## SENIOR GROUP GUIDANCE

January 17, 2014

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**SCHOLARSHIPS** 

**FINANCIAL AID** 

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE



## **SENIORITIS!**

- Don't lose sight of the goal
- Final transcript verifies admission
- Colleges DO rescind admissions
- Notify Admissions of class changes
- Prepare for postsecondary plans



## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

- Notify Colleges Prior
   To May 1st
- Confirm Housing Deadlines & Deposits
- Inform College Center of Acceptance and Denial
- Accepted but NOT Attending? Email the college



## 7<sup>th</sup> Semester Transcript Requests

- Send <u>only</u> if Requested by College (not U of I)
- Deferred, Under Review or Common app (MYR)
- Sign Up at Reception Desk in Counselor's Office by Jan. 24th
- You may use Infinite
   Campus for grades only
- Will be sent last week of January



# NO APPLICATIONS? What's stopping you?

- Money? Apply, then decide.
- Undocumented? No problem.
- Uncertain? Apply somewhere.
- Military or ROTC? Know the difference.
- Apprenticeship or Job? Have a back-up plan.
- GAP Year? Apply and request.



# What is a Scholarship?

- A scholarship is an award of <u>financial aid</u> for a student to further his education.
- Criteria usually reflects the values and purposes of the donor
- Scholarship money is not repaid.

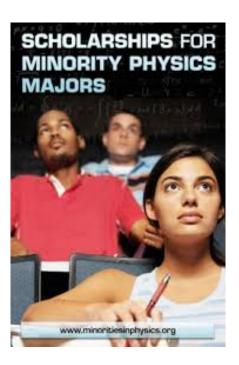


## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

- Money doesn't come easily
- Seek help with essays
- Local Scholarships available beginning in January-April. Check College Corner, Naviance and hallway postings
- Inform LT: Provide copies of all official letters, even if you will not attend/accept
- Class of 2013 offered over \$35 million
- Awards/scholarships will be recognized at Senior Honors Assembly in May.

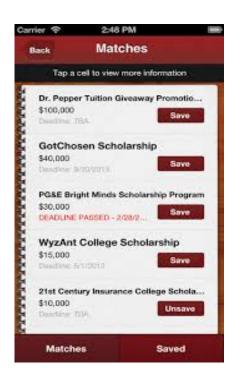
# Types of Scholarships

- Merit-based academic, athletic, artistic, community service, talent
- Need-based
   FAFSA or CSS profile
- Student-Specific gender, ethnicity
- Career Specific
   Education, Nursing
- College Specific



## Where Do I find Scholarships?

- College Corner
- Naviance
- Parents' workplace
- Church
- Community organizations
- Your workplace
- College or University websites



## Free Scholarship Websites

- www.cappex.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.finaid.com
- www.collegeboard.com

### College Corner

Prepared by Lianne Musser, L.T.H.S. College Coordinator, Room 148-This information can be accessed on the LTHS webpage:

www.khs.net

#### FOR JANUARY 18 – February 1

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Looking for College Corner on-line?



"LTHS College Corner "

#### \*\*\*\*DECISIONS-DECISIONS-DECISIONS\*\*\*\*

Have you received a decision from the college(s) you have applied to?

- Bring your college application status letters into the College/Career office, Room 148
- Status of accepted/waitlisted/deferred/denied for <u>all college applications</u>
- Write your student I.D. number on each letter.
- Why do we need this info?? This information is used to 'populate' the scattergrams on Naviance for future student's use. Names of students are not visible, but the status of whether or not you were accepted/denied/wl/deferred is helpful during college planning.

Jan. 1st FAFSA – www.fafsa.gov Learn about financial aid/student loans. Prepare for filing for FAFSA beginning on Jan. 1st. Basic FAFSA info: <a href="https://www.studentaid.gov/fafsa">www.studentaid.gov/fafsa</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.Facebook.com/FederalStudentAid">www.Facebook.com/FederalStudentAid</a> Youtube: <a href="https://www.Youtube.com/FederalStudentAid">www.Youtube.com/FederalStudentAid</a>

Applying to an Art School? Learn what art schools really want to see and what they don't. Ringling College of Art/Design shows you the way... Visit: <a href="https://www.portfolio-prep.com">www.portfolio-prep.com</a>

College of DuPage - SS Financial Aid Workshop, Thursday, Feb 7th, 6 - 8:30 pm. Guides students/parents through the financial aid process. Computers available to file FAFSA on-line. Sessions available in English and Espanol. RSVP: campuscentral@cod.edu or 630.942.3000

Southern IL University Visit <a href="https://www.busdog.com">www.busdog.com</a> to see scheduled bus trips from SIU's campus to Chicagoland area.

ACT LTHS High School Code (CEEB code) = 142483 for use when completing applications and act testing information.

CollegeWeekLive.com – Virtual Open House Visit campuses - virtually! Chat live with admission reps and view presentations on specific topics.

