



HCC Counseling News

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The HCC *Counseling News* is published approximately every three to four months. Copies are available in the Counseling Center or may be downloaded from the district's website at www.raytownschools.org. Click on "SCHOOLS" at the top of page and then "ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS" under "HERNDON CAREER CENTER", you will need click on "PARENTS AND STUDENTS". The newsletter is located under "COUNSELING AND PLACEMENT". **The HCC Counseling News and Guidance Webpage provide information related to upcoming events, opportunities, and scholarships.**

Important Transcript Release Information All students should be filling out an application for their top three schools of choice before the end of November their senior year. All schools, the NCAA Clearinghouse, and most scholarships **require** an official transcript to be sent to them. You must fill out a transcript release form from your **sending school's registrar**, before your official transcript can be submitted. You may not hand carry an official transcript yourself. When you are applying for scholarships, schools, or the NCAA, please remember to fill out this transcript request so that you don't slow down your school, scholarship, or NCAA plans.

Computer Usage in the Counseling Center If you are unable to fill out college applications on the Internet at home you may use the HCC Counseling Center's computer to fill out your application.

SISK12 Grades are important! Make sure you check your grades and attendance regularly. Students and parents can check grades by going to <http://www.raytownschools.org/home> then click on SISK12 located in the middle of the page, then parents or students tab, your user name and password. If you are having trouble accessing SISK12 you can contact the Technology Helpdesk at 816-268-7120.

Attendance Policy Attendance and participation are part of a successful learning experience at HCC, so students who miss more than (6) days of school per semester, either excused or not, will be issued an academic penalty in the form of a grade reduction. Students missing 7 days will lose 2%, 8 days = 4%, 9 days = 8%, 10 days = 16%, and 11 absences or more will equal a 30% grade reduction.

Visit with **College Representatives** at your sending school during the school day. Throughout the school year representatives from colleges and universities will visit the school to meet with interested students. A list of scheduled times/dates for school visits is posted in the Counseling Center. You must sign-up in advance to meet with the representatives and a pass will be sent to you the day before the visit or in some cases the morning of the visit.

Progress towards graduation: Student **MUST** have **all** of their required credits at the end of their senior year to graduate. Please check with your sending school counselor to confirm your credit status.

COLLEGE & CAREER TESTING

ACCUPLACER—Students planning on attending one of the Metropolitan Community Colleges must take the ACT or ACCUPLACER test. The ACCUPLACER is given on the community colleges' campus Monday through Friday. It is free of charge. Please call the community college of your choice to make an appointment to take the ACCUPLACER. Your score on the ACCUPLACER impacts your placement in math and English classes at the college. Before testing, you must first complete an online application at <http://mcckc.edu/apply-now/>. Sample questions <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>.

FREE ACT/NCAA/APPLICATION FEES: Students participating in the free/reduced lunch program may receive two free ACT tests, free NCAA Clearinghouse registration, and application fee waivers to colleges/universities. Contact your sending school counselor if you would like to register for the ACT, NCAA, or apply to the college of your choice.

ACT: All juniors/seniors are encouraged to take the ACT, especially if you are planning on attending college or vocational training. The registration deadline for the September and October test has passed. Tests remaining for the year are February 11th, April 8th, and June 10th. The deadline for the February 11th test is January 13, 2017. Late fee registration is January 14, 2017—January 20, 2017. Register online at www.actstudent.org/start. Check the ACT website for the college of your choice to see if the writing assessment is required. If it is not

required you do not have to take the writing assessment. If you choose to take the writing assessment it does not count against your ACT score.

ATHLETES

NCAA Eligibility: If you plan on playing a sport in college you must sign up with the NCAA Clearinghouse. You may enroll online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. The cost to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse is \$75.00. Students who participate in the free and reduced lunch program at your school and take the ACT for free may also obtain this registration for free. Students who signed up and took the ACT for free must go onto the NCAA website, register, give me their ID, so that I may go into the website and agree to a waiver. After 2-3 days, the student may go back in and complete the registration with the approved fee waiver.

NAIA Eligibility: You may enroll online for the NAIA Clearinghouse at www.PlayNAIA.org.

OPPORTUNITIES

MCC-Longview: Join Us For Automotive Days! Automotive Days are a career-specific campus experienced geared around Automotive Technology. During your visit, you will meet with admissions, meet faculty from the Automotive Technology department and tour their “state-of-the-art” facility. This is the best way to get in-depth information about their program while becoming familiar with their campus. Choose which day and time works best and RSVP online at <http://mcckc.edu/visitlv> or call 816.604.2433.

