

Senior Scholarships and Announcements (Set 1—Aug-Sept 2021)

1. Keep a senior folder to stay informed, reminded, and organized about your senior year responsibilities. Use your senior handbook as a reference guide. Senior handbook and senior handouts will be posted on the school website lawrenceal.org/lchs... on the Guidance page (Handbook and Scholarship handouts are there).
2. Important Dates: Homecoming Sept 24; Prom April 8; Awards Day May 16 at 1:00pm ; Graduation **May 26 at 7:00pm**
3. Yearbook pictures for seniors: Schedule an appointment for your SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURE. Mrs. Singleton will have a sign-up list for pics the week of homecoming. Greg will be at LCHS on Sept 21, but you can make appointments for pics in his studio during that week.
4. Yearbook Staff will be selling ads (senior casual pictures/ messages for the back of the yearbook) in October. Schedule your casual pics now if you haven't already.
5. Senior Fees are \$100. This covers Prom (\$65) and Graduation (\$35). If you are not going to prom, you only pay \$35. Fees go to Mrs. S. Rogers. After first semester (December 20), fees will increase by \$25.
6. Graduation supply order packets will go home with you on Oct 25 (meeting at 1pm). This will include cap and gown (required), invitations, and keepsake items. Mike Mills will return to pick up orders on Nov 9.
7. Begin applying to colleges NOW... at least 2-3. (Don't wait on an ACT score or GPA. Those can be updated later). Go to the college website and click on "Admissions" or "Prospective/Future Students" and follow directions to apply for undergraduate admission. For colleges with admission application fees, students on free/reduced lunch can use 2 waivers from Guidance Office. **DO NOT USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.**
 - a. Refer to your senior handbook page 11-13 about types of colleges and how to choose a college. For example, do they offer the degree program you are interested in? Do you / can you meet their ACT/ GPA /course requirements?
 - b. When you apply, the college will need your high school transcript. Create an account at parchment.com (using the yellow flyer that was stapled to your schedule day 1) to request a transcript to be sent. All students get 4 free transcript orders. Any additional order will cost about \$4 each.
 - c. Other admission requirements: 2-year colleges will require a notarized proof of ID and residency signature page. Mrs. Rainey can notarize your ID page. Make sure you complete ALL admission requirements (forms, ID, transcript request, payment/application fee) for each college you apply to, and do so before their deadlines*. Refer to your senior handbook, page 24 for college admission info and scholarship application deadlines.
 - d. Many colleges now require that ACT scores be sent directly to them from ACT. Log in to your ACT account (actstudent.org) to send scores if you did not list them when you tested.
8. TAKE THE ACT. Remember, colleges use ACT for admission and scholarship determination. Higher ACT = \$\$\$ for you.
 - a. If you are taking the ACT Sept 11: Be here by 8:00 am. Students must be registered; bring picture ID, admission ticket, calculator, and pencil.
 - b. ACT October 23: Deadline to register without a late fee is Sept 17. Register at actstudent.org. Fee Waivers available in Guidance Office for Free/Reduced lunch or Talent Search students. Make sure you list college codes (who will get your scores), as well as NCAA (code 9999) if you plan to play collegiate sports. Our school code is 011930 and testing center code is 162870. You must upload a picture ID. The October Test is the LAST ACT for scholarship consideration for colleges with a December deadline. Writing portion is required for Alabama, Auburn, UAB, and UAH.
9. Senior ACT WorkKeys Test is October 6. All seniors will take this test! Over the next few weeks, some of you will be pulled for small group tutoring.
10. ASVAB Test for Military entrance is Nov 17. See Mrs. Martin if you need to take or re-take this test. No cost.
11. College visits/ tours: You can attend 2 college visits as "field trip" days this year. Explore college and career pathways at helpful websites like bigfuture.com , alcareerinfo.org, oneline.org, careerkey.com, mynextmove.org, and mymajors.com. We also have a career coach (Kaci Quails kquails@lawrenceal.org) who can meet with you individually to help you explore the best career pathway for you.
12. If you plan to play collegiate sports, register for NCAA eligibility at eligibilitycenter.org. Fee waivers available for free/reduced lunch students.
13. EVERYONE COMPLETES THE FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). **First Step:** All seniors and their parents must create an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov. **Step 2:** Your parents will need to gather their 2020 tax return documents to complete the 2022-23 FAFSA at fafsa.gov. **The FAFSA application opens October 1.** Mrs. Bentley can set up appointments if you need help. Mrs. Quails will be in Mrs. Roger's classes Sept 9-10 to help you create your FSA ID. **DO NOT USE SCHOOL EMAIL FOR FSA ID/ FAFSA OR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.**
14. Use FREE* scholarship search sites like achievealabama.org (cappex), Scholly, GoingMerry, Unigo, FastWeb, BigFuture, Chegg, find.com, and studentscholarships.com to do your own personal scholarship searches. I will list scholarships each month but there are THOUSANDS more to research as potential money makers for you! Also remember that I will usually only list "community" scholarships. GO TO COLLEGE WEBSITES to apply for College scholarships such as

