

# JUNIOR-SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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## ACT & SAT TEST SCHEDULES

Remaining ACT test dates for 2011-2012 are:

2/11	1/13	1/20
4/14	3/9	3/23
6/9	5/4	5/18

You may take the ACT up to a maximum of 12 times. **You should take the ACT if you plan to attend any 4-year college or university in the Midwest.** Juniors should start this process no later than the April date. Informational registration flyers are available in the counseling office; registration is completed on line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Keep in mind that the June date usually conflicts with the NE Girls and Boys State Programs. If you hope to be chosen to attend, get your testing done in February and/or April. The website also provides great information and practice tests.

The SAT is used more prevalently at East and West Coast schools so many Nebraska students choose to not take this exam. If you are interested in attending schools outside Nebraska you may want/need to take the SAT. Registration materials are available in the counseling office. Their website is [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The remaining testing dates are:

Test Date	Reg. Date	Late Reg.
March 10	Feb 10	Feb 24
May 4	April 6	April 20
June 2	May 8	May 22

Don't forget that there are free test-prep booklets in the counseling office and websites to help you prepare for ACT/SAT testing. Be sure to check the

United States Army's March to Success test prep program at [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com) and Peterson's website [www.MyStudentEdge.com](http://www.MyStudentEdge.com). The first time you use this prep site you will need to login as a new user; you can access the code for MPS by looking up our school at the login site. Both of these sites provide a wealth of preparation materials at no cost or obligation. Take advantage of them while you can; your use of the sites will help keep them operating.

## MALCOLM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM INFORMATION

The 2011 Malcolm Student Volunteer Program year has drawn to a close! The calendar year for this program runs from January 1-December 31. All paperwork for the 2011 year must be received by January 31, 2012 to be counted toward the awarding of certificates at the annual Malcolm Awards Night held in May. Hours from prior years can be turned in and will be recorded for information purposes but will not be used for qualifying for the 2011 Volunteer Awards. Remember, hours will not be acknowledged without a signed "Volunteer Project Slip". Awards will be given on the following schedule:

K-8	9-12
Malcolm Volunteer Service Award 25-49 hours	75-99 hours
President's Student Service Award-Bronze 50-74 hours	100-174 hours
President's Student Service Award-Silver 75-99 hours	175-249 hours
President's Student Service Award-Gold 100+ hours	250+ hours

All needed forms are available in the outer school counseling office in the high school. Completed forms can be turned in to the school counseling office or the high school office.

### **FREE WEB-BASED COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING RESOURCE--StudentEdge**

Peterson's (a Nelnet company), who have provided college and career planning resources for many years, now has a free web-based resource, StudentEdge. To help keep the website a free resource the company needs to increase student and parent use of the site. Students or parents who would like to register should go <http://www.studentedge.com> and select "Get StudentEdge: Click Here" and then enter our Access Code by simply search for Malcolm school using the look up feature. Any break (including ice/snow days) we have is a great time for you to work in StudentEdge and prepare for upcoming ACT or SAT tests, research colleges with parents, learn about tips for writing essays and scholarship searching. Students and parents of any age student are welcome to use the site but it is particularly useful to the upper classes. Please help keep this resource free by registering and using the helpful information.

### **THE AMERICAN LEGION "NEED A LIFT?"**

For scholarship and financial aid information, you can access the American Legion's [Need A Lift? College Financial Aid Handbook](#). Prior to 2010-11, the book was distributed to schools. In an effort to increase student and parent access to the information, it is now available on-line at [www.legion.org/needalift](http://www.legion.org/needalift).

### **OPEN HOUSE AND VISIT DAYS**

These events will give you the opportunity to discuss your career/education goals beyond high school with representatives from 2 and 4-year colleges and universities and trade schools. I encourage you to attend any of the following events that are of interest to you.

**BryanLGH College of Health Sciences** prospective students are encouraged to schedule a one-on-one campus visit through the Admissions Office by calling 800-742-7844 ext. 18697 or 481-8697.