- *Wednesday, Feb. 22 @ 3 p.m.*
- *Wednesday, Mar. 29 @ 6 p.m.*
- *Wednesday, April 19 @ 6 p.m.*

Andy’s Frozen Custard is Now Hiring in Westport, Lee’s Summit, and Blue Springs. Positions available: Shift Supervisors \$12-14/hr and Store Associates \$10+/hr. Apply online at <http://www.eatandys.com/careers>.

Herndon Career Center (HCC) School of Cosmetology will be offering a full range of hair and spa services *starting October 25, 2016 from 11:30am to 4:00pm*, last appointment at 2:30pm. Call (816) 268-7155 to schedule an appointment. All work is performed by students under the supervision and instruction of Mrs. Migletz (program instructor).

FAFSA® Changes for 2017–18

On Sept. 14, 2015, the Federal Government announced significant changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) process that will impact millions of students. Starting with the 2017–18 application cycle, the following changes will be put in place:

- Students will be able to submit a FAFSA® earlier. Students will be able to file a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule. The FAFSA became available January 1 as in previous years.)
- Students will use earlier income information. Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information.

Link for more information: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/fafsa-changes>

Herndon Career Center Career Night – We are hosting our annual *Career Night on Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.* Please get the word out by encouraging students from your sending school to attend our Career Night on this date. Students interested in learning career knowledge and skills, potentially earning dual or articulated credit, and networking with industry leaders as well as exploring the opportunities that exist at HCC are encouraged to attend.

State Tech Junior Preview Day on Friday, March 3, 2017. Campus visits make a significant impact on students as they prepare to make college decisions. The earlier students can start this process, the better! Students will be able to tour campus, enjoy a free lunch, and learn more about State Tech programs and opportunities. They will also be giving away a State Tech tuition waiver to one lucky student. Encourage your juniors to attend and get a jumpstart on the admissions process. Space is limited; have your students RSVP early! Deadline to RSVP is *February 24, 2017*. Visit www.statetechmo.edu to access an event flyer and the online sign up form.

KCMO First Source Program Hiring Application Process for Job Seekers – The Full Employment Council (FEC), in partnership with the City of Kansas City, MO, works with contractors and unions through the **First Source Hiring Program** to employ individuals into the construction field. The goal of the program is to provide a pool of qualified job candidates through a non-exclusive referral system. For more information regarding this opportunity go to the **First Source Hiring Program** link found at www.feckc.org.

Real-World Career Experiences: Exploring! Exploring is a program designed to help you make more informed decisions about future careers and determine if a particular career is the right one for you. Exploring leaders volunteer their time to provide real-world career experiences for you. Exploring is not about lectures and slide shows—it's about gaining practical experience in a career field. The result is a program that helps you pursue special interests, grow, and develop. Kansas City area exploring programs include: *Fire & Emergency Services, Arts & Communication, Public Service, Business & Law, Learning for Life, Law Enforcement, Health & Medicine, and Engineering & Technology*. Register online today at ExploringKC.org or by calling (816) 942-9333.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm Scholarships and Financial Aid for Health Care Careers.
- <http://www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm> Free scholarship search services.
- www.meritaid.com - Helps match students with merit-based scholarships from colleges across the country.
- www.avscholars.com - Scholarship and career search for the careers in aviation, aerospace, & space exploration after creating your own account.
- www.blackexcel.org - The College help network for African American and other minority students. Since it's founding in 1988, BLACK EXCEL has helped young people and their parents all across the country to navigate the difficult college admission process. We have tried to make the way easy and accessible. As a result, we are happy to say that we have helped hundreds of African Americans get into college who might otherwise not have done so.
- www.doi.gov - The American Indian College Fund raises money for 34 tribal colleges in USA and is a government site with links to Higher Education Scholarships through the Office of Indian Education Programs. See also www.collegefund.org.
- www.collegeanswer.com - A Sallie Mae site with thousands of private scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, internships and fellowships.
- www.collegeboard.com - This site provides scholarship, college and SAT Test information, from both student and parent perspective.
- www.petersons.com - Prepare for your test, find the right school, explore financial aid, and advance your career. Find the tab for Pay for College.
- www.finaid.org - Financial Aid - The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid. Here you will find information on scholarships, loans, savings, Military Aid, other types of aid, financial aid applications, answering your questions, calculators and beyond financial aid.
- www.hsf.net - "The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is the nation's leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education. HSF was founded in 1975 with a vision of strengthening the country by advancing college education among Hispanic Americans-the largest minority segment of the U.S. population. In support of its mission to double the rate of Hispanics earning college degrees, HSF provides the Latino community with more college scholarships and educational outreach support than any other organization in the country."
- www.mappingyourfuture.org - Lists some Web services used to provide information about scholarships. Information is provided for a range of student populations, including middle school and high school through graduate school. You will also find helpful scholarship tips. This site was set up by a group of guarantee agencies and provides general college and career information.
- www.uncf.org - United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is the nations' largest, oldest, most successful and most comprehensive minority higher education assistance organization.
- www.gkccf.org - Mission Statement "To improve the quality of life in Greater Kansas City by increasing charitable giving, connecting donors to community needs they care about, and providing leadership on critical community issues." You can search for financial assistance, including scholarships on their site.
- www.studentscholarships.org - Matching service (available immediately after Free Registration) that searches their database for everything that matches student's profile. This includes information from 7 different Areas of Interest: Foundations that Provide Financial Aid, Scholarships, Videos, Academic Programs, Careers and Salary, Courses, and Universities.
- <http://Fafsa.ed.gov> - Free application for federal student aid Federal Student Aid Information

