



Pisgah High School Senior Newsletter

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College Application Week, November 16-20, 2009

Sponsored by CFNC, this special week is designed to make sure every senior applies to at least one school. In addition, Pisgah's goal is for all college applications to be submitted before Christmas break!

Friday, Nov. 20 is "College Application Day." See Mrs. Ray to schedule an appointment in the computer lab to complete an online college application of your choice. We'll be there all day to help!

Important Dates:

- November 11, Veterans' Day, No School
- November 25-27, Thanksgiving Holiday, No School

RECOMMENDATIONS

Many job, college, and/or scholarship applications ask that you also turn in a letter of recommendation. Following are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

- Ask someone who knows you well, either in a school or community setting, and can say GOOD things about you. (And do **ask**; don't just leave the form on their desk, in their chair, or in their mailbox!)
- Please give this person at least TWO WEEKS notice. Let them know exactly when it must be completed and whether they return it to you, mail it, or give it to your counselor!
- Provide the recommender with an envelope (already addressed and stamped, if it needs to be mailed).
- A list of accomplishments, activities, and goals (like a resume) can help your recommender write a more detailed letter about you.
- If there is a form to complete, please fill out ALL personal information (name, address, etc.) BEFORE you give the form to your recommender.
- Ask your recommender to save a copy of the letter for possible submission to later applications.
- **ALWAYS follow-up with a "thank you"!**

Some forms ask whether you waive your right to see what the recommender says about you. If you mark "yes" you are indicating to employers and/or admissions counselors that your recommender can be completely honest about you!

The letter of recommendation CAN make a big difference!

- **December 7, "Financial Aid" Night, 6:00 in the PHS Media Center. Everyone invited to attend!**

MAHEC in Asheville offers a number of free or low-cost workshops for students and parents, including information on **how to study, health careers, financial aid, and SAT prep**. Find out more or register for courses at <http://www.mahec.net/>

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Always see your counselor for more details!

North Carolina Alpha Delta Kappa International Honor Society for Women Educators sponsors a number of scholarships including *Eunice Riggins Memorial Scholarship (women only)*, *Mary Rose Mills—Linda Rankin Memorial Scholarship (men and women are eligible)*, *Student Achievement Scholarship (men and women)*, *Clare Johnson Marley—Mary Earle Berger Fine Arts Scholarship (men and women; CD, DVD, or portfolio required)*.

Applications are available in the counseling center or online at www.nccommunityfoundation.org. Counseling Center deadline is **Jan. 15**. There are suggested GPA and SAT/ACT scores for each scholarship.

Legal Support Staff of Asheville: Application available in counseling center. Must be postmarked no later than **Feb. 1**.

Information about scholarships sponsored by the **National Commission for Cooperative Education** is available at www.co-op.edu and in the counseling center. Applicants must be planning to attend one of 8 NCCE Partner Colleges or Universities with co-op programs. Deadline is **Feb. 15**.

KFC Colonel's Scholars available at www.kfcscholars.org
Dec. 1—**Feb. 10**. Applicants should have a minimum 2.75 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Check out the **Hispanic Scholarship Fund** at www.hsf.net for scholarships available for Latino Americans with 3.0 or higher GPA who demonstrate financial need.

East Tennessee State University: Application for **University Honors Scholars** and **Honors in Disciplines Programs** is now available online at www.etsu.edu/honors/university/default.asp. In-state tuition is also available for Haywood County residents; application is required.

Students interested in pursuing a degree in engineering should go to <http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/> for scholarships sponsored by **SAE International**.

Elks Nursing Scholarship deadline has been extended to **Nov. 13**.

Carolina Tall Club Scholarship available to men at least 6'2" and women 5'10" and taller. Application is in the counseling center or can be downloaded from www.tall.org/clubs/sc/carolina/. Complete application should be submitted to the counseling center by **Jan. 15**.

W.H. Plemmons Leaders Fellows at Appalachian State University. Applicants should have 3.0 GPA or 1000 on SAT (math and reading) and be able to demonstrate leadership. Deadline is **Nov. 18**.
www.plemmonsfellows.appstate.edu

Have you heard this?

Berea College (Berea, Kentucky) offers **every** student who is accepted four years of education—free. Students typically rank in the top 20% of their class, score 20-30 on the ACT or 1410—1980 on the SAT, have a record of community service, and have an average family income of \$50,000 or less.
www.berea.edu

Explore the web sites of specific colleges. Go to the “admissions” button or click on “prospective students”—look for “financial aid.” Find out if your application for admission is all you need to be considered for scholarships or if there is a separate application for scholarships.

MANY schools offer an online application that allows you to apply for a number of different scholarships! If you can't find out online, call the school's office of admissions or financial aid office. They really don't mind your calls!

Does your school of interest have an “Honors College”? No, this is not a separate campus, but a learning community within a college campus, often with a separate dorm, special academic opportunities, specific admissions requirements (higher than general admissions requirements), and some scholarship money attached. Find out more at the college's website, or ask your counselor for help.

Special Opportunities

- ***Opening Doors to Teaching***, Friday, November 13 at UNCA: Information for students interested in teaching. See Mrs. Chadwick or your counselor by Nov.6.
- Information is available in the counseling center regarding ***UNCW’s Pre-Engineering Transfer program***. Students can complete two years of an engineering curriculum at UNCW and then be eligible to transfer to engineering program at East Carolina, North Carolina A&T, NC State, or UNC Charlotte. For more information, go to www.uncw.edu/preeng/.
- The University of Tennessee at Knoxville is hosting a meeting for all seniors who are enrolled members of the ***Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians*** on Thursday, December 3, 11:00-12:30 at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Call Tosh Welsh or Sandi Owle at (828) 497-7485.
- Gardner Webb University is hosting an ***Athletic Training Visitation Day*** on Saturday, November 21, 10:30 am—7:00 pm. The day includes information about the athletic training program, lunch, and “Dawg Day” (which includes meeting with current students, financial planning, and campus tours). Finally, those in attendance also receive free admission to a basketball game. Register with Heather Hartsell at (704) 406-3810.
- CFNC offers a short online financial literacy course and quiz for students. Students who complete the course are then eligible for a drawing at the end of year in which two lucky winners will be awarded \$500 scholarships. Go to www.cfnc.org and click on the “Paying for College” tab for more details.



**Haywood County
Schools Character Trait
for the Month of
November:**

Citizenship

***What are you doing to make your
community a better place to be?***

Planning to test one more time?

SAT dates:

Dec. 5 Test
-LATE registration until Nov. 13

Jan 23 Test
- Registration deadline Dec. 15

ACT dates:

Dec. 12 Test
-LATE registration until Nov. 20

Feb. 6 Test
-Registration deadline Jan. 5

Note: Community colleges administer the Accuplacer. You may call the college admissions office to make an appointment to test.

When applying for scholarships, always carefully read the minimum G.P.A. requirements (if any), minimum ACT/SAT scores (if any), and any other eligibility requirements.

Make sure that you turn in all required parts, such as essays, letters of recommendation, etc.

If you need help from your counselor, make an appointment at least a week before the deadline so that you will have time to make any necessary changes.