



Counselor's Update

Logan Elm High School

January 2010

Senior Countdown to Graduation!

- **Check your credits.** If you are deficient in any area, there is still time to schedule a class or request a correspondence course. Don't put it off!!
- **Review for Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)** if still required.
- **Send in college admissions applications.** Selective colleges have deadlines as early as December or January. Early applicants are more likely to be accepted to colleges with rolling admissions.
- **Apply for Financial Aid.** Students can receive financial aid from a variety of sources, but one of the first steps is to **fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as possible after January 1. This form is the basic document for applying for most financial assistance
 - The correct web site for the FAFSA is www.fafsa.ed.gov. Don't be fooled by the site at www.fafsa.com. This is a profit-seeking company that we do **not** recommend!
 - Be sure your name is reported exactly as it appears on your Social Security card.
 - Keep a copy of all forms.

Dates to remember:

- **February 4 –Parent-teacher conferences** from 3 – 6 p.m.; meeting at 6 p.m. for students and parents to explain **Post-Secondary Options program**
- ▣ **February 13 – College Goal Saturday** at Ohio Christian University's Maxwell Center from 1 – 3 p.m. – get free help completing your FAFSA

Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Stipulations	Postmark Deadline
Homeland Credit Union	\$500	Member of dependent of a member of Homeland Credit Union, 2.5 GPA	March 31, 2010
William D. Squires Scholarships www.wmdsquiresfoundation.org	\$3,000 (renewable)	Financial need, clear career goal, high motivation, good character, 3.2 GPA, EFC under \$8,000 (see guidance for clarification)	April 5, 2010
BX (Builders Exchange) Scholarship	Up to \$2,000	Need, academic achievement, community/school activities, quality of application, potential impact of student's field of study on construction industry, essay	Received by Builders Exchange no later than noon on February 26
American Cancer Society's Youth Survivor College Scholarship Opportunity	\$1,000	Must have been diagnosed with cancer before age 21, transcript, three letters of recommendation	February 26, 2010
Downs Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) Scholarship	\$2,000	Individual with Down Syndrome or sibling/close relative of a person with Down Syndrome, specific majors preferred	March 31, 2010
James Kura Memorial Scholarship	Not stated	Essay on "Should the terrorist suspects being tried in New York have the same constitutional rights as American citizens? Why or why not."	February 19, 2010
South Central Power Company (Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Scholarship for children of Consumers	Up to \$2,750 on the state level	3.5 GPA, ACT of 22+,parent/guardian must be member of South Central Power Company, interview	Must be received by South Central by March 6, 2010

Scholarships (continued)

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Jarosi/Willis Memorial Cup Soccer Scholarships	\$1,000	Must have participated in soccer during junior or senior year, 3.0 GPA in a college-prep curriculum, planning to attend a four-year college, essay	April 5, 2010
Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY) Award	\$7,500	Academic performance (35%), athletic excellence (35%), leadership (15%), community service (10%), milk experience (5%) Online applications only www.bodybymilk.com (click on Sammy Scholarship)	March 5, 2010
BP Scholarship granted by the Fluorine Chapter of Iota Sigma Pi	\$1,000	Female science major, interest in chemistry, promise as a future scientist	March 1, 2010
Universal 1 Credit Union	\$1,000 (2 available)	Members of Universal 1 Credit Union (can open small account), essay on personal finance (www.u1cu.org)	March 15, 2010
First Congregational Church Mary Schumacher Awards	\$1,500	Must be female between 15 and 20 who shows Christian devotion to an immediate family member (third party recommendation)	March 8, 2010
Berger Hospital Gift Shop Scholarship	\$1,000	Pursue education in nursing field, essay, two letters of recommendation, transcripts, application, signed copy of Privacy Act form	April 5, 2010
Roundtown Players, Inc., Al Perdion Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Student must be pursuing a degree in the performing arts field, letters of recommendation	April 15, 2010
Logan Elm Athletic Boosters Scholarship	\$500	LE athlete with at least 4 varsity letters, 3.25 GPA, proof of acceptance to college, essay	April 15, 2010
Berger Hospital Gift Shop Scholarship	\$1,000	Pursue education in nursing field, essay, two letters of recommendation, transcripts, application, signed copy of Privacy Act form	April 5, 2010
Ohio Assoc. of Career Colleges & Schools – Legislative Scholarship Program	Varies	Attend one of several career colleges, two letters of recommendation, academic record, and nomination from Ohio Senator or House member.	April 1, 2010
Pickaway County Farm Bureau	\$1,000	Planning to enter farming industry, academics, activities, essay	April 1, 2010
Best Buy Scholarship (requires sign up to BestBuy@15)	\$1,500	Good grades, outstanding community service Apply at www.bestbuy.com/scholarships	February 15, 2010
St. Paul United Methodist Church Scholarship	Not stated	Member of St. Paul UMC or attended Washington Elementary, essay	April 1, 2010
Columbus Italian Club Scholarship	\$1,000	2.25 GPA, Italian descent, essay	March 31, 2010
Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship	Varies	Exceptional volunteer efforts within last year	March 15, 2010
Pickaway Ross Career & Technical Scholarship	\$1,000	Attend a full-time adult education program at Pickaway-Ross	April 1, 2010
Circleville Sunrise Rotary Leo Moats Scholarship	\$1,500	2.5 GPA, transcript, strong community/school involvement, applications must be typed	February 19, 2010