Center 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) This is a toll-free number.

- www.aahd.us - American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) Scholarship Program provides scholarships for people with disabilities.
- www.matchcollege.com - Free college search and information site, providing information on admissions, financial aid, tuition and more on over 6,000 colleges and universities nationwide.
- www.salliemae.com - SallieMae, the nation's leading provider of student loans.
- www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm - High school seniors are eligible to apply. Applicants need *not* be related to a member of the Elks.
- www.mcsf.org - Marine Corps scholarships.
- <http://apiasf.org> – Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Foundation
- www.gocollege.com - Resources to guide students on how to finance and succeed in college.
- <http://actstudent.org/college/index.html> - ACT's College Planning

Scholarship Information (Current Seniors)

Kelly Lynn Lutz Scholarship—True to Kelly's dedicated spirit, the KLL Scholarship Foundation was established to help young adults achieve a college education. Each year the KLL Foundation will seek out eligible candidates to offer financial and emotional support as they pursue their dreams in the aftermath of cancer. Qualifications: To qualify, the recipient needs to meet the following criteria: (1) Lost the life of at least one parent (biological or non) to cancer before the age of 22, (2) Be a US citizen, (3) Attend a 2- or 4-year (minimum) higher education establishment, (4) Have an interest in education, arts, environment, math, or science, (5) Show service involvement in the community, church, school, or other non-curricular activity, (6) Indicate financial need, (7) Submit the completed application, including personal essay and reference. Dispersion: The scholarship will be a \$2,000 gift, renewable for up to a total of four years (\$8,000 total maximum), and awarded annually. For renewal, the receiver will be responsible to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale. Applications are available at: www.kllscholarshipfund.com. *Due: January 10*

Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMSP), funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline are of interest. At that time the Program will accomplish the objective of selecting 20,000 students as Gates Millennium Scholars. The Scholars selected will benefit from the Program's resources through 2028. We encourage you to continue to explore scholarship resources by visiting the following websites: UNCF-United Negro College Fund- www.uncf.org, American Indian Graduate Center Scholars- www.aigcs.org, Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund – www.apiasf.org, Hispanic Scholarship Fund – www.hsf.net, Fast Web- www.fastweb.com, Scholarships.com- www.scholarships.com, The information at these sites may give you (additional or alternate) scholarship options and resources to support your academic goals.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Scholarship: The National MS Society's scholarship program helps highly qualified students who have been diagnosed with MS or who have a parent with MS achieve their dreams of going to college. The program has grown since its inception in 2003 — when 36 scholarships were awarded for a total of \$68,000 — to over \$1 million awarded to 815 scholars in 2016. Nearly all scholarships are a one-time \$1,000 award. Go to www.nationalMSSociety.org/scholarship. *The anticipated deadline to submit your online application is January 18, 2017. Please check back in October for updates.*

2016-17 ESA Foundation Scholarships—The Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) International is a philanthropic service organization that awards numerous scholarships annually. To view the scholarships that are available, please select "MISSOURI" from the drop down list located at: <http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants>. The ESA Foundation awards numerous scholarships annually, you do not have to be an ESA member to apply for a scholarship, and our application process is online. The application deadline for 2017-18 academic year scholarships is February 1, 2017.

