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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



GETTING READY FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER SEVEN WEEKS TO GO!!

Only seven weeks to go until the end of the first semester. Keep in mind that you pass or fail a course by semester, not by the year. English IV, American Government, and Economics are the courses that you need to focus on for graduation purposes. If you fail first semester English IV, you will need to see your guidance counselor ASAP to discuss possible options for repeating the course. In addition, you must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0, and you must have a passing score on the FCAT as well as complete the 24 credits to receive a high school diploma. Guidance counselors have been diligently updating seniors with the courses needed to meet graduation requirements. If you are taking a course online, stay on task. Do not fall behind. If you are not showing progress in the online course, your counselor

will make other recommendations to keep you on track for graduation.

This month's newsletter and the January Senior Newsletter are of significant importance if your post-secondary plans include college or technical schools. The financial aid process begins January 1st and it is beneficial to you to be an early participant. This newsletter offers information to apply for a PIN (your electronic signature) for the FAFSA and to introduce you to the FAFSA website. You will also find step-by-step instructions to register for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. There will be two Financial Aid Workshops during the months of December and January. Be sure to look for the Financial Aid Workshop article in this newsletter.

BEWARE OF SENIORITIS VIRUS!!!!

After the semester break some seniors develop symptoms of the senioritis virus. This virus affects their ability to function as they did in the first semester. Symptoms can be as simple as an increase in tardies or as extreme as the dreaded skipping syndrome. Some of the risks of senioritis include losing your honor status (Summa, Magna or Cum Laude), a college acceptance offer rescinded, and the most serious of all - failure to graduate. You have dedicated a lot of time and effort towards your future. Stay focused!!! Finish your first semester strong, second semester stronger!!! No slacking allowed!!!

THE TIME IS NOW!

Seniors who desire to apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship program and other State of Florida scholarships may apply online beginning **December 1** at **www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org**. The entire registration process takes less than 20 minutes (less in most cases). To register, follow the six easy steps listed in the article below.

If you apply now and have all the requirements completed prior to the end of this semester, you will receive your award notice in the spring. If you apply now but have not completed all the requirements by the

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end of this semester, you will be re-evaluated at the end of the school year and receive your award letter in mid-summer. Don't miss out on being evaluated for this scholarship by failing to apply. **DO IT NOW!** **NOTE: If you have not turned in your community service hours by the end of the semester, you will not qualify for the maximum scholarship you are eligible for the spring evaluation.**

SIX EASY STEPS TO YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP

Florida Bright Futures Registration Web Address:
www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

- Go to "State Grants, Scholarships, and Applications" link.
- Go to "Apply Here".
- Click on "Initial State Student Application".
- Complete Application.
- Submit and Print Application.
- Print Confirmation page for your records.

DON'T WORRY....

Everyone is worried about career options! If you are a high school senior, or a parent of one, you know a major worry this time of year involves the Big "C" word: Career. There's also a lot of concern about the other "C" word: College. Consideration of career should logically precede college choice. In fact, choice of career should impact college selection. Statistics show that many high school students aren't sure what they want to do for a career. Even the ones who think they know, often change their mind once they enter college and begin to take courses. Numerous college freshmen entering school this fall will change their major several times before graduation. Of course, it's easy to be philosophical about this issue if your future isn't involved. On the other hand, if you are the one who can't decide between being a brain surgeon or a batting coach, it may feel as if there never will be any right answers.

Here's a suggestion: for the time being, don't worry too much about it. Like a good manager in a fast-paced business, you have to make the best decision. Part of your examination process may include the courses which you take in college. You may discover new options while in college, possibilities that may in fact alter the career choices which you thought were finalized! Plan your freshman year with flexibility. For instance, if you decide that instead of being a physician you want to be a hospital administrator, you

would have more latitude at a university which offers both pre-med and business administration majors. In general, most students who change majors switch to a closely related area. If you remain uncertain of your career plans, consider enrolling in a general curriculum such as a liberal arts program. Enrolling in liberal arts courses for your first two years provides a broad academic base, most of which can be applied to a specific major you select later. This option can be discussed with your high school counselor and college admission officials.

Student and parents should realize that career plans are rarely finalized in high school or even early college years. Rather than worrying about this natural indecision, simply make your plans with some flexibility in mind. If you haven't started thinking or looking into plans after graduation, start by searching other areas of our guidance web site. Check out the Career Info area. There you will find information on various courses and links to places where you can do internet inventories to help you decide on a career.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

All seniors and parents/legal guardians are invited to attend two financial aid workshops that will explain the financial aid process. You will be oriented to all available financial aid resources and receive vital information about filling out financial aid forms, scholarships, and loans. The first workshop will be presented Thursday, December 8th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the NHS Media Center. Registration for the workshop will begin Monday, November 28th - Tuesday, December 6th. Sign-up in Guidance to register for this very important workshop! The second workshop will be held Thursday, January 12th, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Pat Bennett, the Financial Aid Director for Northwest Florida State College will be the guest speaker. She will have information concerning the FAFSA, Florida Bright Futures, scholarships, and will answer your financial aid questions. See you there!