**Grace University** is hosting Winter College Preview Days on February 19-20. Royals Days on March 25-26 is for athletes only and G.R.A.C.E Days (pre-registration will be held on April 15-16, 2012. You can also call the Admissions Office to set up a visit to fit your specific needs. All these events are free;

juniors, seniors and parents are welcome to come to try out a college class, check out the campus and get answers to all your questions about college. Call Admissions at 1-800-383-1422 or go to their website at [www.graceuniversity.edu](http://www.graceuniversity.edu) for more information.

**Nebraska Wesleyan University** located at 5000 Saint Paul Avenue in Lincoln can schedule individual visits during the morning or afternoon hours. If you are interested in attending Wesleyan, go to [www.nebrwesleyan.edu](http://www.nebrwesleyan.edu) to set up your personal visit.

**Peru State College** campus visits can be scheduled Monday through Thursday at 10 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with Friday visits available at 10 a.m. To set up a visit go to [www.peru.edu/admissions](http://www.peru.edu/admissions) or call 1-800-742-4412, option 1.

**Southeast Community College** visits can be scheduled at any time by visiting their website at [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu).

**University of Nebraska Kearney** will host Loper Preview Days during the 2011-12 academic year. Juniors, seniors and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend these events. You can register by going to the UNK website at [www.unk.edu/loperpreviewday](http://www.unk.edu/loperpreviewday) or contact the Admissions office at 308-865-8526 for more information. Remaining open house days are Tuesday, Feb 7 and Tuesday, April 4. Individual visits tailored to meet your specific needs can also be scheduled by calling 1-800-KEARNEY.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has one remaining Red Letter Day (Senior Open House) this winter. All events are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and are planned for high school seniors; parents are welcome to attend with their student(s). To register, go to [www.unl.edu](http://www.unl.edu), click on the Prospective Student, then Schedule a Visit. From there, click on Red Letter Days, then Register Now. Deadline for registration is one week in advance of the event date; however, register early to reserve your preferred date! The remaining dates for the Red Letter Day will be held on Monday, February 20. Other Special Visit Events scheduled at UNL are:

Greek Preview	Saturday, March 31
Big Red Open House	Monday, March 12 Friday, April 6 Friday, April 20
Junior Wednesdays	March 7-April 25 (excluding March 21)

Individual daily visits are available most weekdays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please schedule two weeks in advance so UNL can personalize your visit. Saturday and bilingual visits are also available upon request. Check the website for regular updates!!

**The University of Nebraska-Omaha Office of Recruitment Services** will be holding several open houses during the spring semester. The dates are:  
February 13  
February 25-Mammel Hall & Peter Kiewit Institute  
February 25-UNO Housing Showcase  
March 26th  
April 16-Junior Maverick Day

Students and their families can make reservations for any of those dates by calling 1-877-884-MAVS (toll free) or registering on-line at [www.BEaMAV.com](http://www.BEaMAV.com), then click on "Visit UNO".

The office also offers a campus visitation program with ten tours per week through December 8 for the fall semester and January 23 through April 20 for the spring semester. These are held Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. While on campus, you will have the opportunity to speak with a Recruitment Services representative, tour campus, meet academic advisors, visit with athletic coaches and see on-campus housing. You should register (on-line or by phone) seven to ten days in advance.

Wayne State College is hosting Fridays @ WSC on January 27, February 10 & 24, March 2 & 23 and April 6. The second semester Just Juniors Day will be held Saturday, March 17, 2012. For more information contact Wayne State Admissions at 1-866-WSC-CATS or [admission@wac.edu](mailto:admission@wac.edu).

Buena Vista in Storm Lake, Iowa is offering an additional \$1000-\$3000 per year in scholarship awards to any student who visits the campus between now and February 15, 2012. You must apply for admission (no fee!), have a 2.75+ GPA, complete an essay (30 minutes) and interview during the visit. For more information, call 800-383-9600.