Gap Year Fair - Saturday, Jan.26, 2013, 1:00 - 3:30 pm. New Trier High School Winnetka II.
www.usagapyearfairs.org/eyents-schedule/chicago-gap-year-fair

Lake Forest College - Illinois Resident Tuition Benefit Illinois students that are admitted to Lake Forest College will receive a guaranteed in-state tuition benefit of \$12,000 per year. For more information: Bill Motzer at 847,735,5000 or motzer@lakeforest.edu

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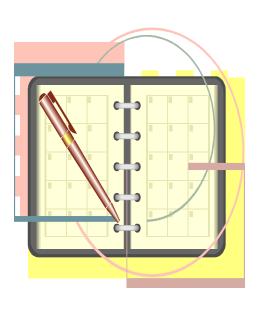
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	Due Date/Time			Award Basis												
Scholarship	by 8:00 am	Amount	Merit	Need												
Am. Legion Essay Contest	1/18	\$100 to \$1200					Χ									
Open to 9th through 12th grade students. Student should submit a 500 word typewritten essay on the topic:"What Does the First Amendment Mean to Me?" Download from Naviance. Mail directly to Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Post 1941  900 So. La Grange Road La Grange, IL 60525																
Bank of America Student Leaders Program	1/25										Χ					
The Student Leaders® Program is an eight-week summer experience for high school juniors and seniors. The program includes a paid internship with a local nonprofit organization as well as the Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., July 8-13, 2013. Details at bankofamerica.com/studentleaders																
Fueling The Minds of the Future	3/1	\$2,000		X	Χ		Χ								Χ	
A senior with a minimum 2.5 gpa who has demonstrated financial need and will attend college full time next year. 500-750 word essay required. Copy of SAR. Turn in to College Center by 8:00 am on March 1.																

**Details** 

Turn into:

## Processing Scholarships



- Complete the Transcript Request Form <u>PRIOR</u> to meeting with your Counselor
- Use Infinite Campus transcripts unless an "Official" is required
- Date Due to College Center may be earlier than deadline
- All scholarships due no later than 8:00 am
- Turn in BEFORE due date if possible

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

#### **Student-Managed App**

- Postmark=Must be mailed by that date
- Received=must be received by that date
- 10 school days for official transcript requests
- If scholarship needs nothing from us—you mail

#### **College Center Managed App**

- Must be turned in no later than 8:00 am on date stated
- Date will be changed to accommodate transcript requests, so OUR "turn in" date is the Due DATE.
- Will be marked "late"
- Don't wait til the last minute

# LT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- What Is It?
- Where Is It?
- When Can I Find It?
- When Is It Due?
- What Do I Need To Complete It?

#### **ANSWERS**

- One application for several scholarships (Booster etc)
- Available online @ LT website only Feb.20- March 20
- Must be completed online, printed, and turned in to College Center no later than 8:00 am on March 20.
- You must have filed your FAFSA for need-based \$\$\$\$ and supply us with your EFC.

### FINANCIAL AID

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Available Online (<u>www.fafsa.gov</u>)
- Apply for a pin TODAY (<u>www.pin.gov</u>)
- Preferred filing date: January 1 to March 1 (Check with individual colleges)
- Waiting can cost you money!
- Every student should apply regardless of income.
- List an Illinois school on the FAFSA for MAP

## FAFSA 1-2-3

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid

#### 1: Assemble forms:

tax returns, social security numbers, driver's license, alien registration card.

#### 2: Complete FAFSA online!

**3: Review Student Aid Report** (SAR). Proof that
FAFSA was received. Keep
and Revise.



# EFC = Expected Family Contribution

- EFC is the amount of money your family is expected to contribute to your education
- The EFC appears on the SAR
- The EFC is a calculation made by the govt. that considers income, number of family members, value of assets, enrollment status and other factors.



# How do Colleges Use These Numbers to Award Money?

Cost of Attendance (COA)
 (includes tuition, fees, room and board, transportation, books)

\$20,000

Expected Family Contrib.

(Determines family payment)

-\$5,000

Demonstrated Need

\$15,000

# Sample Financial Aid Package (\$15,000 need)

<ul><li>Pell grant</li></ul>	\$3,500
<ul><li>MAP grant (IL)</li></ul>	\$4,000
<ul><li>Dean's Scholarship</li></ul>	\$5,500
<ul><li>Work Study</li></ul>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total Need Met	\$15,000

Family will pay \$5,000 EFC. If student does not work, family will pay \$2,000 more.

## Financial Fit



## Access to Financial Fit

### www.collegecountdown.com/lyons

- Register name and email address to receive 100% discount code
- Click on the link to buy Financial Fit
- Use coupon code during checkout and click "Apply"
- Go to <u>www.collegecoundown.com/lewis</u> to login and access in "My Tools" dropdown menu
- Support @ <u>www.collegecountdown/support</u>





#### **VIDEOS**



#### **FAFSA**

- What is the FAFSA?
- · How to file the FAFSA
- Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Using actual vs. estimated data

View Summary



#### **FAFSA Verification**

· How FAFSA data is chosen for verification

View Summary



#### Variables Used to Establish EFC

· Variables that drive your EFC number: income and assets

**View Summary** 

#### WORKSHEETS



#### Filing Your FAFSA

Prepare to file your FAFSA form and record the required login and PIN information.

**Download Worksheet** 



#### Your CSS PROFILE

Prepare to file your CSS PROFILE and list your colleges that require it.

Download Worksheet

#### **USEFUL LINKS**



#### FAFSA Website

www.fafsa.ed.gov

File your FAFSA online.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

# Interested In COD or Other Community Colleges?

- Apply ASAP
- Field Trip Feb 25th
   College of DuPage
   Forms in College Center
   beginning Feb. 3rd

Must Be A COD
Applicant To Attend



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## QUESTIONS?

