should bring a copy of their Bevill class registration form to their counselor as soon as they register.) The online version of the Spring 2016 schedule of classes is now available on <http://cordovacounselorscorner.weebly.com/> or you may use the link below:

<https://info.bscc.edu/cgi-bin/PRTCOURSES.MBR/SELECT>

**JANUARY 2016**

**Jacksonville State University**will conduct Accepted Student Days on Friday, January 22, 2016 and Friday, February, 12, 2016. For more information go to <http://www.jsu.edu/accepted>

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**Alabama School Public Relations Scholarship**- seniors who are planning on a major in public relations, communication or similar track with a 3.0 GPA may apply online.  Deadline is January 1, 2016

**GE Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program**- open to seniors with a 3.0 and financial need who demonstrate at school, at the workplace, and within the community the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship; You must attend a four year college/university.  **Deadline January 7, 2016.**<http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx>

**Mensa Education & Research Foundation 2015-2016 Scholarship Essay Contest**-These four $1,000.00 awards are made on the basis of an essay of no more than 550 works that describes the applicant's career, vocational, or academic goals. It is NOT necessary that the applicant be a member of Mensa. The sole eligibility requirements are that the applicant (1) be enrolled, for the academic year following the award, in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education and (2) be a citizen or legal resident of the U.S. The general local and regional awards are unrestricted as to age, race, gender, level of post-secondary education, grade point average and financial need. There are a few special restricted awards, some of which are listed on page 2. Winners MUST provide proof of school registration and citizenship/resident status prior to payment of the award. Application forms are available and on line at [http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships/.](http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships/)   Postmark deadline is January 15 EACH YEAR.  
**Financial Aid Process and FAFSA-**You may apply for financial aid by filling out the FAFSA form on line. The FAFSA form may be filled out as soon as you and/or your parents have filled out your 2015 income tax return. .**In order to complete the FASFA you must bring a copy of your and your legal guardians income tax return for 2015.** CHS will host a FAFSA Night, more details will be coming.

**Alabama Education and Training Voucher Scholarship Program**-This scholarship program offers funding to foster children enabling them to attend colleges, universities, and vocation training institutions. For more information or to receive an application, visit the web site at statevoucher.org.

**WalMart Employee/Dependant Scholarship Application**- available through [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org/) are scholarship opportunities for Associates and Children of Associates of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

**Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Nursing Scholarship-**This program offers students the opportunity to earn their degree and receive valuable leadership and management skills while enjoying the benefits of an exciting, challenging and lucrative career. The basic requirements and benefits of this outstanding program include: Full tuition (worth up to $150,000.00), $250.00-$400.00 monthly stipend, excellent medical/dental benefits, unlimited travel opportunities and an annual 30 day paid vacation. NROTC units are located at over 130 of the Nation's most prestigious colleges and universities. The basic eligibility requirements include: u.s. citizenship, at least 17 years of age, high school completion and ACT score of at least 22 in math and English. There is no military service commitment until the second year of college. Upon graduation, students receive a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, incurring a four-year active duty obligation. Completing the application does not obligate the student in any way. To apply go to[http://www.military.com/ROTC/1,15281,nrotc\_nurse\_programs,,00.html.](http://www.military.com/ROTC/1,15281,nrotc_nurse_programs,,00.html)

**Navy ROTC Scholarship**-This scholarship offers full tuition and other financial benefits worth up to $150,000.00. NROTC units are located at over 130 of the nations leading colleges and universities. It also provides $250.00-$400.00 a month tax free spending money. To qualify to must have a 22 on the math and English portions of the ACT. There is no obligation for military service for the first year of college. If you continue for the 2nd, 3rd and/or 4th year you are committing to a four year active duty obligation. For more information go to<https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx>.

**The Baptist Foundation of Alabama Scholarship** application will open on January 1, 2016 and close on March 31, 2016.  Applications and guidelines may be found at http://tbfa.org/scholarships/  
**College Counts Scholarship**Requires a 2.75 GPA, LESS than a 27 ACT score and demonstrated financial need.  Applicable to 2 or 4 year schools.  ACT not required for 2 year schools.  Deadline to apply is April 22.  Apply online at [www.collegecountsalabama.com](http://www.collegecountsalabama.com/)

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**Fashion School, Animation Career Review, a subsidiary of BGP Site Solutions** is offering two scholarships. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is June 1, 2016.

1. **"Aspiring Fashion Professional" Scholarship**. This is a $1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college.  Interested students can visit this link [www.fashion-schools.org](http://www.fashion-schools.org/) and find the scholarship located at the bottom of the page and click on it.
2. **"Aspiring Animation Professional" Scholarship Program**. This is the 5th year we are awarding this scholarship for AnimationCareerReview.com. We are offering high school seniors the opportunity to win a $1,000 scholarship.  This will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college. We ask that you have interested students visit our website, [www.careeranimationreview.com](http://www.careeranimationreview.com/) to find eligibility information along with the online application. The scholarship will be on the right side of the page and click on it.

We invite you to use, and we hope you will link to <http://www.college-scholarships.com/schools/alabama/>  which lists and offers contact information for virtually all post-secondary schools, colleges, and universities in Alabama. Elsewhere on <http://www.college-scholarships.com/>   are links to 70 scholarship search data bases, GPA and student loan calculators, a guide to the FAFSA, information on online degree programs for adults, and dozens of helpful articles for college students of all ages.

