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WELCOME TO THE YEAR 2012...



AND TO THE LAST SEMESTER OF HIGH SCHOOL!

Wednesday, January 4th began your FINAL SEMESTER as a high school student! One more semester of high school and onto new adventures and an exciting future. Make sure that all goes well for you by checking requirements for graduation to see that you are on target. This will be a very busy semester for you as senior activities become more numerous. Schedule your time wisely so that you can be involved in all those activities and maintain your grades also.

Don't forget that in addition to course requirements, each graduating senior must have successfully completed the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (un-weighted) on a 4.0 scale.

Also, don't forget your Mid Year Reports! Most colleges/universities have a first to mid February

deadline for receipt of your first semester senior year grades. **Act promptly!!!**

Every senior must be attending SOAR every Tuesday. Your SOAR advisor will have updates to keep you on track for graduation. If you do not know who your SOAR advisor is, now is a good time to learn. See Mrs. Susan Campbell in the Guidance Department for assistance.

Be sure to check out the article in this newsletter for this year's Project Graduation. The NHS Booster Club has worked diligently to sponsor this safe night of fun for our graduates.

Remember that now is the time to be filling out the **2012-2013 Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA)** (See **FAFSA GUIDE** article in this newsletter). It is recommended you apply online. The turnaround time to receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) is about two weeks if you do it online. If you mail a paper copy, the turnaround time is about six weeks. All colleges and universities expect you and your parents to contribute as much as you can to the cost of your education, but they do realize that college cost may strain your family's budget. They'll do their best to bridge the gap between what you can afford and what the college costs. Read each college's brochures carefully to find out which form(s) to submit and when to apply for assistance. Make sure you don't miss important deadlines. Also keep a copy of every financial aid form you send out. Financial aid forms as well as a few institutional forms required by different colleges and universities are available in guidance.

One more reminder, to receive your Florida Bright Futures award you must complete the FAFSA.

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FAFSA GUIDE

(reprinted from *FastWeb Student Bulletin Dec. 2007/Jan. 2008 High School Edition*)
Visit www.fastweb.com for a free search of more than \$1 billion in scholarships.



What is the FAFSA?

The FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is the form that the federal government

uses to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This aid includes grants, scholarships, work-study and loans to help you pay for college. The form collects financial and demographic information.

Where can I get FAFSA?

- Complete FAFSA on the Web: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Get a paper version from your high school counselor or local library
- Call 1-800-4-FEDAID

How does it work?

Using your FAFSA, the federal processor determines your **Expected Family Contribution (EFC**)**. **Your EFC is the amount of money your family can be expected to contribute each year to your college costs.

Your school will then try to meet your needs through a financial aid award made up of funds from federal, state, school, and private sources as well as loans, grants and student employment.



5 Common FAFSA Mistakes

1. Do not leave a field blank. Use a zero if the question does not apply to you.
2. Don't forget to report ALL required sources of untaxed income, such as Social Security or child support.
3. Use the 1040 Federal tax return (2011 version) for reporting income and taxes paid, not the W-2.
4. Include yourself in your parents' household size, even if you didn't live with them the previous year.
5. Sign the application. If you are filing as a dependent, make sure your parents sign too.

Tips for Completing the FAFSA

- Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. The FAFSA becomes available on January 1 of each year. Early submission maximizes your chances of receiving financial aid.
- Submit the FAFSA even if you don't think you qualify for aid. Sometimes being rejected for federal aid is a prerequisite for receiving private awards.
- Contact your prospective college's financial aid office for additional information. Your school may require forms in addition to the FAFSA or may have an earlier submission deadline. Don't forget to keep copies of all submitted documents for your records.

Tip: If you provide an e-mail on your FAFSA, you will receive your PIN and Student Aid Report (SAR) via e-mail only. You will not receive it via U.S. Postal mail.

After You Have Completed the FAFSA

- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) carefully. The SAR is your official record that the federal processor received your FAFSA. You should receive your SAR within 4-6 weeks of submitting your paper FAFSA (if you filed electronically, the process takes 1-2 weeks and your SAR arrives via e-mail if you supply an e-mail address). If you find errors on your SAR, report them to your prospective college's financial aid office to ask how you should make corrections. Unresolved errors could delay your eligibility for aid.
- Call 1-800-433-3243 (800-4-FED-AID) if you do not receive your SAR in 4-6 weeks. Provide your name, Social Security number and date of birth for verification.
- Note your **Data Release Number (DRN)**. Your DRN is the four-digit number located on the bottom left-hand corner of your SAR. You will need it to apply for aid to any school you did not originally list on your FAFSA.
- Check if your SAR has been selected for verification. **If there is an asterisk(*) after your EFC, it means your SAR has been selected for verification (one-third of all SARs are selected).** Your prospective college will compare your SAR with documents, including tax returns, that verify your financial status. If you asked for verification, submit the information requested to your prospective college's financial aid office **ASAP**.