University of Nebraska/Peter Kiewit Institute will hold a Spring Open House on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 1-3 p.m. You will tour PKI's state-of-the-art facility and UNL's South Campus residence halls, visit with students, faculty, and advisors, see lab demos, participate in activities, and more! For more information, go to [www.pki.nebraska.edu](http://www.pki.nebraska.edu).

Colorado State University will host an Engineering Exploration Day on Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in making the world a better place, registration is free and online at [www.engr.colostate.edu/explore](http://www.engr.colostate.edu/explore).

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### FAFSA Information Finishing College Applications Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Scholarship Searching & Current Scholarship List

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#### FAFSA INFORMATION

If you have any further questions about the FAFSA or other topics that were presented at our local

Financial Aid Program held in November, please do not hesitate to contact the school counseling office or EducationQuest Foundation office. Their toll-free number is 800-303-3745; website is [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org).

All seniors should go online to obtain the PIN needed for filing a FAFSA if you have not already completed this task. Any parents, who do not already have PIN, should also complete the request now. Just go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and follow the

directions to request a PIN...it will only take a few minutes and will save time when you have all the needed information to file your FAFSA.

#### FINISHING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

You should be completing all post-secondary applications as soon as possible. If you need help obtaining information and applications, visit my office. If you haven't done any campus visits, it is not too late to do them. Remember that visits are the best way to help you make decisions about your educational plans. Just stop by if you want assistance in setting up a visit.

Transcripts (a record of your 9-12 classes and the grades you have earned) must be requested 7-10 days prior to when you need them. There is no charge for these documents but we do ask that you pay for the postage needed to send them. **Please pay the postage when you make your request.** Request forms are available in the outer counseling office or main office. Just turn in your request to Mrs. Gregg.

When you need recommendation forms completed or letters written, be sure to ask early (**a month in advance is not too early**) and give the person enough information to write a good letter. Choose those who know you well in the area the application focuses on. For example, if you are applying to Concordia University majoring in science and you want to participate in sports, consider asking Ms. Svoboda or Mr. Gore and the coach in the sport you have worked your hardest.

### CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG VOCATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

Up to 25 graduating seniors, 18 years of age, have an exciting and immensely rewarding opportunity to spend a year in Germany on the Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Program. This full scholarship, funded by the United States Congress and the German Bundestag, provides

students the experience of living with a host family, participating in a training program or schooling program, and gaining hands-on experience through an internship with a German company. Participants have been placed in fields as diverse as the arts, auto mechanics, biotechnology, child care, computer science, education, forestry, health care, hotel management, international business, journalism, political science, theatre, veterinary science and more.

Malcolm High School is allowed to nominate three students. If you are interested in participating in this program, please call the guidance office soon, as completed applications must be received in the Nacel office by January 31, 2012. You may download the application form from [www.nacelopendoor.org](http://www.nacelopendoor.org) (click on the Travel Abroad menu option, scroll down to the Scholarship box to get program information and an application). Applications must be sent in by the student's school, so please bring completed applications to the Guidance office no later than Friday, January 27, 2012. Please visit the website, visit or call Mrs. Faimon at 402-796-2151 Ext. 514 or contact Sue Franck with any questions.

### SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHING

Time is running out for many scholarship applications so be sure to get them completed on time. If there is no website listed, be sure to request applications from the counseling office early enough to allow time for completion. Remember that the computer in the outer counseling office is for students to use in scholarship searching, career exploration and gathering information about colleges.

I am hopeful that many of you are using the free scholarship searches available to you. Flyers for FastWeb are available in the outer counseling office. The EducationQuest Foundation at [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org) is another good source of information. Other sites recommended by EducationQuest Foundation are:

[www.scholarshipmonkey.com](http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com)  
[www.Scholarships.com](http://www.Scholarships.com)  
[www.Schoolsoup.com](http://www.Schoolsoup.com)  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.ScholarshipExperts.com](http://www.ScholarshipExperts.com)  
<https://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship>

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### CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP LIST