**Nursing Schools Almanac** has just launched its second annual**Aspiring Nurse Scholarship**. Our website will award a $1,000 scholarship to an aspiring nurse who best demonstrates:

+ A track record of academic excellence, particularly in science and mathematics

+ A passion for the nursing profession and the overall field of healthcare

This scholarship is open to all high school seniors who plan to pursue college education in nursing, including LPN / LVN, ADN, and BSN programs. Scholarship applications will be accepted until midnight on June 30, 2016. We ask interested students to visit [www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com](http://www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com/) and click the banner on the right-hand side of the website's homepage. Here they'll find detailed scholarship information and the official application form.

**FEBRUARY 2016**

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**Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship**- This scholarship has been established to award college or vocational institutional scholarships to students who, without financial assistance, would be unable to attend college. The scholarship amount is based on assessed need and is renewable for four years if all requirements are met. Applicants are chosen based on several criteria including academics, school/community involvement and financial need. Applications are available on line at [www.jimmyranefoundation.org](http://jimmyranefoundation.org/index.php/scholarships). Deadline is February 4, 2016

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**University of South Alabama's USA Day** will be Saturday, February 20, 2016. Interested students can register for this day online via USA's website at: [http://www.southalabama.edu/](http://www.southalabama.edu/orientation/gadreg.html). or call 1-800-872-5247.

**Jacksonville State University Spring Preview Day**s will be on Saturdays, February 27, 2016 and April 2, 2016  for all juniors and seniors and parents. Activities will are from 9:00-12:00 pm. For additional information regarding Preview Day, please call (256)782-5260.

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**ALCARH Scholarship Program**-ALCARH is a non-profit organization in Alabama that serves as an advocate for development, management, financing and ownership of affordable housing.  Their scholarship program strives to enable the state's youth with the best college education in order to better themselves and our great state.  For inquiries about their scholarship program go to their website at <http://www.theaaha.org/scholarships/>

**Auburn University E-Day**will be help on February 26, 2016. You will have a chance to chat one-on-one with our students and faculty, view exciting exhibits that feature hand-on fun, and visit classes and labs, including the recently renovated Wilmore Laboratories. You'll also have a chance to tour the beautiful Auburn campus, and learn more about admissions, financial aid, and residence life. For more information call 334-844-4310, email[engineering@auburn.edu](mailto:engineering@auburn.edu) or check their website out at<http://www.eng.auburn.edu/eday>.

**MARCH 2016**

**IMPORTANT:  Deadline to submit FAFSA application in order to qualify for scholarships at Bevill State and many other colleges and universities**

**is** **March 1st.  Check with your specific school to make sure you do not miss this important deadline.**

**Jacksonville State University**offers In-State and Out-of-State Scholarships. Scholarship Application Deadline is Tuesday, March 1. For more information go to <http://www.jsu.edu/scholarships>

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**APRIL 2016**

**All scholarship award letters should be turned into Mrs. Freeman on or before May 1st.  Letters must be attached to the scholarship offer form.**

**The American College Foundation 2016 - 2017.  5,000 Visionary Scholarship Applications-Deadline April 1st.**Students are now invited to apply for our 2016 - 2017 Visionary Scholarship.  All high school students (grades 9 -12) are eligible to apply.

**CountyOffice.org Scholarship award** Our organization proudly awards a $1,000 scholarship on an semi-annual basis, with submission deadlines on April 30 and September 30 annually. The prompt and deadline for the April 30 application is:*"Describe how one of the local government offices (or type of office) listed on our website has improved your own life and/or the lives of people around you."*Eligibility is open to US citizens 16 years of age and older who are currently enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited institution of higher learning. Details of the award, eligibility and application process can be found at[CountyOffice.org](http://www.countyoffice.org/).

**ShipDig**awards a $1,000 scholarship on an semi-annual basis, with submission deadlines on April 30 and September 30. *"Please submit a 500-1000 word essay about the most interesting item you have ever received in the mail. This can be a letter or postcard, a package or gift, an advertisement, or any other parcel delivered by mail. Explain why this article of mail was so fascinating to you and how it has impacted your life."*Eligibility is open to all students enrolled in accredited academic institutions, and high school seniors who are enrolling upon graduation. Students of all majors and intended majors are welcome to participate. Applicants must be residents of the United states. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age. Students who have previously applied but have not been awarded as finalists are urged to reapply. Awards will be sent directly to the financial aid office of the institution of the finalist’s enrollment. For information on the ShipDig scholarship application go to<http://www.shipdig.com/scholarship/>

**May 2016**

**Kids Chance Scholarship**Kids’ Chance scholarships fund college tuition or technical training to young people whose parent or parents have been permanently disabled or killed on the job. Apply online at<http://alfinc.org/kidschance.cfm> .  Deadline to apply is May 1.

**Inter-Tribal Council of Alabama**is a Workforce Investment Act Program that helps Native Americans with education expenses.  To qualify you must have a Tribal Roll Card, reside in Alabama, have applied and been accepted to a college and have applied for a Pell Grant.  More information is available in the Career Center or on line at <http://www.itcala.org/scholarships.html>

**Sun Trust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes**-Apply on line at [offtocollege.info](http://offtocollege.info/) for a $1,000.00 scholarship plus a $250.00 Sun Trust Gift Card beginning September 14, 2015. It's free to enter and eligibility is not based on GPA or financial need. Drawings will be held and a winner chosen every two weeks through May 13. 2016. Only one entry per person for each drawing, however students can register after each drawing for the next scheduled drawing. No purchase or tranaction necessary to enter or win. For complete details, visit [offtocollege.info](http://offtocollege.info/) or [suntrusteducation.com](http://suntrusteducation.com/)