**SENIOR TO-DO’S FOR OCTOBER**

**Apply Missouri**

During the month of October, we will be raising awareness of college application month. This will be a time for all seniors prepare for and complete the college application process. The month will be filled with exciting activities for seniors!

**Springfield Public Schools College and Career Fair**

SPS will be hosting their 2015 College and Career Fair on October 6th, from 4:30-6:30 pm. The fair will take place at the Ramada OASIS Convention Center, and all juniors and seniors are welcome. There will be a “Financial Aid Basics break out session from 4:45-5:45 in the Paradise Ballroom. To register visit GOTOCOLLEGEFAIRS.com

**College Applications**

Mr. Applegate has set up an additional computer in my office. This computer can be utilized for College/Career Planning. If you are needing assistance with college applications, ACT sign up, or any other related planning, please come see me, and we can establish a time for me to aid you in that process. Now is the time to start sending in applications to colleges you are considering. Some applications will require letters of recommendation. Be sure to give teachers/administrators/counselors plenty of time to write them.

**Transcript Requests**

As you start applying to colleges, you will need to request that your high school transcript be sent to the schools you are applying to. Stop by the counselor’s office to fill out transcript release and request forms. Parent/Guardian signatures will be required for the release form.

Note: Some colleges require your ACT scores to be sent directly from ACT to the College Admissions offices. If you are applying to one of those colleges, go to www.actstudent.org for more information on how to have your ACT scores sent directly from ACT.

**Early Graduation Deadline**

Seniors wanting to apply for early graduation in December must pick up an application from Mrs. Dansby and have it returned, along with a letter stating your career plans to justify early graduation, by November 17, 2015. Failure to meet the early graduation paperwork deadline will eliminate your option of graduating in December.

**Visiting with College Representatives**

 Various representatives from colleges will be visiting the high school to meet with students interested in learning more about admissions, scholarships, and various other helpful information pertaining to that college. If you are interested in meeting with a representative, please see Mrs. Dansby in the counselor’s office to sign up.

Crowder, October 8, 2015, lunch meeting.

Check with the counselor’s office to learn dates and times of other college visits.

**ACT Test Registration**

The next ACT test is December 12, 2015. Registration has to be completed online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) by November 6th to avoid late fees. When registering, be sure to include our high school code (261300) when it is requested. The test costs $39.50 (unless you are on free/reduced lunch; in this case, see your counselor for a fee waiver) and is recommended for students who are in, or have taken, Algebra II during high school. ACT information and practice test booklets are available in the Guidance Center. Looking for some helpful ACT Test Prep help? Try these websites:

<http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>

[www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)

**NCAA Clearinghouse Application Required for Prospective College Athletes**

Seniors who plan to compete in college level athletics (Division I or Division II) need to meet the academic eligibility and core-course requirements as determined by the NCAA Clearinghouse. Seniors planning to pursue athletics in college need to apply to the Clearinghouse as soon as possible. Students are strongly encouraged to apply online at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). When you register, please also sign a Transcript Request form to request that your high school transcript be sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse in your behalf. (There is a fee to register with the Clearinghouse. If you are on free/reduced lunch, please make an appointment with your counselor to request a fee waiver be submitted to NCAA in your behalf after you complete your registration.) The NCAA requires that you have your ACT scores sent to them directly from ACT. For more information on how to do this, go to <http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/>.

**OTC/Drury Senior Visit**

On October 27, 2015, the senior class will be taking a trip to Drury and OTC. All seniors are invited to participate, and the day will have many great opportunities for students. Permission should be returned by 10/20/15.

**College Visits**

Seniors are allowed to take 2 college visits, and are highly encourage to take advantage of this opportunity. When planning to take a college visit please let Mrs. Dansby and Mrs. Barbara know, and return a College Visit Form. These forms can be found at [www.halfwaycounseling.weebly.com](http://www.halfwaycounseling.weebly.com)

**Selective Service Registration**

All males are required by the Federal Government to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday.  Now, 17 year-old males can submit their registration information early at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov/)  or by filling out a form available from any post office.  Selective Service registration is required to be eligible for a federal student loan, job training, most federal jobs, and U.S. citizenship.