SIX EASY STEPS TO YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP

Florida Bright Futures Registration Web Address:

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.

- Go to "Scholarships, Grants, Aid" link.
- Go to "Apply Here" link.
- Click on Student Application.
- Complete Application.
- Submit Application.
- Print Application and verification form for your records.

Deadline for registration is midnight, May 31, 2012.

UF GATOR AID 2012-2013 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE IN GUIDANCE

The **GATOR AID**, a financial aid application guide is now available in the Guidance Department. This guide will assist all incoming University of Florida freshmen with the financial aid process. Students who wish to have their aid available for the Fall 2012 term will need to file their FAFSA in time for the results from their need analysis to



reach UF by March 15, 2012.

FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR

A Financial Aid Seminar 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!



GENTLEMEN: ARE YOU 18?

Did you know you will not qualify for financial aid if you fail to register with the Selective Service? 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. Applications are also available at most Post Offices.

IF COLLEGE IS NOT FOR YOU

A Guide For Parents and Students-Higher Education Your Stairway to Knowledge; American Legion National Committee on Education Revised August 2004

Your future plans may be such that they would not be furthered by a college education. The cost and the effort involved may be too great for you or you may lack the academic ability needed to do successful college work. In any case, your education will not stop the moment you receive your high school diploma. Education is a continuous, never-ending process.

There are several thousand technical vocational training schools in the United States. Examples are: Beauty operator and barber school; flying schools; schools of art, music, drama and related fields; health service schools, and mechanical schools. A number of them require a high school diploma. Depending upon the program, your course of study may take anywhere from a few weeks to several years. The purpose is to provide direct, practical training-as opposed to theory in a trade, craft or skill. Tuition varies widely from school to school and from state to state.

The Armed Forces provide both on-duty and off-duty education and training. Off-duty education is available through the United States Armed Forces Institute and covers courses in communications, the humanities,

mathematics, science, social science, and technical vocational subject.

All kinds of adventures in learning are available to you, most of them within easy reach of home and pocketbook. They are yours for the asking, whether or not you go to college.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE ...

please let the Guidance Department know. Seniors planning to attend Northwest Florida State College in the fall may be chosen for the Northwest Florida State College Presidential, Presidential Minority, and Leadership Scholarships. The Presidential and Minority Presidential Scholarships are awarded to seniors with the highest GPA who have not committed elsewhere. The criteria for the Leadership Scholarship is a GPA of 3.0 or higher and leadership within the school and/or community. A separate application will be available at a later date. Please come by the Guidance Department or email Mrs. Susan Campbell if you are interested in these scholarships.

TIME MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The past few weeks have been extremely hectic in the guidance department, and will continue to be so until graduation.



Your guidance counselors are currently involved with spring registration, FCAT, graduation requirements, counseling, and many other tasks. Many Seniors have waited until the last minute to request scholarships, transcripts, counselor reports, etc. Many issues come into play when you wait until the last minute to complete an application. Meetings, illness, computer problems, etc. can result in an incomplete request. The guidance department wants to do the very best for our seniors. Please plan ahead!!! Do not wait until the last minute!!!

CAP AND GOWN PHOTOS - DATE CHANGE!

Cap and Gown photos will be taken Wednesday, February 8, 2012 during Social Studies class. Seniors who do not have a social studies class need to contact Mrs. Susan Campbell in guidance beginning February 1st to schedule an appointment for their photo. No money will be required on the photo day. A proof package will be sent home approximately four weeks after the photo date.

Seniors will not wear the traditional cap for this photo. They will hold the cap and a diploma in their hand. (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 and ladies should not wear a high collared blouse or sweater. **NOTE: There will NOT be a make-up day for this photo.**

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT ORDERS

If you have not ordered your graduation announcements and would like to, it is not too late! You can order your announcements online at: www.nrponline.com. Catalogs and order forms are available in the Guidance Department. Note: Beginning February 1, 2012 the price of announcements increases from \$1.25 ea. to \$2.00 each and all accessory package prices increase 10%.

GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN ORDERS



Morgan Bounds Enterprises will be on campus Tuesday, February 14th and Wednesday, February 15th taking orders for graduation cap and gowns. They will be on campus from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Main Office hallway. Seniors

planning to participate in the graduation ceremony must purchase a cap and gown. This is the only required purchase for seniors. Due to color and material differences, seniors cannot use cap and gowns from previous years. Cost: \$54.95

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP?

If you have, **CONGRATULATIONS!**; we want to know about it. If you have applied to multiple colleges and they have offered you scholarships, please let us know about them all. We will acknowledge all scholarships at our Senior Awards Ceremony. Please bring a copy of your award letter to Mrs. Susan Campbell in guidance before Wednesday, April 27, 2011 to be recognized during the Senior Awards Ceremony.



PROJECT GRADUATION....FOR PARENTS ONLY!

Graduation night can be a very dangerous time for students. 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. At least **150** seniors must register and prepay by March 1st in order for the Project Graduation event to occur. Applications will be available on the NHS website and in the NHS Guidance Department within the next two weeks. For more information, please contact Mary Brinkley at: 678-4855 or Jim Evans at: 897-4678.



DEBTS ACCRUED BY SENIORS

Seniors, you **MUST** settle any debts you have accrued during your attendance at Niceville High School (freshman through senior years) before May 25 (last day for seniors). You will not receive your cap and gown until all debts have been settled. Examples of debts: missing books, band/ROTC/athletic uniforms not returned, cleaning fees for uniforms, fund raiser collections, art supplies, etc. Your SOAR teacher will have a list of seniors who owe money, soon.



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER

- 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 1 - Late fee will be charged for cap and gown orders
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.

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

NAME/AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	DUE DATE
MENSA EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 4 @ \$1,000 ea.	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. 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. 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 .	Application must be submitted by January 15, 2012.
FLORIDA JCI SENATE, INC. 2 @ \$1,000 US JCI and 2 @ \$500 FLORIDA JCI	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 .	Deadline for submission is postmarked by January 15, 2012.
NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (NROTC) SCHOLARSHIP \$180,000	Eligibility requirements: -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. Application available at: http://www.navy.com/benefits/education/nrotc/	Application must be submitted to local processing station no later than January 20, 2012.

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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>DR. ALEC KESSLER MEMORIAL STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>Several \$2,500 Scholarships</p>	<p>Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be a high school student enrolled in an Escambia, Santa Rosa, or Okaloosa county public or private school; -Have a minimum un-weighted GPA of at least 3.0 per their official transcript; -Provide an official high school transcript as well as SAT or ACT scores; -Be accepted by and enroll in a four-year accredited college or university in the United States. <p>The application can be downloaded at www.NicevilleHighSchool.org.</p>	<p>Application Deadline: February 1, 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.</p> <p>The application can be downloaded at 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 deadline: 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.
2012 FLORIDA ENGINEERING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP TBA	Eligibility requirements: -Be a high school senior. -Be a citizen of the U.S. at the time of application. -Have at least a 3.0 GPA (un-weighted) based on a 4.0 scale. -Attain a minimum test score on the SAT (threshold score levels are listed on the application). -Enroll in an engineering program accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Application can be downloaded at: www.fleng.org/scholarhips.cfm .	Application must be submitted to: Monica Autrey, PE Destin Water Users, Inc. 14 Industrial Park Lane Destin, FL 32541 by February 15, 2012.
BEST BUY @ 15 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 1,000 @ \$1,000 ea.	Applicants must: -Be high school students living in the U.S. or Puerto Rico; -Have solid grades; -Be involved in volunteer community service and/or work experience. Apply online at: www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com or www.at15.com .	Application deadline: February 15, 2012.
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION 170 @ \$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. Students can download an application or apply online at: http://www.co-op.edu/scholarships.htm	Application deadline: February 15, 2011.
THE GUYNELLE STEWART MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP 2 @ \$1,500 ea.	The Fort Walton Beach Community Chorus will award scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each to two graduating high school seniors from Okaloosa County who plan to continue with his/her music studies at the college level.	Application deadline by February 17, 2012.