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|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/27 | 2012 NRCSA Scholarship<br>Go to: <a href="http://www.nrcsa.net">www.nrcsa.net</a>                                   | Any Senior-turn in application to HS office to be selected to represent MHS             |
| 1/27 | UNK Music Scholarship Audition Date<br>Go to: <a href="http://www.unk.edu/music">www.unk.edu/music</a>              | Attending UNK                                                                           |
| 1/28 | ACT Poster Contest<br>Go to: <a href="http://www.actstudent.org/postercontest">www.actstudent.org/postercontest</a> | Any 2 or 4 year college, design poster to encourage students to attend college/take ACT |
| 1/31 | Elks Lodge #80 Scholarships<br>Go to: <a href="http://www.elks80.org">www.elks80.org</a>                            | Seniors, varies by scholarship offered                                                  |
| 2/1  | AXA Community Scholarship<br>Go to: <a href="http://www.axa-achievement.com">www.axa-achievement.com</a>            | Seniors, community service involvement                                                  |
| 2/1  | Davis-Chambers Freshman Scholarship<br>Go to: <a href="http://www.nscs.edu">www.nscs.edu</a>                        | Attending Chadron, Peru or Wayne; 3.0 GPA                                               |

- 2/1 Multicultural Community Service Scholarship Attending UNK, Upper 50%, ACT 20  
Go to: [www.unk.edu/offices/financial\\_aid](http://www.unk.edu/offices/financial_aid)
- 2/1 Health Science Scholars Program Attending UNK, ACT 22, GPA 3.0  
Go to: <http://www.unk.edu/healthsciencescholarships/>
- 2/1 Peter Kiewit Foundation Educators Opportunity Attending UNK, Education Majors, Fluent Spanish  
Go to: [www.unk.edu/offices/financial\\_aid](http://www.unk.edu/offices/financial_aid)
- 2/1 Davis-Chambers Scholarship Attending UNK, Chadron, Peru or Wayne State College, Upper 30%, ACT 23, 1<sup>st</sup> generation, etc. see websites  
Go to: [www.nscs.edu](http://www.nscs.edu) or  
[www.unk.edu/offices/financial\\_aid](http://www.unk.edu/offices/financial_aid)
- 2/1 2011-2012 National Peace Essay Contest Grades 9-12, US citizen  
Go to: [www.usip.org/npec](http://www.usip.org/npec)
- 2/1 Silas H. Rhodes Scholarship Attending School of Visual Arts, 3.0 GPA  
Go to: [www.sva.edu](http://www.sva.edu)
- 2/1 UNK Freshman Scholarships Attending UNK  
Go to: [www.unk.edu](http://www.unk.edu)
- 2/1 UNK Honors Program Top 25%, ACT 27 minimum  
Go to: [www.unk.edu/acad/honors/home.html](http://www.unk.edu/acad/honors/home.html)
- 2/1 UNK 1<sup>st</sup> Year Theatre Scholarship Attending UNK  
Go to: [www.unk.edu/acad/theatre](http://www.unk.edu/acad/theatre)
- 2/1 UNO Freshman Scholarships Attending UNL  
Go to: [www.unomaha.edu](http://www.unomaha.edu)
- 2/3 The Art Institutes Best Teen Chef Attending Art Institute major in Culinary Arts  
Go to: [www.artinstitutes.edu/BTC](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/BTC)