Kansas City Legal Secretary's Association 2017 Scholarship—Applications are available online at <http://www.kclsa.net/scholarship.php> and must be postmarked no later than *February 1, 2017*.

The National Federation of the Blind of Missouri announces their 2017 Scholarship Program. They will be accepting applications from November 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017. They invite all qualified candidates to apply. Applicants must be legally blind and plan to enroll in a post-secondary school for the fall of 2017. Applicants should live in Missouri but need not be a member of the National Federation of the Blind. Scholarships begin at

\$500 and are based on merit. They recommend all materials be submitted via email no later than February 1st, 2017. An application can be downloaded from our webpage at www.nfbmo.org or obtained through email.

Bess Wallace Truman Scholarship—In keeping with this memory, the women in the Junior Service League of Independence are proud to sponsor this scholarship for young women high school graduates of this community. Margaret Truman Daniel enthusiastically supported the Junior Service League of Independence's desire to remember her mother with this special scholarship. A renewable \$2,000 scholarship(s) has been awarded annually since the year 2002. *Deadline to apply is February 13.* Link to application: <http://www.thcf.org/grants-scholarships/scholarship-funds/high-school-scholarships/bess-wallace-truman-scholarship/>

Fifteenth Annual National CO-OP Scholarship Program—The National Commission for Cooperative Education, on behalf of ten NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities, is pleased to announce and sponsor its Seventh Annual National Co-op Scholarship Program. As the largest independently sponsored merit co-op scholarship program in the United States, the National Commission will award several scholarships each year. These merit co-op scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and college transfer students who plan to participate in college cooperative education at one of their Partner Colleges and Universities. Applications and a complete listing of participating schools can be found on-line by visiting the NCCE website at www.co-op.edu. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications and essay is *February 15, 2017*. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc.—The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation strongly supported nationally by volunteers. Their mission is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships for higher education to deserving sons and daughters of Marines and children of former Marines, with particular attention being given to children whose parent was killed or wounded in action. Applications are available online at <http://www.mcsf.org/> and must be postmarked on or before *March 1, 2017*.

Project 21 2017 Scholarship—The Missouri Gaming Association is announcing the Project 21 Scholarship Program. This will be the twenty-first year the scholarship campaign is conducted in Missouri. The goal of this scholarship program is to not only inform our youth that it is not permissible in Missouri for persons under the age of 21 to gamble in a casino, but to also educate them about the dangers and consequences associated with underage gambling. Project 21 2017 Scholarship Program provides students an opportunity to disseminate their message by writing an article or creating a poster or video addressing the issue of underage gambling. Project 21 Scholarships will be awarded for 2017 as follows: Two \$1,500.00 First Prizes, and Four \$1,000.00 Second Prizes. The article, poster or video entry, completed application and other required documentation outlined above must be received by the Missouri Gaming Association, Attn: Mike Winter, 109A East High St., P.O. Box 305, Jefferson City, MO 65102 by *MARCH 1, 2017*. Applications are available online at: <http://www.missouricasinos.org/>

Kansas City Associated Equipment Distributors Scholarship—In an effort to increase interest in the areas of Heavy Equipment Repair and Diesel Mechanics as a career, the Kansas City Associated Equipment Distributors (KCAED), has developed a scholarship for students with interest in pursuing a post-secondary education in either of these fields. Four \$1000 Scholarships to students pursuing a certificate or associates degree in Diesel Mechanics or Heavy Equipment Repair. The recipients are chosen based on their interest in entering these fields with a g.p.a. of 2.5 or GED of 260. Selection is based on the individual's general aptitude and personal traits that are conducive to success in these fields of study. To remain eligible, the recipient must be enrolled full-time starting the fall semester. To be considered, applicants must have the complete application packet *postmarked* by the scholarship application deadline of *March 1, 2017*. Applications are available in the Counseling Center.