**CMH Medical Excellence Scholarship Meeting**

Citizens Memorial Hospital offers a scholarship for seniors interested in attending college and majoring in a healthcare related field. Upon accepting this scholarship, you agree to return to work for CMH after you finish college. This is a huge opportunity for students who would like financial assistance and who would like to work for CMH in the future. Please see Ms. Dansby for more details.

**ASVAB Test for Interested Seniors**

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test will be given on November 20th. at Halfway to all juniors for career interest inventory purposes. Seniors who want to retake it may see Ms. Dansby to sign up if you are interested in taking it for military purposes. Sign up no later than November 1st.

**Compass Test for the A+ Program**

If you are planning to meet all A+ Scholarship requirements, but did not score Proficient or Advanced on a math EOC test in high school as required for A+, you can take the Compass exam as another attempt at meeting the test requirement. If you are interested in taking the test for this purpose, please see Ms. Dansby. The Compass test will be discontinued as an option after this semester, so students are encouraged to take it ASAP if they need it for A+.

**Missouri State University Nurse for a Day**

MSU will be hosting a Nurse for a day program on October, 2 and November 13th. The schedule will include lab rotations, a panel discussion with nurses, a nursing presentation, lunch and a campus tour. The cost is $15.00 for registration, and this covers your parking pass, lunch and a T-shirt to wear on the event day. For more information visit [www.missouristate.edu/nursing/Nurse-for-a-Day.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/nursing/Nurse-for-a-Day.htm)

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**(Please note: If an organization requires payment for scholarship applications. Do NOT apply!) Please check with prospective colleges for scholarship deadlines and application deadlines for scholarships.**

**HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Horatio Alger Association annually awards more than $11 million in college scholarships and grants. The scholarship program provides financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Scholarship criteria also include commitment to pursue a bachelor's degree. Online applications are available at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships). Deadline: October 25.

**JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION**

Criteria: Enroll as a full time student in an accredited 4-year college. GPA 3.5 or above.

Value: up to $40,000 per year

Deadline: November 3rd, 2015

Apply online at: [www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org)

**HAGAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Seniors who have at least a 3.50 GPA, a 23 or higher on the ACT, and who demonstrates financial need are invited to apply for the Hagan Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to reward a high achieving student who has meaningful work or volunteer experience and who aspires to obtain a college education in order to realize his or her full potential. For more information, visit [www.hsfmo.org](http://www.hsfmo.org). Deadline to apply is November 15.

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

One $500 scholarship. 1) Over the past 2 years student must have completed a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work, 2) have a 3.5 GPA, 3) must be under the age of 21. Application deadline is November 29, 2015. <http://www.studentscholarships.org/volunteer.php>

**FREEDOM ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships for their children. For more information, go to <http://www.fascholarship.com/>

**PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD**

If you’ve made a difference through volunteering over the past year, you could win $1,000 and a trip to Washington D.C. next May by applying for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. To apply, visit [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit) or <http://spirit.prudential.com>. To be eligible, you will need to apply and then go to the Certification Page to email or print out instructions for your certifier (Mrs. Highley) by the November 3rd deadline.

Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award

One $500 scholarship. 1) Over the past 2 years student must have completed a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work, 2) have a 3.5 GPA, 3) must be under the age of 21. Application deadline is November 29, 2014. http://www.studentscholarships.org/volunteer.php

**American Legion 81st Annual High School Oratorical Scholarship Program**

The oration must address some aspect of the Constitution of the United Sates, which emphasizes the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. Deadline is November 30, 2015. http://missourilegion.org/molegion\_015.htm

**AXA Achievement Scholarship Program**

To qualify, you should be well rounded, determined to succeed, and have achieved excellence outside the classroom--at a job, sport, or extracurricular activity. Go to www.axa-achievement.com to learn more about the scholarship program and requirements. Download an application and read the inspiring stories of some AXA achievers.

