



# Tuscola High School

## Senior Newsletter

### December 2011

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## How to Apply for a Scholarship

The scholarship application process is very similar to the college application process. First, your child filters a large list of possible choices into a focused list that matches your child's needs. Then your child creates compelling applications that are supported by achievements, essays, recommendations and interviews. Here are some tips to help your child create strong scholarship applications.

### Start the Research Early

The more time your child can put into a scholarship search, the more options there are. Your child needs time to research scholarship, request information and application materials, and complete applications.

### Organize All Scholarship Materials

Your child should create a separate file for each scholarship and file by application date. Keep a calendar of application deadlines and follow-up appointments. Many scholarships require your child to provide some combination of the following: transcript, standardized test scores, financial aid forms (FAFSA or CSS Profile), parents' financial information (including tax returns, one or more essays, one of more letters of recommendations, proof of eligibility (e.g., membership credentials.)

### Proofread Applications Carefully

Have a family member, teacher, or friend read over your child's essay.

### Don't Leave Items Blank

Your child should contact scholarship sponsors if they are not sure how to fill out any part of the application.

### Follow Instructions to the Letter

Make sure your child does not go over the length limit for the essay.

### Make Sure the Application is Legible

### Make Copies of Everything Your Child Sends

### Double-Check the Application

### Get Applications in Early

Your child misses out if deadlines are missed. Consider using certified mail.

visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for more information.



## Congrats!

### Michala Muse-

Gardner-Webb (Awarded a \$44,000 scholarship),  
Lenoir-Rhyne (Awarded a \$46,000 scholarship) &  
Western Carolina

### Jasmine Fowler-

Auburn University

### Ethan Howell-

Gardner Webb (Awarded a \$44,000 scholarship) &  
Western Carolina

### Jean Skelton-

UNC Wilmington

### Alyssa Sorrells-

Lenoir-Rhyne (Awarded a \$46,000 scholarship) &  
Western Carolina

**Great job!**



If you have any questions about college or scholarship information, please do not hesitate to call me at 456-2408 or email me at [jsollie@haywood.k12.nc.us](mailto:jsollie@haywood.k12.nc.us).

## SENDING TRANSCRIPTS THROUGH CFNC

Did you know that you can send electronic transcripts through [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)? Here are the steps:

- Log into [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org).
- Click the purple **Apply** tab.
- Click on **Apply to College**.
- Click on **Transcript Manager**.
- Click **Go to Transcript Manager**.
- Select your college and submit transcript. (If it does not allow you to select schools, you must put your NCWise number in your profile.)



## THANK YOU!

Tuscola's College Application Day was a huge success. We had around 200 students applying for college, researching scholarships, or creating resumes. This was a wonderful day. The students enjoyed great snacks thanks to many parents that brought in chips, crackers, cookies, and much more. Man those students can eat! Thanks again to the parents that supplied the snacks. I might need your help again at the end of the year for the senior picnic!

**New scholarship information is attached. Students make sure you check the college websites for scholarships specific to that school. There may be separate applications required!!!**



## Scholarship Nominations

### THS Morehead-Cain Nominees for UNC-CH

\$ Jean Skelton

### THS Park Scholars Nominees for NCSU

\$ Mathew Bolden

\$ Nicole Trader

### THS Roan Scholars Nominees for ETSU

\$ Jessica Saggus

\$ Amanda Wright

### NCSU Centennial Scholarship Nominees

\$ Mathew Bolden

\$ Nicole Trader

### DAR Good Citizenship Scholarship Nominee

\$ Lacey Deaver



## FAFSA Day!

On Saturday, February 18, 2012 college financial aid officers and other financial aid specialists will assist students in the completion and the electronic submission of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1.) FAFSA Day takes place before most deadlines for submission of the form, but you should check with the institutions you are considering to make sure their deadlines are not earlier (and if they are earlier, you should not wait until FAFSA Day to submit your form!)
- 2.) Some colleges require additional documents, such as institutional financial aid forms or the CSS PROFILE. The financial aid representatives on site the day of the program will provide general guidance about forms other than the FAFSA; however, they may not be as familiar with other forms and they may advise students to contact the financial aid offices at the colleges the students are considering for additional assistance.

#### PREPARATION::

- 1.) Participants should bring student's and parents' federal 1040 tax forms for 2011 to the FAFSA Day program.
- 2.) Each student AND one parent should obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN) prior to FAFSA Day from the Department of Education.
- 3.) It will be helpful (though not required) for you to complete as much of the FAFSA on the Web worksheet as possible and bring it with you on FAFSA Day. Don't worry if you don't know all the answers; the experienced financial aid officers will help you. The FAFSA on the Web Worksheet for 2011-12 will be available online after January 1, 2012.

**How?** Register at [www.cfnc.org/fafsaday](http://www.cfnc.org/fafsaday)

**Where?** Buncombe County

**When?** Saturday, February 13th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Tuscola's FAFSA Day is February 21 and 23. More info coming soon!

## December Checklist



- ☐ SAT Reasoning Test: December 3rd and/or ACT Plus Writing: December 10th.
- ☐ Bring acceptance letters and reward letters to the Counseling Center.
- ☐ As you finish and send your applications and essays, be sure to keep copies.
- ☐ You and your family may want to save final pay stubs for the year. On aid forms that you'll file early in the new year, you can use the stubs to estimate income.
- ☐ Choose yearbook poses in English Classes.
- ☐ Call Ms. Bates at (828) 456-8414 if you have not been photographed.
- ☐ Cap and gown pictures will be taken February 7. Cap and gown will be provided.
- ☐ THS FAFSA Day and THS Accuplacer test dates coming soon!
- ☐ AP Exam Fees are due by Dec. 16th. Please see Mrs. Chambers in the Counseling Center to make payment.

### ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate Degrees offered at AB Tech in Asheville:

Accountant Administrative Profess.	Cosmetology Criminal Justice Culinary Hospitality Dental Assisting Dental Hygiene Diagnostic Medical Diesel Engine Digital Media Dramatic Arts Early Childhood Electronics/Electric Technology	Hotel/Restaurant Human Services Information Systems Marketing Massage Therapy Mechanical Engineer Medical Assisting Medical Imaging Medical Technologies Network Systems Admin Networking Nursing Nursing R.N. Nursing/LPN Nursing/Registered Nurse Office Administration/ Technology
Allied Health Architectural Design Art Automotive Baking/Pastry Arts Building Construction Business CAD Carpentry Child Care Cisco Civil Engineering Clerk Typist Clinical Lab Science Clinical Massage Therapy	Emergency Medical Services Engineering/Industrial Technology Entrepreneurship Fine Arts Fire Protection Health Care Heavy Construction Equipment Heavy Duty Mechanics Hospitality	Veterinarian Assistant Veterinary Medical Technology Web Design
CNC Machining College Transfer Program Computers Computer Security and Forensics		

### SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate Degrees offered at SCC in Sylva:

Accounting Administrative Information Technology Advertising/Graphic Design Art/Fine Arts Arts/Sciences Transfer Associate in Arts Transfer Associate in General Education	Associate of Arts Auto Mechanics Biochemistry/Biotechnology Business Admin Civil Engineering Computer Information Systems Technology Criminal Justice/Loss Prevention
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