FAFSA - AS EASY AS 1-2-3!

The FAFSA is a form students complete to be eligible for financial aid. You can find information about financial aid, completing the form, do an online application, etc. by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov/. Filing this form will generate a



report- **Student Aid Report (SAR)** which will be sent to the college financial aid office of the schools you select. This form requires tax information from your parents' and your (if you file) 2011 income tax return.

PUZZLED BY FINANCIAL AID?

Check out these web sites to get more information:



SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

FastWeb Scholarship Search	www.fastweb.com
FAFSA (Free app. For Federal Student Aid)	www.fafsa.ed.gov
Pell Grants	www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html
Direct Loans	www.ed.gov/DirectLoan
Hope/Lifetime Learning Credit	www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf
JobCorps	www.jobcorps.org
AmeriCorps	www.americorps.org

INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

U.S. Dept. of Education	www.ed.gov
FAFSA	www.fafsa.ed.gov
FinAid	www.finaid.org
Mapping Your Future	www.mappingyourfuture.org
Student Guide to Financial Aid	studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html

FINANCIAL AID CALCULATORS

College Cost Projector	www.fastweb.com
Loan Calculators	www.fastweb.com
Budget, Checkbook, Savings, Student Loan Calculators	www.mappingyourfuture.org/money/calculators.htm

FILING FAFSA ONLINE REQUIRES A PIN

Before you apply for federal financial assistance online you must apply for a PIN. You can apply for a PIN at: www.pin.ed.gov.

You can apply for your PIN before the January 1st date for filing the FAFSA. You'll need a PIN to electronically sign your FAFSA. If you are a dependent student, your parents should also apply for a PIN now so that they can electronically sign your FAFSA. Your PIN will be e-mailed to you within 1-5 days. If you don't provide a valid e-mail address, your PIN will be mailed to you within 7-10 days. Your PIN should not be shared with anyone, even if someone else completes your FAFSA for you. What can you do with your PIN?

1. Sign your FAFSA on the Web electronically;
2. Review and correct answers on your electronic SAR;
3. Print a copy of your SAR;
4. Electronically sign loan promissory notes;
5. Reapply for student aid every year you are in school;
6. View information about federal loans and grants you have received.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID WEB SITES

- ★ Student Aid on the Web - planning for college, paying for college, and repaying student loans: www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov
- ★ Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid: www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/guide
- ★ Looking For Student Aid www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/LSA
- ★ FAFSA on the Web and Federal School Codes: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ★ FAFSA PIN Information and Registration: www.pin.ed.gov
- ★ Florida Office of Financial Assistance/Bright Futures Registration: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
- ★ Scholarship Search Engines: www.FASTWEB.com
www.scholarships.com
www.schoolsoup.com

FAFSA vs. FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES

There is a difference between the FAFSA and the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a **federal financial assistance program**. It is based on your family's financial status and need.

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship is a **state-funded, merit scholarship** you earn based on your GPA, test scores, and community service.

In the past, seniors have applied for one or the other thinking they have applied for both. Seniors must apply separately for the FAFSA and Florida Bright Futures.

NOTE: Seniors must now complete a FAFSA to be eligible for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.

NEED COLLEGE FINANCIAL HELP?

There are many scholarships available from individual colleges. These scholarships are not published in this newsletter. Once you have been accepted at a college, check with guidance to see if the college offers scholarships of which we have been notified. We have applications on file for many of these scholarships, but you must be accepted by that particular college before you can apply for the scholarship. Most, but not all, of these scholarships are merit scholarships. Some require that you be planning to pursue a particular major. Don't forget this important source to possible financial help.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SERVICES

(***reprinted from The Woodburn Press)

A number of scholarship services claim that they can "get you money for college." With the availability of information on the Internet, there is little reason to use one of these services. Here is the response from one high school senior who used a typical scholarship service:

"When I was a senior, I decided to try one of the commercial scholarship searches you hear so much about. I completed a questionnaire, paid a fee, and in return, received a very impressive looking 31- page computerized Scholarship Profile. I soon realized, however, that I didn't even qualify for 19 of the 36 scholarships listed in the report (2 scholarships were for individuals living in different countries, 8 were for graduates of other high schools, etc.). Of the 17 remaining scholarships, several were duplicates, some had been cancelled, some required nomination, and most of the rest were college scholarships for which I'd automatically be considered. The entire process was a waste of time and money. My advise to you is, investigate scholarship opportunities on you own, and take advantage of the free scholarship searches on the Internet."

