

Announcements / Scholarships -October Handout

1. Have you applied to college? Narrow down to 3-5 colleges and use reasonable criteria for your decision (degree program, admission requirements, cost, location, housing, etc). Also, remember, when selecting "Term": select your entry term as "Fall 2023" (or Summer 2023 if you plan to start college in the summer). Do not select "Spring 2023" as your entry term (that would mean January).
 2. October 17-21 is **College Application Week!** Many colleges will waive the application fee that week. Watch for an emailed list, and will post list at Rogers/ Guidance.
 3. Continue to use **parchment.com** to request **transcripts** for colleges. We do not mail them—they are sent electronically through your parchment account. We do not use SEND-EDU. Use the pink registration paper (that was stapled to your schedule week 1) to make your account if you have not done so. If you need your code again, let us know (Martin/ Montgomery) – we have extra copies. Free/ Reduced lunch/ Talent Search – see Mrs. Montgomery AFTER you make your account.
 4. The **FAFSA** site opens Oct 1. (www.fafsa.ed.gov). First, you and your parents must create an FSA ID (username/ password). Store the FSA ID safely, as you will use this information to log in **every year of college** to apply for aid. To complete the FAFSA, you will need:
 - Student and Parents' FSA ID and Social Security Numbers,
 - Parent's date of birth, marital status of parents, and date of marriage/ divorce/ remarriage if applicable
 - Parents' 2021 Tax returns and Student's 2021 Tax returns, if filed.
 - Non –Tax filers: W-2's, child support paid/ received, benefits for veterans or other housing/ living allowances, any other untaxed income
 - It is recommended that you use the IRS Retrieval Tool option, which pulls your family's tax info automatically. This reduces the likelihood of your FAFSA being selected for auditing.
 - If you or your parents need help, come to the library on **Oct 17 (Conference Day) from 4-6pm for a FAFSA workshop/ assistance**
 - Bring your FSA ID and all above info with you.
 - Calhoun is hosting a FAFSA NIGHT on 10/18/22 from 4-7:30pm. Register at calhoun.edu/fafsanight.
- 4.5 ☺ You can complete your FAFSA on the **myStudentAid** mobile app. It is very easy to use!
5. After applying for admission, the next step is looking at the college's **scholarship opportunities** and applying for scholarships. Some are based on GPA, some on ACT, some are leadership/ service, some are foundation/ need-based. Each college manages their scholarship process differently. Use college websites for up-to-date scholarship guidelines and applications. Know what the application process is, and what is required. Take time to complete the scholarship applications completely and accurately. The scholarship applications will take a lot longer to do than the application for admission. Set time aside to do it right and do it well. See the deadlines on page 24 of your senior handbook, and double check the college page for possible changes to deadlines.
 6. **SENIOR WORKKEYS TEST** is Wednesday, Oct 5 . **ALL SENIORS** report to your testing room at 7:45am with pencils and calculator. You can sign out after the test. Seniors will be the only students on campus. Also, students who have not have their senior pic made will STAY AFTER TESTING to get their picture made in the aud.
 7. **ACT** – Tests on October 22 and December 10 this semester. Register at actstudent.org... come to Guidance if you need help registering or if you need a waiver (free/reduced/ Talent Search get 2 waivers during junior/ senior year).
 8. **ASVAB** (military entrance exam) is November 8 (register with Mrs. Martin). This test is free.
 - a. If you would like a visit with a military recruiter, let Mrs. Martin know. We have recruiters from all branches who will come to LCHS to meet with you.
 9. All seniors will take the **CIVICS exam** Oct 26 – Nov 4 with your Gov/ Econ teacher. A study guide has been emailed to you. If you are virtual, you will take the test at LCSS. If you are an LCHS-campus student and you do not have Lee or King, see Mrs. Martin to make sure you are scheduled to test (you have been emailed details).
 10. Attend **College Preview Days**. Schedule ahead and bring proof of attendance if you miss school for a college visit. REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME.
 11. You will receive **Balfour packets** (to order cap/gown and other graduation supplies) on **October 26 at 8am**. Mike Mills will return to LCHS on Nov 8 to pick up orders. If you are not ready to turn your order by then, you can mail your order to Balfour or order online at mrmgradsales.com. Let Mrs. Martin know by December 1 if you need help with the purchase of your cap and gown. The senior package includes cap/ gown, tassel, diploma and diploma cover, and totals @ \$90.

12. **LCHS senior fee** of \$140 is due to Rogers by December 2 (pays for homecoming, prom, graduation). \$70 if not going to prom. Fees go up +\$25 after Christmas.
13. E-Day at Alabama (engineering and computer science) is Oct 28 from 8am-1pm. Register by Oct 14 at eng.ua.edu/e-day.

SCHOLARSHIP LIST #2 (OCTOBER)

Scholarship	Description	\$\$	Deadline	Contact
AAFEPA Leo Brown Scholarship	Students who will pursue a degree in education, 3.0	\$1500	Oct 7	Applications in Guidance (& emailed to you last month)
AAFEPA Joan Buckley	Leadership, resume, GPA 3.0, rec letters	\$1500	Oct 7	Applications in Guidance (& emailed to you last month)
Zombie Apocalypse	Essay (250 words or less)	\$2000	Oct 31	https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship
Alabama Cattleman's Association	Member of ACA or Child/ Grandchild of ACA member (past 2 yrs)	\$500 - \$2000	November 6	Bamabeef.org 15 scholarships listed, some are degree/ school-specific
Lawrence County Cattleman's Association	LCCA member or child / grandchild of member (3 years)	Varies \$500-\$1000	December 1	Applications in Guidance Office *Last year EVERY applicant was awarded a scholarship!
Elks MVP (Most Valuable Student)	GPA, Leadership, Need	\$4K- \$50K	Nov 14	elks.org/scholars
Elks Legacy	Child/ GChild of Elks member	\$4000	Feb 6	elks.org/scholars
Jack Kent Cooke: College Scholarship Program	3.5 GPA, financial need	Up to \$55,000 a year to a 4-year college	Nov 17 and complete FAFSA	www.jkcf.org
BEST / Compansol	Talent Search Students; GPA, Leadership, Need	Up to \$1000	Nov 30	www.compansol.com/scholarship.php
Hagan Scholarship Foundation	High achievers with financial need; 3.5 GPA; work hours	Up to \$48,000 (4-year college)	Dec 1	www.hsfmo.org Also requires employment hours
Burger King Scholar	2.5 GPA, BK Employee or child of employee	\$1000 - \$50,000	Dec 15	Bk-scholars.com Opens Oct 15
Overachievers Grant	Making a Difference	\$15,000	Dec 15	https://powertotheopen.com/g2overachievers/
Around the Corner	Create account/ drawing	\$1000	Dec 31	https://accessscholarships.com/around-the-corner-from-college-scholarship
Smith Foundation	Need, Rec letters, ACT; must live on campus	Up to full support	Jan 13	smithscholarships.com Must apply for at least 3 other schol.
JFK Profile in Courage	Essay Contest	Up to \$10K	Jan 13	https://www.ifklibrary.org/learn
Christian Connector	Interested in attending a Christian College	\$2500 drawing	Not listed on website, so do ASAP	www.ChristianConnector.com
Scholarship Drawing	Random ongoing drawings	\$1000 - \$2000	drawings	scholarshippoints.com