leadership, foundational, or academic scholarships. Each college has its own process for scholarship applications, so become familiar with the steps and deadlines necessary for YOUR colleges of interest! ***NEVER PAY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH.**

15. Ask your parents if their workplace or bank/ credit union offers scholarships for dependents. NUCOR and Listerhill are 2 examples who do so.
16. College Recruiters will be attending our meetings and also will set up info tables occasionally on other dates. I will email you the info as they are scheduled.
17. NWS Career Fair for Career Tech students – Manufacturing/ etc Oct 21. Let Mrs. Callie Terry (LCCT) know by Oct 1 if you want to attend.

| Scholarship | Description | \$\$ | Deadline | Contact |
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| Gates Scholarship | Minority with 3.3 GPA; pell | Up to \$30K | Sept 15 | goingmerry.com (just an example of one from the site) |
| Cameron Impact Scholarship | 3.7 GPA, student who wants to make a social impact | Full tuition | Sept 10 | goingmerry.com (just an example of one from the site) |
| Do Something Project Scholarships | Take on a project idea listed on their website (several different projects to choose) | Up to \$17,000 | First deadline Sept 15, others later | www.dosomething.org Under Benefits, click scholarships |
| Better Business Bureau 2021 Torch Awards (11-12) **Only the first 150 entries are accepted! | Leadership, Community Service, Academics, Essay | \$1,000 | Late Sept* New application not posted yet | https://www.bbb.org/us/al/huntsville *Will email seniors details when they are posted next week |
| Quest Bridge National College Match* | Top 5-10% in class; ACT 27; household earning <\$65,000 | Varies | Sept 28 | www.questbridge.org *See their list of college partners before applying |
| No Essay You Deserve It | Sweepstakes | \$2,222 | Sept 29 | https://scholarshipowl.com/awards/you-deserve-it-scholarship |
| No Sweat – Cirkled IN | Create an account, | \$2500 | Sept 30 | www.cirkledin.com |
| Don't Text and Drive (Grades 9-12) | Your response to a short prompt (grades 9-12) | 1000 | Sept 30 | Digitalresponsibility.org |
| Shout it Out (Grades 9-12) | Essay Contest (250 words or less) | \$1500 | Sept 30 | unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/shout-it-out-scholarship *just one example of unigo.com scholarships! |
| NSHSS STEM | GPA 3.0 going into STEM | \$1000 | Oct 1 | nshssfoundation.org/scholarships |
| NACME | African Am, Native Am, Hispanic Am going into engineering or Comp Sci | \$5000 | Oct 15 | studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9612 |
| Schoolhouse Connection Youth Scholarship | Youth who have experienced homelessness | \$2000 | Oct 15 | https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/youth-leadership/scholarship-program/ |
| AES Engineers Scholarship | GPA; Personal essay; for students going into engineering | \$500 | Oct 8 | www.aesengineers.com click Scholarships for essay topic |
| Heisman High School | Student Athletes | Up to \$10K | Oct 19 | Heismanscholarship.com |
| Voice of Democracy (9-12) | Audio Essay, 3-5 minutes on the given topic, "What Makes America Great" | Up to \$30,000 | Oct 31 | https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships |
| Zombie Apocalypse (9-12) | Essay Contest | \$2000 | Oct 31 | https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship |
| Coca-Cola Scholars | Academics, Leadership, Service | \$20,000 | Oct 31 | coca-colascholarsfoundation.org |
| Discover Loans Scholarship Drawing | Sign up to receive financial tips about paying for college | \$5,000 | Monthly Drawings thru Jan 31 | collegecovered.com/assist Click "Win a Scholarship" top right *No purchase or loan is necessary to enter or win |