

DECEMBER 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 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- ✓ America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders ~ ffa.org/scholarships ~ Deadline: January 14
- ✓ American Legion Scholarship ~ michiganlegion.org/scholarships ~ Deadlines vary depending on the scholarship.
- ✓ DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) ~ www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships ~ A variety of scholarships are available. Deadline: January 31
- ✓ Davenport University ~ The Gerald R. Ford Memorial Scholarship is a full-ride scholarship covering tuition, room, board, textbooks, fees and study abroad. A GPA of 3.75 and a minimum ACT score of 31 or SAT of 1430 are required. Other scholarships are also available. ~ <https://my.davenport.edu/node/7681> ~ Deadline: January 15
- ✓ Equitable Excellence Scholarship ~ equitable.com ~ Deadline: December 15
- ✓ GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship program ~ reaganfoundation.org/scholarships ~ Deadline: January 5.
- ✓ GRCC Honors Program ~ The GRCC Honors Program is now accepting applications. As a member of the program, students will develop leadership, service, research and creative scholarship skills all while earning an associate degree. The application can be found at grcc.edu/honors.
- ✓ GRCC Foundation Scholarship ~ One application for over 300 different scholarships. ~ grcc.edu/scholarships ~ Deadline: March 15
- ✓ Hugh & Eve Meeter Calvinism Award ~ calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meter-center/fellowships-scholarships/high-school-seniors/ ~ Deadline: February 3
- ✓ Lake Michigan Credit Union ~ lmcu.org/hutt ~ Deadline: January 31
- ✓ Raise.me ~ Getting scholarships from colleges for your achievements in high school
- ✓ SAE Engineering Scholarships ~ sae.org ~ Deadline: March 15
- ✓ University Club of Grand Rapids ~ 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.

- ✓ FASTWEB.COM ~ This website is highly recommended by various college representatives for finding scholarships, grants and loans to fund your college education.
- ✓ STUDENTSCHOLARSHIPS.ORG ~ This website is known for its' "largest collection of scholarships on the web".
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ GVSU - the application deadline date for Grand Valley is December 31, 2020 and they are waiving the \$30 application fee! The scholarship deadline has been extended to July 31 – this means you can still submit a revised transcript after 1st or 2nd 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.
- ✓ GRCC Job Training Programs – GRCC offers eight Job Training programs. These are non-credit programs that run 18-22 weeks and students attend classes for 34 hour per week. Once a student has completed their program, they are ready to work! For a list of programs visit grcc.edu/jobtraining.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS BUSINESS SCHOOL – offers a tuition-free degree program through online classes and paid internships. Visit ufpbusinessschool.com or see the handout for additional information

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