Blue Springs School of Economics—will be awarding two \$500.00 scholarships again this year. One will be awarded to a graduating senior from the Blue Springs School District and one to a graduating senior who was home or private schooled, or who attended a public school outside of Blue Springs R-IV School District. Any student who attended the Blue Springs School of Economics on a field trip during their elementary/middle school years may apply for the scholarship. Applications are available from the Counseling Center. Information is also available on their website at: <http://schoolofecon.org/>. Applications must be received at the School of Economics by 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday in March or postmarked no later than March 3, 2017.

Since 1998, the **SME Education Foundation** has provided over millions of dollars in financial aid through its various scholarship programs. The Foundation awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors, current undergraduates and masters or doctoral degree students pursuing degrees in manufacturing and related fields at two-year and four-year colleges. Applications can be obtained online at www.sme.org/foundation. *In order to apply for scholarships, students must first register with the SME Education Foundation. The application process is open from November to February. Registered students are notified via email when application opens in November.*

WACE Scholarship Program: To qualify for this scholarship, students must: (1) Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. (2) Apply and be accepted for the 2013-2014 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutions listed. Go to www.waceinc.org & click "Co-op Scholarship Program" for more information. ***THE APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR EACH INSTITUTION ARE DIFFERENT INCLUDING SOME WITH 2016 EARLY APPLICANT DEADLINES VISIT SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERS PAGE.***

Robert V. Pirrie Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500.00 non-renewable)—The purpose of this award is to encourage students going to college to major in land surveying or a land surveying related field. Deadline for 2017 Scholarship application is March 31, 2017. Applications are available online at www.missourisurveyor.org.

2017 SuretyBonds.com Scholarship—Through their Small Business Success Student Scholarship program, SuretyBonds.com hopes to hear all about the small business experiences young entrepreneurs across the nation have gained, whether personally or from observing family members working to make a way for themselves. Three deserving individuals will win a \$1500 scholarship to use toward furthering their education at the college and university of their choice. You can see their online scholarship program here: <http://www.suretybonds.com/scholarships>. All entries must be received no later than *March 31, 2017* to be eligible for the contest.

The **Greater Kansas City School Association of School Librarians** will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to students who plan to become teachers. Any *graduating senior* is eligible. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and intend to enroll in college to earn a degree in education. Access the application on the GKCASL web site at <http://www.gkcasl.org>. Read the application directions carefully. The application plus supporting documents must be emailed *by midnight, Sunday, April 2, 2017*.

Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship - two awards of \$500 are given annually in memory of the first Missourian to serve as National Commander of The American Legion. Eligible are individuals who are currently members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion, or a descendant of a member of any thereof. Applicants must be unmarried and under the age of 21, and must use the scholarship as a full-time student in an accredited college or university and a resident of Missouri. Pick up information in the Counseling Center or on the web at http://www.missourilegion.org/molegion_019.htm. Deadline: Completed application should be mailed no later than *April 20, 2017*.

Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship - two \$500 awards are given annually to a student planning on obtaining a degree in education, in honor of this Past National Executive Committeeman from Missouri. To be eligible, individuals must: (1) be a descendent of a veteran who served 90 or more days of active duty in the armed forces and having an honorable discharge; (2) be a Missouri resident; (3) consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college/university; (4) must be planning a major in education, attach high school counselors statement and SAT/ACT scores. A full time student enrolled in an accredited college/university; and (5) scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school. Pick up information in the Counseling Center or on the web at http://www.missourilegion.org/molegion_019.htm. Deadline: Completed application should be mailed no later than *April 20, 2017*.

Joseph J. Frank Scholarship - five awards of \$500 are given annually to individuals who are descendants of a veteran. Applicant must have attended a full session of The American Legion Boys State or The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. Applicants must be unmarried, under the age of 21, a current resident of the state of Missouri and must use the scholarship as a full time student in an accredited college or university. Pick up information in the Counseling Center or on the web at http://www.missourilegion.org/molegion_019.htm. Deadline: Completed application should be mailed no later than *April 20, 2017*.

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship Fund - two awards of \$1,000 each are given each year. One is awarded to a boy who has attended a full session of The American Legion Boys State of Missouri or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy. The second award is given to a girl who has attended a full session of The American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy. Pick up information in the Counseling Center or on the web at http://www.missourilegion.org/molegion_019.htm. Deadline: Completed application should be mailed no later than *April 20, 2017*.

