Halfway November Newsletter

**SENIOR TO-DO’S FOR OCTOBER**

Hopefully you applied to colleges you are considering last month during Apply MO month. If not, you need to do so! Remember to stop by the counseling office and fill out a transcript request form so your official high school transcript can be mailed there. If you have taken any dual credit courses through SBU, OTC or MSU, you will need to request your transcripts from them at the end of the year to have your college transcript(s) sent from SBU/MSU/OTC to the college of your choice. If you have not visited the college(s) you are considering, you are encouraged to do so. This will help you make decisions and comparisons of what each college “feels” like when you visit. If you want to take a college visit, set it up with the college by visiting their Admissions webpage for more information. Once you have one setup, fill out a College Visit Form from the Halfway Counseling Weebly Website. After your visit, bring back a note or something from the rep you met with to the attendance office to verify that you went on the visit. If you take these steps, the college visit day will be counted as a school field trip for you and won’t count against your attendance.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/DEADLINES

* FAFSA Night —November 17th, 4-6 p.m.
* University of Missouri General app/scholarship deadline is Dec. 1
* No school November 23-25

**EARLY GRADUATION DEADLINE**

Seniors wanting to apply for early graduation in December must pick up an application from Mrs. Henderson and have it returned, along with a letter stating your career plans to justify early graduation, by November 15, 2016. Failure to meet the early graduation paperwork deadline will eliminate your option of graduating in December.

**MISSOURI CONNECTIONS**

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. Henderson in the Counseling Center for log-in information.

**LUNCH WITH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS**

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. Additionally, we will have speakers from various career paths present on their career path, education/training and what a typically day looks like in their career. These meetings will take place during the lunch hour, and you will need to sign up with Mrs. Henderson prior to attending.

Robert Moreland, Commerce Bank President, November 4th

Crowder College, November 4th

Ranken, November 18th

**ACT TEST REGISTRATION**

The next ACT test is February 11th. Registration has to be completed online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org/) by January 13th to avoid late fees. When registering, be sure to include our high school code (261300) when it is requested. The test costs $42.50 (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 Mrs. Henderson’s office, and can be found on the counseling website.

**OPEN HOUSE--COX COLLEGE**

Cox College is offering an Open House on November 5th from 10 a.m.-noon. During this time, students have opportunity to tour the simulation center, visit the surgical radiography, observe medical assisting students perform health assessments, go inside an online class, and learn about all the programs Cox College offers. More information is available at www.coxcollege.edu and (417)269-3401.

**OTC ALLIED HEALTH OPEN HOUSE**

Interested in one of the allied health areas at OTC? Consider attending the Allied Health Open House on December 2nd from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the OTC Springfield campus. At the Open House, students will be able to learn about the 14 Allied Health Associate degrees and certificate programs. There will be free prizes, free t-shirts, free application fees, and you will get help making an active step-by-step plan to pursue a career option! RSVP as soon as possible to taylorst@otc.edu. You may also visit https://academics.otc.edu/alliedhealth/ for more information.

**OTC-BOUND?**

If you are planning to attend OTC this fall and have not yet applied, go to [www.otc.edu](http://www.otc.edu/) and click on “Apply Online.” The application is free. Once you receive your acceptance letter from OTC, double check that you are completing the required tasks on the checklist you receive in the mail:

* Complete online orientation
* Complete the FAFSA
* Have your high school transcript sent to them (if you’ve taken dual credit, you will have to send your SBU/MSU transcript as well)
* Schedule an advising appointment

**A+ COLLEGE LIST**

This link provides a list of 2-year colleges and technical schools that accept the A+ Scholarship: <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/documents/EligibleAplusPostsecondarySchools.pdf>.

### **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 up on the Transcript Request form in the Guidance Center 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/>.

**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. Henderson 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)

**BTC – MEDICAL PROFESSION OPEN HOUSE**

Bolivar technical college is hosting a high school day for seniors who are interested in the medical profession on Thursday, November 17. We will start at 8:30 am and be finished by 11:30 am.  The students will be able to observe the anatomy and physiology lab, observe a demonstration in the simulation nursing lab, and hear a panel of practical nursing students discuss their experiences in the nursing program.  The students will park behind our building and met in the commons area in the lower level. Please let Mrs. Henderson know by November 11th, if you would like to attend.

**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.**

**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 (Mr. Roweton) by the November 8 deadline.

**HAGAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Seniors who have at least a 3.50 GPA, a 23 or higher on the ACT, and who demonstrate 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.

**SHOW-ME CHAPTER OF THE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Show-Me Chapter offers a $2000 scholarship for a high school senior planning to major in conservation or a natural resources-related field. This is an essay contest. Information can be found at <http://www.moswcs.org/scholarship/>. Applications must be postmarked by November 28.

**AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST**

Scholarships are awarded to finalists who participate in this oratorical contest. Details about the contest are available at<http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical.htm>. Deadline is November 30.

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Criteria: Scholarship, leadership, and financial need

Value: $4,000-$60,000

Deadline: November 30, 2016

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

**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 30, 2016

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

**MSU PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Seniors planning to attend Missouri State University who have a 30 or higher on the ACT and rank in the top 10% of their class are encouraged to apply for the Presidential Scholarship. The application can be found at [www.missouristate.edu/presidentialapp](http://www.missouristate.edu/presidentialapp). Deadline to apply is **December 1**.