While most scholarship search services provide little information of value, some are outright scams. It is, in fact, estimated that hundreds of thousands of families are scammed out of millions of dollars each year by fraudulent companies. For information on scholarship scams, go to: www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscam.

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

The last pages of this newsletter are devoted to scholarships for Niceville High School seniors. Listed below are a few reminders when requesting and applying for these scholarships:

- Read the eligibility requirements carefully and thoroughly. You may not be eligible for all scholarships.
- Most scholarship applications are now available on an organization's website or on the NHS website, under the Students link. The location of the application will be listed in the Eligibility column of the Scholarship section of the Senior Newsletter.
- Allow plenty of time to complete application. This includes letters of recommendations, transcripts, and any other documentation required to complete application. Neatness should be a priority when completing any application. Presentation can make a difference in the selection process!!!
- Confirm the "Due Date". Is the Due Date a postmarked date or an in hand date?
- If the Due Date box is shaded, the scholarship application **MUST** be returned to the Guidance Department. An application can be disqualified if this requirement is not followed. Also, the date due might also differ from the date on the application. Some scholarships will allow only one student to represent Niceville High School. A school committee will need extra time to review the applications and make a selection before the scholarship is do to the organization. Often the Guidance Department will deliver the final application(s) to the scholarship sponsor. Extra time is required to collect and confirm all applications are complete and correct.

NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

All Florida Bright Futures Scholarships now require community service hours. The majority of our local scholarships require community service hours as an eligibility requirement, as well.

Many of our local organizations are seeking volunteers. Several local organizations are constantly looking for teen volunteers: Niceville Public Library, Okaloosa Teen Court/Lutheran Services, United Way, Relay For Life, American Heart Association, Pet Welfare, PAWS, and SOCKS. The NHS Email Notification System also advertises volunteer opportunity requests from local organizations.

Seasons Greetings

GENTLEMEN, ARE YOU 18?

Federal law requires that men who are at least 18 years old, but not yet 26 years old, must be registered with Selective Service. This includes all male non citizens within these age limits who permanently reside in the United States. Selective Service registration allows the United States Government to maintain a list of names of men who may be called into military service in case of a national emergency requiring rapid expansion of the U.S. Armed Forces. By registering all young men, the Selective Service can ensure that any future draft will be fair and equitable. **To register online, go to www.sss.gov. Failure to register could cost you federal financial aid.**

**GO TO SOAR!**

As you have noticed in several of the articles in this newsletter, information regarding senior activities, important dates and time lines, and other timely information is disseminated through SOAR home room. Now that the Senior Newsletter will be available only on the Niceville High School web site, it is even more important that you attend SOAR so that you do not miss out on information. Make SOAR attendance a priority. SOAR is the gateway for all senior information.

**2012 AQUILA YEARBOOK NOW ON SALE**

The 2012 Aquila yearbook will be a sentimental possession to cherish for years to come. The book will again be all color. The cost for this yearbook is \$85.00. Yearbooks can be personalized with name engraving (\$6.00), a second line of personalization (\$3.00) and icons (\$4.00 ea.). Students can reserve a copy of this treasure for a \$25.00 (Check only, please! No cash!) deposit with the balance due at a later date. Yearbook orders can be dropped in the Yearbook footlocker in the Attendance Office.

Also, students can now order their yearbook online at www.jostensyearbooks.com using a credit card for payment. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Duron at: durons@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us. Hurry to reserve your copy! Final day to order is Friday, December 16th.

CASUAL PICTURES FOR YEARBOOK

The yearbook staff chooses the formal poses for the NHS yearbook, but seniors are permitted to select their casual photo. The yearbook staff will be accepting senior casual photos for the 2012 Aquila yearbook beginning November 1st in the cafeteria during lunch or during 7th

period in room 503. Seniors may choose from their casual pictures taken by Bill Miller Photography (the yearbook staff will have these photos) or provide a casual photo from another photographer to the staff. The deadline for selection of your casual photo is Wednesday, November 16th. *** The yearbook staff has the right to review and decline casual photos submitted if the photo does not follow the school dress code guidelines.