- 2/8 KFC Colonel's Scholars GPA 2.5 or higher, attending a 4-yr college  
Go to: [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org)
- 2/10 Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarship Hy-Vee employee before 9/15  
Go to [www.hy-vee.com](http://www.hy-vee.com)
- 2/10 NE Machinery Company Diesel Tech Sponsorship Attending CCC/Hastings majoring in Diesel Tech  
Go to [www.nebraskamachinery.com/hr/](http://www.nebraskamachinery.com/hr/)
- 2/10 Caterpillar Scholarship Attending CCC/Hastings majoring in Diesel Tech  
Go to [www.nebraskamachinery.com/hr/](http://www.nebraskamachinery.com/hr/)
- 2/10 UNK Music Entrance & Scholarship Auditions Attending UNK, Go to: [www.unk.edu/acad/music](http://www.unk.edu/acad/music)
- 2/11 UNK Music Entrance & Scholarship Auditions Attending UNK, Go to: [www.unk.edu/acad/music](http://www.unk.edu/acad/music)
- 2/26 Best Buy Scholarships Any student Grades 9-12  
Go to: [www.at15.com](http://www.at15.com)
- 2/15 Cargill Community Scholarship Any Senior; do not have to be in FFA  
Go to: [www.cargill.com](http://www.cargill.com) keyword: scholarship or [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)  
Will need signature from: Cargill at 3001 Cornhusker Hyw, Lincoln
- 2/15 Central Community College ACT Advantage Attending CCC, ACT 21 or above, 2.5+ GPA  
Must have applied to CCC and submitted ACT scores to CC-applications will be sent directly to the student's home address
- 2/15 Co-operative Education Scholarship Attend Member School-see website  
Go to: [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu)
- 2/15 NFL Professional Athletes Association GPA 2.0; participate in at least 1 yr varsity athletics
- 2/17 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program Leadership, Citizenship  
Go to: <http://facebook.com/GEReaganScholarships>
- 2/17 Wayne State College Music Scholarships Auditions Attending WSC majoring and/or participating in Music/music ensembles  
Major: Education
- 2/20 Delta Kappa Gamma/Zeta Chapter Attending SCC
- 2/22 SCC Educational Foundation Attending SCC  
Go to: <https://scc.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com> (available December 1-February 22)
- 2/24 NE Press Association Foundation Major: Journalism; attending a NE college
- 2/24 UNK Music Entrance & Scholarship Auditions Attending UNK, Go to: [www.unk.edu/acad/music](http://www.unk.edu/acad/music)
- 2/25 UNK Music Entrance & Scholarship Auditions Attending UNK, Go to: [www.unk.edu/acad/music](http://www.unk.edu/acad/music)
- 2/29 UNK Industrial Technology Freshman Scholarship Attending UNK  
Go to: [www.unk.edu](http://www.unk.edu) click on Current Students, Financial Aid, then Scholarships
- 3/1 American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships National & Dept of Nebraska Scholarships available  
See Mrs. Faimon for a list with websites and application instructions.
- 3/1 Capitol City Footprinters Majors: Criminal Justice or Fire Science, at a NE 2 or 4-year school