**MSU ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

If you qualify, or would like to qualify, for an MSU automatic academic scholarship (minimum ACT range 24-28), the last ACT test date you can use to raise your score is December 2016 (October if you are applying for the Presidential Scholarship). If you would like an opportunity to raise your score to qualify, please make sure you sign up for the October or December test dates. All MSU Freshman Scholarships are available at<http://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/scholarships/Freshman.htm>.

**MIZZOU’S GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The University of Missouri has a general application for incoming freshman. Application for admission must be received to be considered for scholarships by December 1. More information can be found at <http://financialaid.missouri.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/mu-scholarship-application/>.

 **MSU INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP & DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Seniors planning to attend Missouri State University who have demonstrated academic achievement and a commitment to becoming a leader in an inclusive society are invited to apply for this $5000 scholarship! Recipients of this scholarship will be chosen by the Inclusive Excellence Scholarship Selection Committee. The goal of the committee will be to select a cohort of students each year who have a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences and who seek the opportunity to contribute to the [University’s goal of creating a climate of inclusive excellence](http://www.missouristate.edu/longrangeplan/diversity-inclusion.htm). Students will be selected based on their academic record, their combination of school, community, and family involvement and activities, and their demonstrated commitment to becoming a leader in an inclusive society. Applications for MSU’s $2000 Diversity in Education is also available at this same website. Applications can be found at [www.missouristate.edu/multiculturalapp](http://www.missouristate.edu/multiculturalapp). Deadline to apply is December 1.

**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, 2016

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

**GEORGE C. BROOKS SCHOLARSHIP (MU-COLUMBIA)**

Students from ethnic groups including African-American, Hispanic, and Native American are eligible for this $7500 scholarship. High school seniors who wish to apply must have a minimum ACT score of 25. Interested applicants must apply for admission to MU and submit official transcripts and test scores no later than December 15. See the following website for more details: <http://financialaid.missouri.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/scholarships/brooks-scholarship/index.php>.

**NFIB YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR SCHOLARSHIP**

If you are a young entrepreneur or have dreams of owning your own business, visit [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.nfib.com/YEA) to apply for the 2017 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award. Deadline to apply is December 18.

**ED STEGNER NATURAL RESOURCE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Foundation’s Ed Stegner Natural Resource Scholarships were established to provide major financial aid to encourage and assist students in five areas of natural resource management: Fisheries, Forestry, Wildlife, Parks and Recreation and Soil and Water conservation. Priority for this $1000 scholarship is given to those who demonstrate financial need. More information is available at <http://www.conservemo.org/ed-stegner-natural-resource-scholarship.html>. Deadline to apply is January 31.

**WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

If you are a history buff and/or enjoy politics, visit [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org/) for information about the Washington Crossing Foundation scholarship. Deadline to apply is January 15.

**NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP**

High school seniors who have MS or who have a parent with MS are invited to apply for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Scholarship. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited post-secondary school at a two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States. Most awards are between $1000-$3000. Applications are available online at<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/Resources-Support/Insurance-and-Financial-Information/Financial-Resources/Scholarship-Program/Scholarship-Program-Information>. Deadline to apply is January 18.

 **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 20, 2017.

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE OZARKS**

 Application will not be available until February 1, 2016.

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

**MISSOURI VALLEY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ENGLISH MAJORS**

Planning to go to Missouri Valley and major in English? Check out these $10,000 essay contests (Virginia Zank Scholarship and Loren Gruber Scholarship) at <http://www.moval.edu/financial_aid/scholarships.php>. Deadline to apply is February 15.

**MIKE ROWE WORKS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (MIDWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE)**

If you are interested in attending MTI, scholarship information is available at <https://midwesttech.edu/scholarship>. The application through the Mike Rowe Works Foundation involves registering for the program, completing the application, submitting a video, and attending a campus tour to complete an applicable program assessment and meet with financial aid. Deadline to apply is March 17.

**PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS SCHOLARSHIP (FOR SONS/DAUGHTERS OF MILITARY/FIRST RESPONDERS)**

Missouri seniors who are the son/daughter of military personnel or first responders who lost their life in the line of duty, was honorably discharged, or was disabled in the line of duty are invited to read more about this $2500 scholarship. Information is available at <http://www.cpsk12.org/cms/lib8/MO01909752/Centricity/Domain/5783/2017PatriotRidersScholarship.pdf>. Deadline to apply is April 1.

**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>

**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 12, 2017. Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our web site: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

**GLOBAL LIFT EQUIPMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Criteria: Plan on attending a post-secondary institution in Canada or the US in September 2017, submit a short story-instructions on application page, GPA of 2.5 or greater

Value: $500

Deadline: June 15th, 2017

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

**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, 2017

**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/>.

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

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

**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

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

**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/>

**FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES**

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

[www.salliemaefund.org](http://www.salliemaefund.org/)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org).

[www.collegesavingsplan.org](http://www.collegesavingsplan.org)

[www.studentloans.org](http://www.studentloans.org)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org/)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/)

[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org/)

[www.finaid.org/calculators](http://www.finaid.org/calculators)

**CHOOSING A MAJOR/CAREER**
[www.monstercollege.com](http://www.monstercollege.com)

[www.stats.bls.gov](http://www.stats.bls.gov)

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

### **PRACTICE ACT QUESTIONS**

<http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/index.html>

<http://www.actexampracticetests.com/>

<http://www.number2.com/>