CLASS OF 2012 YEARBOOK PERSONAL ADS

What better way to capture your senior's memories than to purchase a Personal Ad to be placed in their senior yearbook? The yearbook staff is currently taking orders for the senior personal ads. Some examples of what can be included are baby or childhood photos, signatures, group photos (including friends), family photos, drawn pictures, messages (poems, wishes, etc.). An order form is available on page 7 of this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Duron, the yearbook advisor, at durons@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us. The prices are:

Size	Price	Pictures	Words
1/8 page	\$75.00	1	35
1/4 page	\$125.00	4	35
1/2 page	\$200.00	10	70
Full Page	\$350.00	20	70

The deadline to place an ad is Friday, December 16th. Hurry now to reserve your copy!

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS ORDERS

Your graduation announcements and accessories can still be ordered. Seniors can place an order online at: www.nrponline.com or you can pick-up an order form in guidance and mail your order to Morgan Bounds Enterprises. Beginning February 1, 2012 the price for announcements will increase from \$1.25 ea. to \$2.00 ea. and certain packages will increase in price by 10%. May 1, 2012 will be the absolute final day to order announcements and accessories. Don't delay, Order NOW!

CLASS OF 2012 HALL OF FAME

Hall of Fame forms will be available November 29th on the NHS website. All completed Hall of Fame forms must be returned to Ms. Thoreen in room 609 by December 16th. The forms must be completed with all teacher, club sponsor and counselor signatures. If you are planning to leave for Winter Holidays early (before

December 16th), you must return your completed Hall of Fame form to Ms. Thoreen before you leave. **There will be absolutely no extensions to the due date. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

CAP AND GOWN PHOTOS

Cap and Gown photos will be taken, Thursday, February 9, 2012 during Social Studies class. Seniors who do not have a Social Studies class need to see Mrs. Campbell in the Guidance Department by Tuesday, February 8th to schedule a time for their photo. No money will be required on the photo days. A proof package will be sent home approximately four weeks after the photo date. Seniors will not wear the traditional cap. They will hold the cap and a diploma in their hands. (A photo of seniors wearing a cap will be taken during the graduation ceremony.) Although a cap and gown will be furnished, gentlemen are asked to wear a white, collared dress shirt and dark tie. Ladies should not wear a high collared blouse or sweater.

NOTE: There will NOT be a make-up day for this photo.



CAP AND GOWN ORDERS

Morgan Bounds Enterprises will be on campus February 14th and 15th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. taking orders for cap and gowns. Cost for the cap, gown and tassel will be announced in the January Senior Newsletter. Each senior is required to purchase a cap and gown if they plan to participate in the graduation ceremony. Cap and gowns from previous years will not be permitted due to a vendor and gown change. This is the only required purchase for seniors.

PROJECT GRADUATION....FOR PARENTS ONLY!

Graduation night can be a very dangerous time. The purpose of Project Graduation is to provide a safe alternative for graduates. This unique event is a safe, drug free, alcohol free, all night memorable party at Big Kahuna's water park. The Niceville High School All School Booster Club sponsors this school event. The planning for this event begins in January. The Booster Club urgently needs your help for Project Graduation. Senior parent involvement is critical to make this event successful. The Booster Club needs senior parents to assist with information mailings, fund raising, food collection, ticket sales, and most of all volunteering during the event. If you are interested in volunteering with any of the activities, please contact Mary Brinkley at: 678-4855 or Jim Evans at: 897-4678. as soon as possible.



PROJECT GRADUATION 2012

The NHS Booster Club is now accepting registration for the Class of 2012 Project Graduation at Big Kahuna's. This fun-filled night is an annual event designed for seniors to celebrate their graduation in a safe environment. Project Graduation will be held May 31, 2012 from 10:30 p.m. - 4:45 a.m. Graduates will spend the night at Big Kahuna's amusement park where they will enjoy the water park, thrill rides, miniature golf, go-carts, volleyball snacks and breakfast. The cost is \$50 for seniors who register before January 20th. After January 20th the price increases to \$60. At least 150 seniors must register and prepay by March 1st in order for the Project Graduation event to occur. Applications are available on the NHS website and in the NHS Guidance Department. For more information, please contact Mary Brinkley at: 678-4855 or Jim Evans at: 897-4678.



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER

- December 1** - Registration for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship begins.
- December 8** - Financial Aid Workshop; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; NHS auditorium.
- December 16** - Final Day to Order Yearbook and Senior Personal Ad.
- December 16** - Hall of Fame Application due date. Return completed form to Ms. Thoreen, Room 609.
- December 19 - December 30** - Winter Break Holidays.
- January 2** - Students return to school.
- January 5** - Late Start Day.
- January 12** - Financial Aid Workshop w/Director of Financial Aid - Northwest Florida State College; 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Niceville High School Auditorium.
- January 13** - End of First Semester.
- January 16** - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Holiday.
- January 17** - Student Holiday; Teacher Workday.
- January 18** - 2nd Semester Begins.
- February** - Cap and Gown Orders. Date, time, and place TBA.
- February 2** - Late Start Day.
- February 9** - Cap and Gown photos during Social Studies Class; NHS auditorium.
- March 1** - Late Start Day
- March 15** - End of Third Grading Period.
- March 16** - Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
- March 19 - March 23** - Spring Break Holidays.
- April 5** - Late Start Day

