

FEBRUARY SENIOR NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- ✓ College applications should be in. If not, this should be your top priority.
- ✓ 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. The deadline is approaching!
- ✓ The State of Michigan has valuable resources and information available on their website. Tips on planning for college, loans, scholarships, grants, and eligibility for all types of financial aid can be found at www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- ✓ American Legion Scholarship ~ michiganlegion.org/scholarships ~ Deadlines vary depending on the scholarship.
- ✓ Blood Drive Scholarship ~ To be eligible for this scholarship a student must 1) be a senior, 2) have donated, or attempted to donate blood at least once during his/her high school career, 3) write a 200-300 word essay persuading fellow students to donate blood. 4) scholarship must be used in the Fall of 2021. See the counseling office for a form that must be attached to your typed essay. Deadline: April 30
- ✓ Grand Rapids Community Foundation Scholarship – a variety of 70 scholarships are offered via one application ~ www.grfoundation.org ~ Deadline: March 1
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Jay Mol Family Scholarship ~ A \$2,000 four-year renewable scholarship is available along with additional scholarships by completing the same application form. This scholarship is based upon GPA, recommendations, financial need, school involvement, and extracurricular activities. ~ Deadline: March 31. See Mrs. DeVisser for a scholarship application.
- ✓ Mary Jane Dockeray Science Scholarship ~ Two \$2,500 scholarships sponsored by the Regional Math & Science Center at Grand Valley State University are available to students pursuing a career in science. ~ www.gvsu.edu/rmsc ~ Deadline: March 30
- ✓ Michigan Retailers Association ~ 21 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The awards are not based on financial need. To be eligible, the student or parent must be employed at a

business that is a member of MRA. ~ www.retailers.com/member-benefits/scholarship-program
~ Deadline: April 1

- ✓ Raise.me ~ Getting scholarships from colleges for your achievements in high school.
- ✓ Right to Life of Michigan Education Fund ~ This \$500 scholarship is available to one outstanding prolife high school senior in Michigan. Selection criteria includes the application, essay, and a list of prolife activities. ~ rtl.org/school-student-resources ~ Deadline: March 12
- ✓ Rockford Sportsman's Club ~ The Rockford Sportsman's Club Bob Bond Scholarship awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a student who is interested in furthering their education in the study of the environment or law enforcement. ~ www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/about-rsc/scholarship/. ~ Deadline: May 1.
- ✓ Roger B. Chaffee Scholarship Fund ~ This \$3,000 scholarship is a continuing memorial to the Kent County astronaut who lost his life in the tragic Apollo I - NASA shuttle fire January 27, 1967. This award is given to an outstanding student who wishes to pursue an education in the sciences or engineering related to space technology with a minimum GPA of 3.5. ~ www.rogerbchaffeescholarship.org ~ Deadline: February 26
- ✓ SAE Engineering Scholarships ~ sae.org ~ Deadline: March 15
- ✓ 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. Don't forget to fill out a prearranged absence prior to you visit.

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