**SANSONE & LAUBER SCHOLARSHIP**

First prize is $500, 2nd prize is $300, and 3rd prize is $200. This scholarship is open to high school seniors and students currently enrolled at a college or university in Missouri. The link to all the scholarship information and rules are on this page: <http://www.sansonelaw.com/scholarship/>. Deadline: January 5, 2015

**MISSOURI SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Missouri Sheriffs’ Association offers 16 – 1,000 scholarships each year to college bound Missouri high school seniors who intend to pursue a criminal justice career and will be attending a Missouri college or university. Applicants must be in good standing with his/her school, have a good reference from the counselor, demonstrate financial need, have a 2.0 gpa or greater, be active in extra-curricular activities, have a paragraph detailing goals 10 years after high school graduation. To apply: Visit [www.mosheriffs.com](http://www.mosheriffs.com) and follow the scholarship link to learn more or email Karen@mosheriffs.com. The application must be returned to the Audrain County Sheriff’s Office, 1100 Littleby Road, Mexico, MO 65265, no later than January 31st.

**PROJECT 21**

The Missouri Gaming Association is pleased to announce the 2016 Project 21 Scholarship Program.  The Project 21 Scholarship Program provides students an opportunity to disseminate their message by writing an article or creating a poster or video addressing the issue of underage gambling.  Two (2) $1,500.00 first prize scholarships and Four (4) $1,000.00 second prize scholarships will be awarded. The article, poster or video entry, completed application and other required documentation as outlined in the application must be received by MARCH 1, 2016**.**  Please see Ms. Dansby for more details.

**DAR – DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION – NATIONAL**

Various scholarships [www.dar.org](http://www.DAR.org)

**ZINCH SCHOLARSHIP FINDER**

If you register with this website they will tell you about scholarships that you can apply for within your area or within your criteria. Several scholarships listed! <http://www.zinch.com/scholarships/>

**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA SCHOLARSHIPS**

Over 30 Scholarships with different criteria up to $3,000. [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org)

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Students must be a resident of Missouri.  Applicants must be under the age of 21, unmarried and a descendant of a veteran with at least ninety days active service in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, who received an Honorable Discharge for such service.  A photocopy of the veteran’s DD 214, discharge or separation notice must accompany the scholarship application.  (For additional details see Mrs. Dansby)

\*\*Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship Fund – Must have attended The American Legion Boys State,  the Department’s Cadet Patrol Academy, or the American Legion Auxiliary’s Girls State. (For additional details see Mrs. Dansby)

\*\*M.D. “Jack” Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Fund – Must be going to be a registered nurse. Applicant must graduate in the top 40% of his/her class.

\*\*Joseph J. Frank Scholarship – Attended a full session of The American Legion Boys State or The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program.

\*\* Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship –Must be a member of The American Legion Family (i.e., Legion Member, Auxiliary Member, S.A.L. Member or a descendant)

\*\*Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship – Must be planning to major in education.

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Criteria: Scholarship, leadership, and financial need

Value: $4,000-$60,000

Deadline: December 4th, 2015

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

**FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST**

Criteria: Write a winning essay on "Why I Am Proud to Be an American". In 350 words or less; 7th-12th grades. Applicant must be sponsored through the local branch. Branch info. for Springfield: Branch: 316 -MO - Springfield - OZARK EMPIRE, Bobbie E Combs, 3334 W Republic Rd. Springfield, MO 65807-5413. Amount: National $5,000, additional $2500 1st, $1500 2nd, $1000 3rd for grades 7 – 12

Deadline: December 1, 2015

Apply online at [www.fra.org/essay](http://www.fra.org/essay)

**THE UNITED STATE JCS SENATE FOUNDATION**

The United States JCI Senate Foundation awards $1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the United States who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. This is available to Missouri residents only. The application form can be downloaded from: <http://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/programs/scholarship>. Deadline January 15, 2016.