April 21- Senior Prom; 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Location TBA; Cost: TBA.
May 3 - Late Start Day.
May 3 - Anne T. Mitchell District Honors Awards; NWF State College Mattie Kelly Arts Center; 5:00 Reception, 6:00 Awards Ceremony. **May 7 - May 18 -** AP Exams.
May 25 - Senior Day; Senior Walk; Cap and Gown Distribution; Senior Breakfast; Senior Awards Day. Time and location TBA.
May 28 - Memorial Day Holiday.

May 29 - Baccalaureate; 7:00 p.m.; Location TBA.
May 30 - Graduation Practice; 11:30 a.m.; Seniors will report to their assigned 600 hallway classroom.
May 31 - Graduation Ceremony, Time TBA; NHS Stadium.
May 31 - Project Graduation 11:00 p.m. - 4:30 a.m.
 ***Dates and Times subject to change.

Attention
 ...Senior Parents...

What better way to capture your child’s memories than to purchase a Personal Ad to be placed in their senior yearbook?! Personal ads will be sold until December 16, 2011 (late ads will NOT be accepted!). Some examples of what can be included are:

1. Baby or childhood photos
2. Group photos (including friends)
3. Family photos; Digital Pictures (in form of CD or email)
4. Family photos; Digital Pictures (in form of CD or email)
5. Messages (poems, wishes, etc...)

Size	Prices	Picture Limit	Message Limit
1/8 Page	\$75.00	1 Picture	35 Word Limit
1/4 Page	\$125.00	4 Pictures	35 Word Limit
1/2 Page	\$200.00	10 Pictures	70 Word Limit
Full Page	\$350.00	20 Pictures	70 Word Limit

Regretfully, we cannot guarantee that all photos will be returned. Orders can be mailed in or placed in the box in the Attendance Office. If you have any questions, please contact us at: duros@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us.

Thank you,
 Maria Bosch
 Editor in Chief

Ms. Sharon Duron
 Advisor

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Please fill out the order form COMPLETELY before placing an AD!
 Please submit message and pictures at the time of order.
 Keep your personal ad separate from your yearbook order.
 Make checks payable to Niceville High School. NO CASH PLEASE!

Circle the size you want:
 1/8 Page \$75.00
 1/4 Page \$125.00
 1/2 Page \$200.00
 Full Page \$350.00

Student Name: _____
 Parent Name: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Parent Emails: _____
 Check Number #: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Be sure to TYPE any messages on a separate piece of paper

DEADLINE TO PLACE YOUR SENIOR AD IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2011.
 NO EXCEPTIONS!

ZSCHOLARSHIPZ

NOTE: Shading In "Due Date" Block Indicates Applications **MUST BE RETURNED TO GUIDANCE**.

NAME/AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	DUE DATE
<p>NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S LEADERSHIP AWARD</p> <p>100 Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000</p>	<p>Schools may nominate only one senior per school for this award. Nominations are not based on financial need. Nominees must attend a U.S. college or university, be in the top 20% of their class and demonstrate leadership.</p> <p>Seniors interested in applying for this scholarship will need to provide a high school resume containing the following items: leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, and employment experience.</p> <p>One student will be selected to represent Niceville High School. Students interested in this scholarship should submit a resume to the Guidance Department by Tuesday, November 22, 2011.</p>	<p>Resume must be returned to Guidance by November 22, 2011.</p>
<p>ELKS 2012 MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION</p> <p>500 - Four year scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 per year.</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply; -Applicants need not be related to a member of the elks; -Male and Female students compete separately; -Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. 	<p>Application must be filed with the Lodge having jurisdiction before December 2, 2011.</p>
<p>STEPHEN J. BRADY STOP HUNGER SCHOLARSHIPS</p> <p>\$5,000 Scholarship with matching \$5,000 grant</p>	<p>Scholarship Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Applicant must have demonstrated on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the United States at least within the last 12 months. Added consideration is given to students working to fight childhood hunger; -Applicants must obtain Community service Recommendation as part of the application process; -Sodexo employees are not eligible; -Children of employees are eligible, as long as they do not work for Sodexo; -Previous national scholarship recipients are not eligible to reapply; -Previous regional honorees are eligible. <p>Go to www.SodexoFoundation.org for more information or to apply.</p>	<p>Application Deadline: December 5, 2011.</p>