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<p>GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</p> <p>20 @ \$10,000 Renewable for 4 years</p>	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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. <p>Application must be completed online at: http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx.</p>	<p>Applications will be accepted online until February 17, 2012.</p>
<p>TAYLOR HAUGEN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$1,500</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 3.5 or higher un-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: The application can be downloaded at www.NicevilleHighSchool.org, or at the foundation website: www.taylorhaugen.org/scholarship.</p>	<p>Application must be received by the Foundation by February 17, 2012.</p>

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<p>SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN</p> <p>Amount TBA</p>	<p>Unmarried children under age 23 of active duty personnel, reserve/guard and retired military members, or survivors of service members who died while on active duty or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military, may apply for a scholarship. Eligibility, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, full-time in the fall of 2010 in an undergraduate program of studies leading to a Bachelor's Degree at an accredited college or university. They must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis).</p> <p>Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the US Military Academies (or affiliated preparatory schools) or are awarded a full scholarship at any accredited US post-secondary institution of higher education are not eligible to receive funds from this program. Students attending a community or junior college must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to allow the student to transfer directly into a four-year program.</p> <p>Application available online at: www.militaryscholar.org.</p>	<p>Application must be delivered by the close of day to your local military commissary on February 22, 2012.</p>
<p>FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS ESSAY CONTEST</p> <p>13 District @ \$1,000 then on to state to compete for 3 @ \$5,000</p>	<p>This contest is open only to high school seniors who reside in the state of Florida and plan to continue their education at a college, university, technical school, or some other institution of higher learning. Children of active licensed real estate practitioners ARE NOT ELIGIBLE for contest entry, nor are children whose parents or guardians are employed by any local Realtor board/associations or by the Florida Association of Realtors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Topic: "How Does A Realtor Professional Benefit the Community?" -All essays must be 500 words or less. -All essays must be typed and double-spaced. -If other books, research materials or sources are used or quoted in an essay, that essay must follow the MLA format for cross-referencing the source material, including parenthetical references and a works cited page. <p>Online application available at: http://www.floridarealtors.org/AboutFar/Scholarships/</p>	<p>Online application must be completed by February 28, 2012.</p>
<p>THE AMERICAN LEGION EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1ST - \$3,000 2ND - \$2,000 3RD & 4TH - \$1,000</p>	<p>Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. <p>http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/eaglescoutnomform.pdf</p>	<p>Application must be postmarked by March 1, 2012.</p>

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<p>HURLBURT SPOUSES' CLUB</p> <p>6 @ \$1,000</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The applicant must be a class of 2012 graduating high school senior; -The applicant must be a dependent of any Hurlburt Field military member: active duty, retired, deceased, or a remote military member currently on an unaccompanied tour. If retired, deceased, or remote the member's last duty station must have been Hurlburt Field; -The applicant must have a valid military identification card and must be enrolled in DEERS; -The applicant must have a 3.0 GPA; -A principal, counselor, or teacher must recommend applicant; -The applicant may not be a family member of the HSC Scholarship Committee nor of any of the judges. <p>The application can be downloaded at www.NicevilleHighSchool.org.</p>	<p>Application deadline: March 1, 2012.</p>
<p>HURLBURT SPOUSES' CLUB TURNAROUND SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Student must have made a significant improvement in their academic career; -The applicant must be a class of 2012 graduating high school senior; -The applicant must be a dependent of any Hurlburt Field military member: active duty, retired, deceased, or a remote military member currently on an unaccompanied tour. If retired, deceased, or remote the member's last duty station must have been Hurlburt Field; -The applicant must have a valid military identification card and must be enrolled in DEERS; -The applicant must have a 3.0 GPA; -A principal, counselor, or teacher must recommend applicant; -The applicant may not be a family member of the HSC Scholarship Committee nor of any of the judges. <p>The application can be downloaded at www.NicevilleHighSchool.org.</p>	<p>Application Deadline: March 1, 2012.</p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION ASSOCIATION EMERALD COAST CHAPTER</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be a U.S. citizen. -Be a resident of Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, or Walton county at the time of registration. -Have made application to an accredited college. -Have shown prior interest in a scientific and engineering field related to test and evaluation. <p>Selection Procedure: Recipients will be chosen on the basis of: demonstrated interest in the field; excellence in academic achievement; strength of personal character; demonstrated leadership skills; and other noteworthy achievements.</p> <p>Application can be downloaded at: www.itea-ecc.org.</p>	<p>Completed applications must be returned to Scholarship Committee no later than March 1, 2012.</p>
<p>SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION</p> <p>Amount varies</p>	<p>If you are planning to attend Florida State University, University of Florida, Florida A&M University, 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.)</p> <p>Eligibility requirements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. 	<p>The Foundation will begin evaluating applications March 1, 2012. Apply Now!</p>