- 3/1 Central Community College General Scholarship Attending CCC  
Go to: [www.cccneb.edu/financialaid](http://www.cccneb.edu/financialaid)
- 3/1 Engebretson Foundation Scholarship Financial Need, ACT 28 or higher, Leadership  
Go to: [www.engebretsonfoundation.org](http://www.engebretsonfoundation.org)
- 3/1 Hixson-Lied college of Fine & Performing Arts Attending UNL  
Go to: <http://www.unl.edu/finearts/studentresources/hlscholarship>
- 3/1 Independent Insurance Agents of NE Attending any 2 or 4-year college in NE: business  
Post-mark date or business-related majors preferred
- 3/1 Independent Insurance Agents of NE Attending NECCC in Business
- 3/1 Lincoln Home Builders Care Foundation Major: Construction Field
- 3/1 Nebraska Academy of Sciences  
Go to: [www.neacadsci.org/Info/Scholarship.htm](http://www.neacadsci.org/Info/Scholarship.htm)
- 3/1 Susan Thompson Buffet Foundation Attending NE Public School, 2.5 GPA or above, Need  
SAR from FAFSA  
Go to: [www.buffetscholarships.org](http://www.buffetscholarships.org)
- 3/1 UNL Honors Program Final Notification Attending UNL  
Go to [www.unl.edu](http://www.unl.edu) (must complete online application, then follow honors program instructions)
- 3/1 UNO Music Scholarship Auditions Attending UNO  
Go to: [www.unomaha.edu/music](http://www.unomaha.edu/music)
- 3/1 Virginia & Tom Pierce Memorial Scholarship For students w/a permanent physical disability or  
who has a parent with a permanent disability  
Several available, veteran connection, see website
- 3/2 American Legion Auxiliary Attending Peru State College, PSC Band member  
Go to: [www.nebraskalegionaux.net](http://www.nebraskalegionaux.net) for info; applications available in the counseling office soon
- 3/9 Clements Band Scholarship Attending Peru State College, Major: Music Ed
- 3/9 Helen Naeve Douglas Music Scholarship  
Auditions will be held 3/20 at 7:00 p.m.
- 3/10 UNK Music Scholarship Audition Date Attending UNK  
Go to: [www.unk.edu/music](http://www.unk.edu/music)
- 3/11 Lincoln Area Retired School Personnel Major: Education, top 25%
- 3/15 Nebraska Aviation Trades Assn. Scholarship Any Senior
- 3/16 Gus Swanson Memorial Scholarship Majors: Advertising, Marketing, Public Relations.  
Journalism, Graphic Design  
Go to: [www.swansonrussell.com/scholarship](http://www.swansonrussell.com/scholarship)
- 3/31 AnyCollege Scholarship Sweepstakes Any senior  
Go to [www.anycollege.com](http://www.anycollege.com) Click on "Win a Scholarship"
- 3/31 USBank Scholarship Random drawing 40-\$1000 awards/4-yr college  
Go to: [www.usbank.com/studentloans](http://www.usbank.com/studentloans)
- 3/31 LIBA
- 4/13 James M. Cox Any Senior
- 4/13 Wayne State College Music Scholarships Auditions Attending WSC majoring and/or participating in  
Music/music ensembles
- 4/19 2011-12 Holocaust Remembrance Scholarship Any student 9-12  
Go to: <http://holocaust.hklaw.com>
- 4/20 Central Community College Summer School Current Junior or senior taking a summer course  
Go to: [www.cccneb.edu](http://www.cccneb.edu) after March 9, 2012
- 4/26 Ayn Rand "The Fountainhead" Essay Contest Junior or Senior  
Go to: [www.aynrandeducation.com](http://www.aynrandeducation.com)
- 4/30 Lincoln Salt Dogs Scholarship 2-yr Junior Salt Dog player (formerly Little League)
- 6/22 Big Sun Scholarship Athletic involvement  
Go to: [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com)
- 6/30 AnyCollege Scholarship Sweepstakes Any senior  
Go to [www.anycollege.com](http://www.anycollege.com) Click on "Win a Scholarship"
- The Art Institute-Variou Scholarship Competitions Go to: [www.aiadvantage.com](http://www.aiadvantage.com)
  - Cappex Scholarships Go to: [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
  - Iowa State University Dept of Music Scholarships Go to: [www.music.iastate.edu](http://www.music.iastate.edu)
  - Graceland University offers a variety of scholarships with varying deadlines. Go to: [www.graceland.edu/scholarships](http://www.graceland.edu/scholarships)
  - Northwest Missouri State has numerous scholarships with varying due dates & eligibility. Go to [www.nwmissouri.edu](http://www.nwmissouri.edu) for more information.
  - Southwest Minnesota State University Music Scholarships Go to: [www.SMSU.edu/academics\\_programs](http://www.SMSU.edu/academics_programs)
  - University of the Arts—variety of scholarships. Go to: [www.uarts.edu](http://www.uarts.edu).