NAME/AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	DUE DATE
<p>TAYLOR HAUGEN TROPHY SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$1,000</p>	<p>Eligibility Requirements: Nominee must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be a senior at an Okaloosa County High School; -Be an athlete who has participated in a high school sport; -Must have a 3.0 or higher un-weighted or 3.5 or higher weighted GPA; -Be an active participant in community service; -Be planning to attend a four-year accredited college/university. <p>Nominee may not be a family member of a Taylor Haugen Foundation executive committee member nor any of its scholarship judges. Due to NCAA eligibility, recipients of NCAA full athletic scholarships are not eligible for this scholarship.</p> <p>Application available on the NHS website or at the foundation website: www.taylorhaugen.org/scholarship.</p>	<p>Application must be received by the Foundation by December 5, 2011.</p>
<p>NFIB YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD</p> <p>\$1,000</p>	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -be entering their freshman year at an accredited two- or four-year university, college, or vocational institute; -be a high school senior entering their freshman year for a full 2011-2012 academic year; -be nominated by a dues-paying member of NFIB. <p>The applicant should demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -starting his or her own business; -participation in organizations such as DECA, FBLA, Jr. Achievement and the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, among others; or -through other initiatives. <p>Award recipients are designated by an independent scholarship organization.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to apply online at: www.NFIB.com/YEA and click on the "Apply Now" link.</p>	<p>Application deadline: December 15, 2011.</p>
<p>2012 JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST</p> <p>1st Prize-\$5,000 2nd Prize-\$1,000 Up to five finalists receive \$500 each.</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -U.S. high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home school.; -U.S. students under the age of 20 enrolled in a high school correspondence/GED program. <p>All students must register online. Essays can be submitted online (preferred) or via regular mail.</p> <p>For complete guidelines visit the Profile in Courage Award at: www.jfklibrary.org</p>	<p>Application deadline online or regular mail postmark January 7, 2012.</p>

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<p>RON BROWN SCHOLAR</p> <p>10-20 @ \$10,000 per year for 4 years (\$40,000 total)</p>	<p>Applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be African American. -Be a high school senior. -Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident. <p>Applicants should demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. This program has two deadlines for application. November 1, 2011 -application will be considered for the Ron Brown Scholar Program and forwarded to a select and limited number of additional scholarship providers. January 9, 2012 -final postmarked deadline in order to be considered for only the Ron Brown Scholar Program.</p> <p>Application may be downloaded at: www.ronbrown.org/apply.aspx.</p>	<p>Applications must be postmarked by or January 9, 2012.</p>
<p>BURGER KING SCHOLARS</p> <p>\$1,000 each</p>	<p>Eligible applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have a curriculum high school GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. -plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school no later than Fall 2012. <p>Applicants ARE NOT required to be employed by Burger King Restaurants, although Burger King employees may be eligible students.</p> <p>NOTE: Only 50,000 electronic applications will be accepted. Once 50,000 applications have been received, the scholarship application will close.</p> <p>Applicants must apply online at: https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/information.php</p>	<p>Application must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. January 10, 2012.</p>
<p>GATES MILLENIUM SCHOLARS AWARD</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS Scholarship if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American. -are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S. -have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (un-weighted) or have earned a GED. -will be enrolling for the first time at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student in fall, 2012. -have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities. -meet the federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. -have completed and submitted all three required forms (Nominee Personal Information Form, Nominator Form, and Recommender Form) by the deadline. <p>Students can complete the online application at www.gmsp.org.</p>	<p>Online applications must be submitted by January 10, 2012, 11:59 p.m. EST. Paper applications must be postmarked by January 10, 2012.</p>

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<p>MENSA EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</p> <p>4 @ \$1,000 ea.</p>	<p>The Mensa Education & Research Foundation college scholarship program bases its awards totally on essays written by the applicants. Consideration is not given to grades, academic program or financial need.</p> <p>The applicant must be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning during the academic year following the application date.</p> <p>The applicant must submit an application and essay of not more than 550 words explaining their academic and/or vocational goals. The application is available at the NHS website: www.NicevilleHighSchool.org.</p>	<p>Application must be submitted by January 15, 2012.</p>
<p>FLORIDA JCI SENATE, INC.</p> <p>2 @ \$1,000 US JCI and 2 @ \$500 FLORIDA JCI</p>	<p>Each year, \$1,000 grants will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in the United States, who plan to continue their education at an accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational school. The number of grants awarded annually will be at the discretion of the United States JCI Foundation. The awards must be used to educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. The application is available at the NHS website: www.NicevilleHighSchool.org.</p>	<p>Deadline for submission is postmarked by January 15, 2012.</p>
<p>NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (NROTC) SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$180,000</p>	<p>Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be a U.S. citizen; -Be at least 17 years of age by September 1 of year entering college and not older than 23 by June 30 of the year you start college; -Complete high school/equivalent certificate; -Have no moral obligations or personal convictions that prevent conscientious bearing of arms and supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic; -Be physically qualified by Navy standards; -Not have 30 or more semester hours or 45 or more quarter hours of college credit upon application. <p>Application available at: http://www.navy.com/benefits/education/nrotc/</p>	<p>Application must be submitted to local processing station no later than January 20, 2012.</p>