M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Fund - Currently one \$750 award is given for two successive semesters, and may, by application, be extended for two additional successive semesters. This award

is available to a Missouri boy or girl to be a Registered Nurse, and may be used in their freshman or subsequent college years. The student must have graduated in the top forty percent of their high school class or have a "C" or equivalent standing from their last college or university semester. Scholarships are awarded for one year, payable \$375 per semester. Pick up information in the Counseling Center or on the web at http://www.missourilegion.org/molegion_019.htm. Deadline: Completed application should be mailed no later than *April 20, 2017*.

William Basev Memorial Scholarship - a minimum of one \$500.00 Scholarship will be awarded annually to an eligible student who is planning to attend a vocational college, technical college, community college or university in the State of Missouri. The Scholarship Committee of The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Missouri will determine the recipient of the scholarship. Pick up information in the Counseling Center or on the web at http://www.missourilegion.org/molegion_019.htm. Deadline: Completed application should be mailed no later than *April 20, 2017*.

Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship - one \$500 award will be awarded, annually. (1) Each school in the State of Missouri may nominate one student to be considered for the award. (2) The nominee will be selected on athletic, scholastic and leadership abilities. The nominee should be deeply involved in community and school activities. (4) Must use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university. Pick up information in the Counseling Center or on the web at http://www.missourilegion.org/molegion_019.htm. Deadline: Completed application should be mailed no later than *April 20, 2017*.

Midwest Trauma Society (EMS Scholarship)—In keeping with their mission of promoting trauma education, Midwest Trauma Society is proud to make available scholarships to assist individuals in meeting their educational goals in emergency medical services. Midwest Trauma Society recognizes and supports the important role of EMT's, Advanced EMT's and Paramedics as part of the patient care team, providing supportive care and life saving interventions in the pre-hospital setting. Scholarships are awarded on a semi-annual basis. Submission deadlines are November 30th and April 30th with funds being dispersed to the recipient or school by January 30th and June 30th. The funds will be sent directly to the school for tuition costs. The individual recipient may be reimbursed, with submission of receipts, for uniform pants, boots, and stethoscope as required to complete class and clinical requirements. Each award period we will award up to \$2000 in funds. Link: <http://www.midwesttraumasociety.org/ems-scholarship.html>

B. Davis Scholarship—The creators of the "Student Award Search Aid" website are renewing the scholarship for 2017. Please visit their website at <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to read about this opportunity and to apply for their scholarship. Amount of Scholarship: \$1,000. The deadline for applications is *May 22, 2017*.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program - Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to be able to continue with their annual scholarship program. They will be awarding up to \$1,000 to the winner(s) each year. Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of their site: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. Full details are available on their website. *Deadline: June 12, 2017*.

The Harley Wyatt Memorial Scholarship Program 2017—Participants who successfully completed The American Legion Missouri Boys State program in its entirety and finished in good standing are eligible to apply for a variety of scholarships to a number of colleges and universities throughout the State of Missouri. A complete list of scholarships and participating universities is available online at http://www.moboysstate.org/basics/collegecredit_scholarships/. The application **MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 11:59 P.M., JUNE 17, 2017** to be considered.

BigSun Scholarship—The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual \$500 scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. Their participation may be in any capacity, whether as a player, coach or official. The application deadline is: *June 19, 2017*. Please visit their website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply.

Nursing Scholarship—The Nursing Schools Almanac has just launched its third annual Aspiring Nurse Scholarship. Their website will award a \$1,000 scholarship to an aspiring nurse who best demonstrates: (1) A track record of academic excellence, particularly in science and mathematics, and (2) 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, 2017*. Interested students may visit www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com and click the banner on the right-hand side of the website's homepage. Here you will find detailed scholarship information and the official application form.

Need A Lift?—Scholarship book is available for scholarships, grants, and loans for veteran's dependents. It is also available online at: <http://www.legion.org/scholarships>

2017 Student View Scholarship Program—The 2017 Student-View Scholarship Program is offering \$10,500 worth of scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college, community/junior college or career school. The program includes: one \$4,000 scholarship, two \$1,000 scholarship, and nine \$500 scholarships. Applicants are required to log on to www.student-view.com and complete a 15-20 minute application survey about college in your area. The scholarship will be award via random drawing of all completed applications.

Navy's Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship – Selected applicants for the NROTC Scholarship Program are awarded scholarships through a highly competitive national selection process, and receive full tuition, books stipend, educational fees and other financial benefits at many of the country's leading colleges and universities. Upon graduation, midshipmen are commissioned as officers in the unrestricted line Naval Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve. Refer to the NROTC website <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/apply.html> for further information about this scholarship.