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Shell Oil Company Technical Scholarship	\$2,500	Enroll in specific science/engineering programs at selected universities (OSU included)	February 16, 2010
ADK Beta Gamma Educational Scholarship	\$750	Entering education profession, 3.0 GPA, two references, leadership, character	April 15, 2010
Ohio Newspapers Foundation Minority Journalism Scholarship	\$1,500	Minority student intending to major in print journalism at an Ohio college or university, 2.5 GPA, recommendations	March 31, 2010
William J. Barthelmas AMVETS Post #2256 Scholarship	\$1,000	Transcripts, Privacy Act Form, essay, letters of recommendation	April 1, 2010
William D. Squires Scholarship	\$3,000	Financial need, highly motivated, character, academic promise (3.2 GPA required)	April 5, 2010
Hocking County 4-H Committee Scholarship	\$500	Current member with 5 years experience in 4-H, academics and 4-H experience	March 31, 2010
Matthew W. Acton Memorial Golf Scholarship	Not stated	Personal statement, recommendations, transcript, SAR (must complete FAFSA), golf athlete	April 1, 2010
Hocking County Farm Bureau	\$1,000	Family must be members of Hocking Co. Farm Bureau, essay, resume of achievements and activities	March 1, 2010

**REMEMBER TO ATTEND FAFSA DAY
FEBRUARY 13 from 1 – 3 p.m.
OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY'S MAXWELL LIBRARY
FOR HELP WITH THE FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)**

FYI (For Your Information)

Have you always wanted to **design and play your own video games**? Shawnee State now has a major in game and simulation development. More information is available at www.shawnee.edu.

OSU Museum of Biological Diversity (1315 Kinnear Road) will hold the annual **open house** on Saturday, February 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking and admission are **free**. Fossils, displays and activities for children will be available.

The **Art Institute of Ohio-Cincinnati** now offers **Bachelor's Degree programs** in several areas, including Fashion Marketing & Management, Culinary Management, Digital Film & Video Production, and Interior Design. Visit them at www.artinstitutes.edu/cincinnati for more information.

Seniors planning to attend **any** college should **watch deadline dates for scholarships and financial aid** eligibility. Check with the financial aid or admissions offices of your prospective college if you are not sure of the deadlines.

Do you enjoy boating? Woodworking? The Great Lakes Boat Building School may be the place for you. Earn an associate degree in wooden boat building. Find out more at www.greatlakesboatbuilding.org

Several colleges have **early deadlines for filing the FAFSA** to be considered for financial aid. Be sure to check the college you plan to attend.

Students interested in the **District Scholar** forms for **Hocking College** can now download them from the website. Go to www.hocking.edu and click on admissions-cost & financial aid-scholarships. Copies are also available in the guidance office.

OSU is offering a **summer program for advanced high school science students**. Mechanisms of Human Health and Disease will be offered biweekly from June 21 – July 26. The class is designed for upcoming seniors. Applications are available in the guidance office. They are due to OSU by March 5.

Youngstown State offers an EARLY program which gives students priority for registering for fall courses. Students must apply for admission to YSU by February 15 to participate in the March program.

DeVry University announces the **Columbus Achievement Scholarship, valued at up to \$30,000**. Students must enroll in a bachelor's degree program within DeVry's **College of Engineering and Information Sciences** and have a minimum 28 ACT score.

Kent State University now offers a **Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health**. Their College of Public Health is the second in the state of Ohio and one of only 40 in the United States. Visit www.kent.edu/academics/publichealth for details on requirements and opportunities.

Carnegie Mellon's pre-College Programs will be held June 26 – August 6, 2010. Programs include Fine Arts (architecture, art, design, drama, music) and the National High School Game Academy. Go to www.cmu.edu/enrollment/pre-college for details.

Muskingum University may help **students with learning disabilities or AD/HD** be successful through their PLUS program. This program goes beyond minimum federal requirements for students with special needs. For an application, more information, or to visit the University, contact the PLUS Program at 740-826-8280 or jlapp@muskingum.edu.

Nationwide Children's Hospital offers **programs for all ages**. Students might be interested in Basic Babysitter Training, Babysitting Children with Disabilities, Injury Prevention Programs for Youth, COSI Academy, and Student Shadowing. Go to www.nationwidechildrens.org and click on *our services, education classes, courses for kids*.

Financial Aid Information Resources

To give you a better understanding of terms, some of the types of aid are defined below:

- Scholarships - do not require repayment--generally awarded for exceptional ability or talent.
- Grants - awarded from the federal or state government or the institution. Do not have to be repaid--based on financial need.
- Student or parent loans - have to be paid back with interest. Lower interest rates are available to those who qualify. Payments **might** be deferred until student is out of school (depending on income).
- Work-study programs – colleges pay students a wage for part-time employment (generally on campus).

Be sure to utilize the financial aid office of your college of choice. They can provide information on their institutional programs and deadlines.

Funding Education beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid (request booklet)
http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html or 1-800-4-FED-AID

*Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Complete online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Personal Identification Number (PIN) for FAFSA
www.pin.ed.gov

*Keep a completed copy of the FAFSA for your records (including your PIN number). You will need the following information to complete the FAFSA: social security number, 2009 W2 and/or tax return (student and parents), driver's license and current bank statements. In some circumstances, additional financial information may be required.

Notable Quote:

You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him. Leo Aikman