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<p>JOHN V. LOMBARDI SCHOLARSHIP AND STAMPS SCHOLAR PROGRAMS</p> <p>Scholars receive \$2,700 each fall and spring semester for 8-10 semesters, depending on the student's major; four summer enrichment programs, which include two international study trips, leadership training, and a community service retreat, are also funded by the scholarship. Florida's Bright Futures Program will cover tuition.</p>	<p>Nominees for this award will rank at or near the top of their class. Other criteria for selection include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Academic Achievement -Service to the Community -Extracurricular involvement -Demonstration of leadership -Evidence of strong moral character -Exceptional creativity -Preference will be given to Florida Students. <p>Only one senior will be selected from Niceville High School. Applicant must provide the Guidance Department with a resume and application by Friday, January 20, 2012.</p>	<p>Resume and application must be given to Guidance by Friday, January 20, 2012. Completed application with school nomination form must be postmarked to UF by January 28, 2012.</p>
<p>THE BLANCO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>Student must apply for financial aid, grants, etc. The foundation will supplement the college of your choice.</p>	<p>The BLANCO Foundation, Inc. Is a private not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide college scholarships to committed students of high moral character, needing financial assistance and seeking a career in Education or Nursing. Application can be downloaded from the NHS website; www.NicevilleHighSchool.org.</p>	<p>Deadline for submission is February 1, 2012.</p>
<p>KFC COLONEL'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM</p> <p>\$5,000</p>	<p>KFC Colonel's Scholars is looking for outstanding seniors with financial need and entrepreneurial spirit to qualify for the first-ever Colonel's Scholars program. Awards up to \$5,000 a year for tuition, fees, textbooks, room, and board.</p> <p>Graduating high school seniors must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maintain a high school GPA of 2.75 or higher; -Attend a public, in-state college or university; -Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree; -Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. <p>The application is available online at: www.kfcscholars.org.</p>	<p>Application is available online from: December 1, 2011 - February 8, 2012.</p>

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2012 SOUTHEAST SECTION OF THE SOCIETY OF EXPERIMENTAL TEST PILOTS \$1,000	The following criteria will be used to select the winning student, with particular emphasis on the essay: - 1000 word essay - Attached Scholarship Application - Two Teacher Reports - School Report The 1000 word essay will be an original work with two parts. First, what technical degree the student plans to pursue and why they are interested in it, and second, an explanation of a recent technical or scientific breakthrough the student is very interested in and why.	Application must be returned to the Guidance Department by 2:00 p.m., February 13, 2012.
GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 20 @ \$10,000 Renewable for 4 years	Candidates must: •demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship at school, at home, at the workplace, and within the community; •be nominated by an eligible community leader, such as a high school principal, elected official or executive director of a nonprofit organization; •be recommended by an authority figure, such as a student activity advisor, community service coordinator, coach, employer, teacher, counselor or religious leader; •demonstrate strong academic performance (3.0 or greater GPA or equivalent); •demonstrate financial need; •be a citizen of the United States of America; •graduate from high school in Winter 2011 or Spring 2012; and •use scholarship funds for student tuition, room, and board while pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited U.S. college or university in Fall 2012. Application must be completed online at: http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx .	Applications will be accepted online until February 17, 2012.
THE AMERICAN LEGION EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR 1 ST - \$3,000 2 ND - \$2,000 3 RD & 4 TH - \$1,000	Applicant: -must have earned Eagle Award and religious emblem; -must be a high school student; -must be a Florida resident; -must be in a troop chartered to an American Legion Post or the son or grandson of a Legion Member or parent eligible to join the American Legion Department of Florida. http://legion.org/scholarships/eaglescout	Application must be postmarked by March 1, 2012.
ARMY AVIATION CENTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 10 @ \$1,000 ea.	Eligibility Requirements: -Applicant must be a member of Army Aviation Center Federal Credit union. A parent, grandparent or other family member's account will not qualify the applicant as a member; -Applicant must be a U.S. citizen. The scholarships may be used for costs of attending an accredited four-year university. The scholarship awards are based on scholastic achievement, character and leadership qualities, communication skills and personal insight sought through essay responses. Application can be downloaded at the NHS website, www.NicevilleHighSchool.org , under the scholarship link.	Application must be postmarked no later than March 23, 2012.