Army's Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship – If you're interested in attending college while learning what it takes to become an Army Officer, ROTC may be right for you. In addition to teaching you valuable leadership skills, military training, and discipline, ROTC can also provide you with money for tuition and other expenses through scholarships. Refer to the Army ROTC website <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html> for further information about this scholarship.

Air Force's Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship – Air Force ROTC is a college program offered at more than 1,100 campuses across the country. It prepares young men and women to become leaders in the Air Force, but it's also much more. You'll grow mentally and physically as you acquire strong leadership skills that will benefit you as an Air Force Officer and in life. It's also a great opportunity to pay for school through scholarships. You'll develop lifelong friendships and have unique experiences. Plus unlike many college students, you'll have a position waiting for you after graduation at one of the world's top high-tech organizations—the U.S. Air Force. Refer to the Air Force ROTC website <https://www.afrotc.com/> for further information about this scholarship.

GET EDUcated! EDU, Inc. Common Black College Application, Apply to all 46 Member Institutions with 1 application for \$35.00 online at www.eduinonline.com.

The Source (2016-2017)—Missouri Department of Higher Education's (MDHE's) guide to grants, scholarships, loans, and more. Information is available online at www.dhe.mo.gov.

The **Greater Kansas City Community Foundation** mission is to improve the quality of life in Greater Kansas City by increasing charitable giving, educating and connecting donors to community needs they care about, and leading on critical community issues. They have a number of scholarship opportunities for students. You will need to search through the website to find the scholarships you are eligible for. Go to www.gkccf.org/scholarships. Due dates vary.

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE is a service of the College Board. Colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools and scholarship programs use the information collected on the PROFILE to help them award private grant and scholarship funds. The PROFILE Application is personalized for you based on the information you give when you register for the service. In addition, you can include explanations about special circumstances on the application so the colleges and programs reviewing your information can make their decisions know as much as possible about your family. Before you begin your PROFILE Application, you will need to register for your personalized application accessible through <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp>. You may file the PROFILE as early as Oct. 1, 2016. However, you should file no later than two weeks before the EARLIEST priority filing date specified by your colleges or programs.

Park University (Park A+ Recognition Scholarship)—Criteria: student must have a 3.25 OR a 21 on the ACT to be eligible for the \$3,000 scholarship that is renewable for FOUR years. Link: <http://www.park.edu/admissions/parkville/scholarships.html>

Missouri Department of Higher Education's (MDHE's) website provides information about grants, scholarships, loans, and more. Information is available online at www.dhe.mo.gov.

Metropolitan Community Colleges (Longview, Blue River, Business and Technology, Maple Woods)—have many scholarships to give away. Go to www.mccckc.edu/scholarships to view the current scholarships for MCC. First consideration is given to applications received on or before April 1.

Truman Heartland Community Foundation's 2016-17 scholarship applications and guides have been posted to their website – www.thcf.org.

Sources of Other College Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

There are a number of fantastic opportunities to help pay for your college education. Below are a few of the sources of scholarships and financial aid that you can pursue.

- Check with the financial aid office of any college or university that you are interested in to see what scholarships and financial aid is available.
- Look for scholarships being offered in your local community by organizations such as the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Women's Club, 4-H, scouts, religious groups, etc.
- Look for regional, state, and national scholarships on websites such as www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, and <http://scholarshipamerica.org/>.
- Get good financial aid information and advice from websites such as <http://www.finaid.org>
- Learn about governmental grants and loans at sites such as <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>
- These are just a few of the great websites that have information about college scholarships and financial aid.
- However, beware of scholarship scams! You should never have to pay to get information about available scholarships. See <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml> for advice on avoiding scholarship scams.

Money for post-secondary education can come from a variety of sources. The majority of the money students receive for college will come directly from the college or university they are planning to attend. It is important that students and their families contact the financial aid/scholarship office at the school(s) that they are considering for more information on the opportunities that are available at that institution. HCC receives scholarship information periodically and will make every effort to include the information in the newsletter in a timely manner. The HCC Counseling News is by no means the only source of information available for scholarship information. You are encouraged to use a variety of sources including scholarship search websites, college endowments, corporations, non-profits, government agencies, and local scholarships from your sending school. Please think twice before paying for a scholarship search service, as there are a number of scams that exist.

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