- UNK Music Performance Auditions for Scholarship --Go to [www.unk.edu/acad/music](http://www.unk.edu/acad/music) and click on audition-application.
- UNL Dept of Theatre Arts and Department of Music auditions - go to [www.unl.edu](http://www.unl.edu) for more information.
- UNO Music Scholarships --Any Senior Attending UNO, go to <http://music.unomaha.edu/scholarship.html>
- VFW Scholarship and Incentive Programs Go to: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under "Programs"
- Wells Fargo College Steps Program Scholarship Sweepstakes accepts information through August 5, 2012 at [www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps](http://www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps) During the 2011-2012 school year, Wells Fargo will give away 20 \$1000 tuition prizes through random drawings.

## Juniors

### Joyce Ivy League Summer Scholars Washington University in St. Louis Summer Experience 2011 NYU Precollege Program Summer at Georgetown 2012 Scholarships for Juniors Event Reminders

#### JOYCE IVY LEAGUE SUMMER SCHOLARS

High achieving female sophomores or juniors can benefit from scholarships to attend summer academic programs at an Ivy League or equivalent college from the Joyce Ivy Foundation. In 2011, the Foundation named 56 young women as Joyce Ivy Summer Scholars, enabling them to spend between two and eight weeks studying under faculty at leading institutions including Harvard, Brown, Yale, Columbia, Penn, Johns Hopkins and Smith. For an application, go to <http://www.joyceivyfoundation.org>. The site also includes more information about the program and the participating institutions. The applications for Summer 2012 scholarships are to be submitted online and must be completed, with all supporting documents, by March 19, 2012.

#### WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

The Summers Scholars Program allows a select number of participants (at least 16 years of age and current high school juniors) to choose from almost 60 different courses spanning the arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences and foreign languages. Two five-week sessions are offered beginning June 10 and July 15, 2012. Students can earn up to seven college credits transferable to most accredited colleges and universities. Summer Scholars live in the under-graduate residential area with trained Resident Advisors and enjoy a variety of social and cultural opportunities with other participants from around the world. The program requires application, recommendations and an

official transcript. Limited scholarship assistance is available to students with strong academic credentials who also demonstrate financial need. For further information on the program, please refer to [www.summerscholars.wustl.edu](http://www.summerscholars.wustl.edu). They also offer High School Summer Institutes (non-credit courses) that last three weeks. If you have further questions, e-mail Program Director Marsha Hussung at [mhussung@wustl.edu](mailto:mhussung@wustl.edu) or call 866-209-0691 (toll free).

#### 2011 NYU PRECOLLEGE PROGRAM

New York University will host their annual Precollege Program offering college level courses for credit over six-weeks from July 2-August 10. Students will live on-campus in Manhattan.

To learn more about the NYS program, go to [www.nyu.edu/info/precollege/info](http://www.nyu.edu/info/precollege/info) or make contact at [summer.precollege@nyu.edu](mailto:summer.precollege@nyu.edu) or 212-998-2292 to get your questions answered.

#### SUMMER AT GEORGETOWN 2012

Georgetown University will offer Summer Programs for High School Students with sessions starting June 3 through August 10. Be a Summer Hoya! Discover your passion, explore your interests and experience college life—see what's in store for high school students at Georgetown this summer. To learn more about this program, go to the university website at [www.georgetown.edu](http://www.georgetown.edu) and enter Summer Programs for High School in the search box.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JUNIORS

go [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under "Programs", "Youth Scholarship" or "Citizenship Education."

During your junior interviews, I strongly advised all of you to start your personal scholarship search. Have any of you started this task yet!? You should begin this process in the next few months (NOW is even better) even though there are fewer scholarships available to juniors. Why?!? You will develop your searching skills, establish a good habit and will understand the process early in your senior career. Don't wait and then find that you have missed deadlines because you waited too long to get started on this job. Good job to those of you who have been doing this...the computer in the outer counseling office is there for you to use.

There are numerous free searches available on the Internet. Some of the best are:

- [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org)
- [www.scholarshipmonkey.com](http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com)
- <https://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship>
- [www.Schoolsoup.com](http://www.Schoolsoup.com)
- [www.Scholarships.com](http://www.Scholarships.com)
- [www.Collegeboard.com](http://www.Collegeboard.com)

Please remember that many of the groups that award scholarships do not send information to school counseling offices. Keep your ears and eyes tuned for any opportunities. If you learn of a scholarship you have not seen in our newsletter, bring the information to the guidance office so I can get the details out to all.

### EVENT REMINDERS

The **2011-2012 National Peace Essay Contest** application, found online at [www.usip.org/npec](http://www.usip.org/npec), is due February 1, 2012.