**GATES MILLENIUM SCHOLARSHIP**

Criteria: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American; citizen, national or legal permanent U.S. resident; 3.3 GPA; demonstrated leadership in community, extra-curricular, or other activities; financial need.

Value: Up to 5 years education

Deadline: January 13, 2016

Apply online at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)

**GLOBAL LIFT EQUIPMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Criteria: Plan on attending a post-secondary institution in Canada or the US in September 2015, submit a short story-instructions on application page, GPA of 2.5 or greater

Value: $500

Deadline: June 15th, 2016

Apply online: <http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_global_lift_equipment_scholarship_8934.php>

**PROFILES IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST**

Criteria: Write original and creative essay of less than 1000 words demonstrating an understanding of political

courage described by John F. Kennedy in “Profile in Courage”; Grade 9 – 12

Value: 1st place $5000 cash & $5000 for 529 college savings plan

2nd place - $1000 cash up to 5 finalists receive $500 cash

Deadline: January 6, 2016 Apply online: www.jfklibrary.org

**SAE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Criteria: Varies for each scholarship but all require applicant to enroll in an engineering program, have a 3.75 or higher GPA, meet ACT/SAT minimum requirements at stated

Value: Varies

<http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/hsengineering.htm>

**2015 GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

This national program awards college scholarships to high school seniors who embody the characteristics of President Ronald Regan at school, in the community, in the workplace, and at home. They’re looking for students with “leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship.” Recipients receive $10,000 renewable scholarships, up to $40,000 per student. Apply online through www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships or <http://facebook.com/GEReaganScholarships>

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE OZARKS**

 Application will not be available until February 1, 2016.

<http://www.cfozarks.org/cfo-grantmaking-programs/scholarship-programs/>

**ABBOTT & FENNER BUSINESS CONSULTANTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants will continue with their scholarship program for the 4th year awarding up to $1,000 to the winner(s) each year. Deadline June 10, 2016. Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our web site: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

**BIGSUN ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual $500 scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. Students can apply online at http://www.bigsunathletics.com Deadline: June 19, 2015

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS.ORG**

Several new scholarships have been posted here. http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php

**SUSSLE SCHOLARSHIP**

 Offers scholarships every month. Sussle collects the best content by topic. This is not your usual scholarship. There is no application or essay, and it's actually fun. By participating, you will be posting your knowledge for the benefit of others, and in return, the best contributor will win the scholarship. Students can get more info at http://sussle.org/scholarship. Deadline is the last day of every month.

School Soup

Many scholarships listed for the state of Missouri. http://www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory/state/missouri/

Tuition Funding Sources

 (TFS) is a private website designed to help students gain access to over 7 million scholarships totaling more than $41 billion. This resource can be found at: tuituinfundingsources.com

FASTWEB SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

To search over 600,000 scholarships and find information on over 4,000 colleges, go to [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for a free account.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS SEARCH

A listing of scholarships that students from Missouri school districts are eligible for can be found at [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org).

*(NOTE: Deadlines and application requirements may vary. Please check the websites for the most current information.* ***Legitimate scholarship sponsors and websites do not charge a fee to apply.  If a web search or scholarship affiliate asks for payment, EXIT immediately!)***

**HELPFUL WEBSITES**

**Missouri Connections**

Not sure exactly what you want to do after high school? Need help searching for colleges or scholarships? HHS has access to the Missouri Connections online program that lets you investigate all of these topics. On this website, you will find access to interest inventories, college searches, financial aid/scholarship information, and MUCH MORE! For a free account, see Mrs. Dansby in the counseling office for log-in information.

**Student Aid**

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) - This website is designed specifically for students and provides details about the entire financial aid process.

**College Profiles**

[www.collegeprofiles.com](http://www.collegeprofiles.com) - this free site assists students looking for a college or career school. It features in-depth college profiles with information about academic programs, athletics, campus life, facilities, expenses, financial aid, and much more.

[**http://www.college-scholarships.com**](http://www.college-scholarships.com/)

[**http://www.college-scholarships.com/missouri.htm**](http://www.college-scholarships.com/missouri.htm)