

# NOVEMBER SENIOR NEWSLETTER

## **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

- ✓ Keep sending in those college applications. Do not procrastinate!
- ✓ Go online and submit your applications.
- ✓ Your transcript will need to be sent to each college you apply to. Inform Mrs. DeVisser (vdevisser@plymouthchristian.us) where you need your transcript sent.
- ✓ Some applications require recommendations from a teacher, principal or counselor.
- ✓ Apply to a number of colleges and make your final decision later.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

- ✓ FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). All students intending to go to college should submit the application beginning October 1. Michigan has an application deadline of March 1. Apply as soon as possible at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). The application is now available!

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- ✓ American Legion Scholarship ~ [michiganlegion.org/scholarships](http://michiganlegion.org/scholarships) ~ Deadlines vary depending on the scholarship.
- ✓ College Board Opportunity Scholarship ~ [opportunity.collegeboard.org](http://opportunity.collegeboard.org) ~ November 30
- ✓ Equitable Excellence Scholarship ~ [equitable.com](http://equitable.com) ~ Deadline: December 15
- ✓ FASTWEB.COM ~ This website is highly recommended by various college representatives for finding scholarships, grants and loans to fund your college education.
- ✓ Hugh & Eve Meeter Calvinism Award ~ [calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meter-center/fellowships-scholarships/high-school-seniors/](http://calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meter-center/fellowships-scholarships/high-school-seniors/) ~ Deadline: February 3
- ✓ GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship program ~ [reaganfoundation.org/scholarships](http://reaganfoundation.org/scholarships) ~ Deadline: January 3.
- ✓ Grand Rapids Promise Zone Scholarship ~ available to students who live in Grand Rapids, have attended Plymouth since 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and who graduate from Plymouth. This scholarship is only available at GRCC. Students must complete the FAFSA before receiving this scholarship ~ [grpromisezone.com](http://grpromisezone.com)
- ✓ Lands' End Starboard Scholarship ~ [www.landsend.com/starboard-scholarship/](http://www.landsend.com/starboard-scholarship/) ~ Deadline: December 15
- ✓ Lake Michigan Credit Union ~ [lmcu.org/hutt](http://lmcu.org/hutt) ~ Deadline: January 31
- ✓ Raise.me ~ Getting scholarships from colleges for your achievements in high school.
- ✓ SAE Engineering Scholarships ~ [sae.org](http://sae.org) ~ Deadline: March 15
- ✓ STUDENTSCHOLARSHIPS.ORG ~ This website is known for its "largest collection of scholarships on the web".
- ✓ University Club of Grand Rapids ~ [universityclubgr.com](http://universityclubgr.com) ~ Deadline: February 2
- ✓ Prospective Teachers: For students who are baptized or professing members of First Netherlands Reformed Congregation (Beckwith), specific funds are allocated to assist students who are going into the field of education. See Mrs. DeVisser for details.
- ✓ Check with individual colleges for specific scholarships they hand out.

## **COLLEGE INFORMATION**

- ✓ VISIT COLLEGES – Examine the place you are going! This is by far the best way to see what each college offers. Don't forget to fill out a prearranged absence prior to you visit.
- ✓ DAVENPORT – meet with an admissions rep or tour the campus in one of the following 3 ways:
  - Virtual 1:1 Appointments: complete this form to be contacted at a time convenient for you. <https://forms.gle/qtW1dEWQhjtrf5r49>
  - Saturday appointments on-campus
  - Walk-n-talk Tours for small groups on Tuesdays and Fridays. Sign up at <https://www.davenport.edu/admissions-aid/visit>
- ✓ GRCC – NO application fee.
- ✓ GVSU – the application deadline date for Grand Valley is December 31, 2019. This is still the same as in the past, but now Grand Valley has extended their scholarship deadline to July 31. This means you can still submit a revised transcript after 1<sup>st</sup> semester if your cumulative GPA increased enough to make you eligible for a higher scholarship. Or, if you take or retake the SAT or ACT and score higher than a previous test, you could become eligible for a larger scholarship.
- ✓ The Common Application – The Common Application simplifies the college admission process by saving time and eliminating duplication of effort. Once completed online or in print, copies may be sent to any of over 600 participating colleges and universities that accept The Common Application. Go to [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org).

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Links for additional information:

[https://www.fastweb.com/nfs/fastweb/static/PDFs/bulletins/College%20Choice%20Guide\\_2014.pdf](https://www.fastweb.com/nfs/fastweb/static/PDFs/bulletins/College%20Choice%20Guide_2014.pdf)

<https://www.fastweb.com/nfs/fastweb/static/PDFs/bulletins/Quick-Guide-to-Financial-Aid-2016.pdf>