**ACT registration deadline** for the April 14<sup>th</sup> testing is Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Late registration will be accepted through March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The **2011-2012 Holocaust Remembrance Scholarship** competition is for any student in grades 9-12. For more info, go to: <http://holocaust.hklaw.com>. Applications are due April 15, 2012.

**Ayn Rand "The Fountainhead" Essay Contest** is for junior or senior students. Applications are due April 26, 2012. For more information, go to [www.aynrandeducation.com](http://www.aynrandeducation.com).

**ACT registration deadline** for the June 9<sup>th</sup> testing is Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Late registration will be accepted through May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The **VFW Scholarship and Incentive Programs** have a variety of deadlines. For more information,

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## **It's time to prepare for the FAFSA!**

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the application for state, federal and college-specific financial aid. Even if you don't think you'll qualify for need-based financial aid, you should complete the FAFSA to qualify for low-interest student and parent loans.

Follow these steps to complete the FAFSA and the financial aid process:

**Contact the college(s) you applied to and ask for their FAFSA priority filing date.** Because some types of financial aid are awarded first-come, first-served, it's important that you submit the FAFSA before that date.

**Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN)** for you and one for a parent at [pin.ed.gov](http://pin.ed.gov). The PIN is your signature for the online FAFSA.

**Complete your 2011 taxes early** as the FAFSA requires current tax information. Approximately two weeks after you and your parents electronically file your tax forms, your IRS data will be available to retrieve and transfer into your FAFSA. This new process will simplify the income tax portion of your FAFSA. [Review this flyer](#) or see the "[Paying for College](#)" section at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) for more details.

## **Gather these student and parent items:**

- 2011 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2011 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers
- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding your home and retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
- 2011 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2011 Workers' Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2011 such as housing/food/ living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

## **Be prepared to answer the following FAFSA question:**

Did you or anyone in your household receive any of the following federal benefits?

- Supplemental Security Income
- Food Stamps
- TANF
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- WIC

**Complete and file the FAFSA** electronically at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) before your college's priority date.

**Expect a Student Aid Report** acknowledging that your form was processed.

**Expect Financial Aid Award Notifications** in the spring from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA. The notifications will detail the financial aid assistance the colleges are offering (could be a combination of scholarships, grants, work-study and student loans).

**Apply for student and parent loans (if necessary)** in the summer through your college.

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### **Check out these free FAFSA tools and resources**

Visit the "[FAFSA Tools](#)" section at [EducationQuest.org](#) where you'll find:

- **College Funding Estimator** – estimates your FAFSA results
- **"FAFSA Made Easy" video** – demonstrates that the FAFSA isn't as difficult as it seems
- **FAFSA podcasts** – explain what the FAFSA is – and how to apply
- **FAFSA Checklist** – provides a complete list of items you need to gather before you complete the FAFSA
- **FAFSA Tutorial** – explains each FAFSA question

If you are filing a FAFSA for the first time and would like free personal help, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to make an appointment. Kearney: 308-234-6310 or 800-666-3721; Lincoln: 402-475-5222 or 800-303-3745; Omaha: 402-391-4033 or 888-357-6300; or Ogallala: 800-303-3745, ext. 6654.

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### **January "To Do" List**

Complete these tasks during January to stay on the right college planning track.

#### **Seniors:**

- Ask the college(s) you applied to for their FAFSA priority date.
- Attend the [Financial Aid Program](#) at your school or in your area.
- Apply for FAFSA Personal Identification Numbers at [pin.ed.gov](#).
- Complete your taxes early as you'll need that information for the FAFSA.
- Continue to apply for scholarships; see [ScholarshipQuest](#) for Nebraska-based awards.

#### **Juniors:**

- Attend the [Financial Aid Program](#) at your school or in your area.
- [Register](#) by December 30 for the January 28 SAT.
- [Register](#) by January 13 for the February 11 ACT.
- [Register](#) by February 10 for the March 10 SAT.
- Continue to research colleges.
- Start setting up college visits.

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