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION 155 @ \$6,000 ea.	Guidelines and Criteria: - High school GPA of 3.5 (B+) or higher; - Complete National Co-op Scholarship Program application including a typed one-page essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program. To download an application or apply online go to: www.co-op.edu	Application deadline: February 15, 2012.
SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Amount varies	If you are planning to attend Florida State University, University of Florida, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee Community College, Santa Fe Community College, or Florida Gulf Coast University (women only), you may be interested in a work-scholarship program that provides rent-free housing, teaches practical life skills in a cooperative environment, and introduces you to friends that can last a lifetime. (Information and Applications are available at: www.southern scholarship.org . Eligibility requirements are: -high academic promise and achievement in high school or college with a 3.0 high school GPA. -demonstrate financial need. -high level of motivation. -willing to share household duties and responsibilities with others.	The Foundation will begin evaluating applications March 1, 2012. Apply Early!
WALMART ASSOCIATE SCHOLARSHIP \$3,000	Applicants must meet all of the following criteria: -Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident of the United States. - Must be employed part-time or full-time with any division of Walmart for at least six consecutive months prior to the appropriate application due date (see chart below). Must have graduated high school/home school or obtained a GED before applying. -Must have financial need and be able to demonstrate the need with required documents. (Note: Students with other funds that pay entirely for tuition, books, fees, and on-campus room and board are ineligible.) -If you are a current recipient of a Higher Reach Scholarship, you are not eligible to apply for the Associate Scholarship until you have completed you degree program and are going to pursue a higher degree. Application is available at: http://www.act.org/walmart/associate/	Application must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m CST March 1, 2012.
WALMART DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP \$13,000 For 4 years	The Walmart Dependent Scholarship is a \$13,000 scholarship paid out over four years. Applicants must be dependents of Walmart and Sam's Club associates, have at least a 2.0 GPA and prove financial need. Application can be found at: https://www.act.org/walmart/depend/ . Application period opens January 3, 2012.	Application deadline: March 15, 2012.

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<p>FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES</p> <p>Offering full scholarships, \$5,000 and \$1,000 scholarships</p>	<p>This scholarship program awards scholarships in Florida's hottest jobs. Applicants must submit an application and an official transcript showing seven consecutive semesters of high school and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Applications can be downloaded from www.FAPSC.org</p>	<p>Application deadline: March 16, 2012.</p>
<p>2012 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROJECT</p> <p>10 first place winners: varies from \$2,500-\$5,000; 10 second place winners: \$500 ea. 10 third place winners: \$250 ea.</p>	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be currently enrolled as a high school student (grades 9-12) or who are high school seniors who may graduate high school at any time in 2012 or are students who are enrolled in a high school equivalency program; - be legal residents of either the United States or Mexico. <p>Applications must be submitted online at: www.holocaust.hklaw.com./2012/index.asp</p>	<p>Application must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. EST April 19, 2012.</p>
<p>AYN RAND INSTITUTE ESSAY CONTEST</p> <p>1ST Prize - \$10,000 5 2nd prizes - \$2,000 10 3rd prizes - \$1,000 35 Finalist Prizes - \$100 200 Semifinalist Prizes - \$50</p>	<p>-Entrants must be in the 11th or 12th grade. -Essay of no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length- typewritten and double-spaced. -A cover sheet containing specific information must be attached to the essay and the completed essay mailed to the institute. Essay based on the novel "The Fountainhead". Note: for complete entry directions you may log onto the web site at: http://www.aynrand.org/contests</p>	<p>Essay must be postmarked by April 26, 2012.</p>
<p>VALPARAISO GARDEN CLUB</p> <p>\$500</p>	<p>Applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -be a high school senior, college sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student; -be a Florida resident and citizen of the United States of America; -be planning to or currently attending a Florida college or university, majoring in horticulture, floriculture, landscape architecture or design, forestry, botany, agronomy, plant pathology, environmental control, city planning, land management and/or related fields. -be enrolled full-time; -have a 3.0 or better average; -show financial need. <p>Application can be downloaded at: www.NicevilleHighSchool.com.</p>	<p>Application deadline is May 1, 2012.</p>

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ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM \$1,000	<p>The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students between the ages of 16 and 30 AND currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution.</p> <p>To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com</p> <p>Essay topic: What have you done outside of the classroom that demonstrates qualities sought after by universities or other educational facilities? Of these, which means the most to you?</p>	Scholarship deadline: June 15, 2012.