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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/index.html	Application must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m CST March 1, 2012.
AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY GRANT PROGRAM HENRY H. ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT \$2,000	Air Force Aid Society Grant Program offers \$2,000 grants to dependent children of active, Title 10 and Title 32 AGR, retired, and deceased Air Force members, spouses of active duty members stationed stateside only, and surviving spouses of deceased Air Force members. All students must be full-time undergraduates and maintain a 2.0 GPA. Application available online at: www.afas.org/education/body.grant.cfm	Application deadline: March 9, 2012.
2012 SCHOLAR ATHLETE MILK MUSTACHE OF THE YEAR (SAMMY) AWARD PROGRAM \$7,500	Criteria: -academic performance (35%); -athletic excellence (35%); -leadership (15%); -community service (10%); -and milk experience (5%). Apply online at www.bodybymilk.com .	Application must be completed by 11:59:59 (EST) March 9, 2012.
ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA JOSEPH B. FRANZILIA N.W. FLORIDA LODGE #2422 \$1,000	This scholarship will be awarded primarily on the basis of scholastic achievement, participation in school and community affairs, and financial need. Applicants do not have to be of Italian descent. Transcripts are required. Application available on the NHS website: www.NicevilleHighSchool.org .	Application deadline: March 9, 2012.

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<p>EGLIN SPOUSES' CLUB SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>Amount TBA</p>	<p>Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Graduating high school seniors who are dependents of active military assigned to Eglin AFB or graduating high school seniors from local high schools whose military sponsor is one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Retired military; b. Divorced; c. Assigned remote tour; d. MIA/POW/deceased; e. Reassigned from Eglin AFB and the applicant remained behind to graduate. -Students who are awarded any four-year military academy scholarship, other four year scholarships that include room and board, will not be eligible to receive this scholarship. -Applicant can only receive one scholarship from any OSC/OWC; -Applicant must have a 2.9 or higher GPA (based on Okaloosa County's weighted scale). <p>Application can be found at the NHS website: www.NicevilleHighSchool.org.</p>	<p>Return application to guidance by March 15, 2012.</p>
<p>WALMART DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$13,000 for 4 years</p>	<p>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/.</p>	<p>Application deadline: March 15, 2012.</p>
<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>ARMY AVIATION CENTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION</p> <p>10 @ \$1,000 ea.</p>	<p>Eligibility Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. <p>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.</p>	<p>Application must be postmarked no later than March 23, 2012.</p>
<p>TWIN CITIES HOSPITAL AUXILIARY</p> <p>Amount TBA</p>	<p>Candidates must-pursue a career in the field of medicine, medical technology or in a medically related field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have potential in earning an associate or bachelor degree. - have a GPA of 2.0 and achieve college entrance exam scores which gain acceptance to the college of choice or been accepted by the college of choice. -be a participant in community service. -show financial need. <p>Application can be downloaded at: www.NicevilleHighSchool.org.</p>	<p>Application must be delivered or mailed to Twin Cities Hospital by March 30, 2012.</p>

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<p>AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY R.O.C.K. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$2,700 per year (depending on credit hours) plus \$300 per year for purchase of books</p>	<p>The American Cancer Society's R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out to Cancer Kids) College Scholarship Program is an award-winning college scholarship opportunity exclusively for students with a history of cancer. The program gives young cancer survivors a chance to pursue an undergraduate degree from an accredited Florida university, community college or vocational technical school.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Student had a personal diagnosis of cancer before age 21; -Legal resident of Florida; -Under the age of 21 at the time of application; and -Plan to attend an accredited college (or vocational school) in Florida. <p>Application can be found online: http://www.cancer.org/InYourArea/Florida/ProgramsandServices/rockscholarship</p>	<p>Application deadline: April 12, 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 2011 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 on line by 11:59 p.m. EST April 19, 2012.</p>
<p>JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN OF UPS EMPLOYEES</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>The Johnson Scholarship Foundation is offering scholarship aid to students who are the children of UPS employees. Questions about the Johnson Foundation Scholarship Program should be directed to Scholarship Management Services @ (507) 931-1682, ext. 422. http://www.jsf.bz/index_new.asp?page=/site/scholarships/susf.htm</p>	<p>Application deadline: April 15, 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>

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VALPARAISO GARDEN CLUB \$500	Applicant must: -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. Application can be downloaded at: www.NicevilleHighSchool.com .	Application deadline is May 1, 2012.
JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TBA	The Johnson Scholarship Foundation is offering scholarship aid to students with disabilities who attend/will attend one of the eleven state universities. Questions about the Johnson Foundation Scholarship Program should be directed to the state university contact the student plans to attend. Questions about the Johnson Foundation Scholarship Program should be directed to Scholarship Management Services @ (507) 931-1682, ext. 422. http://www.jsf.bz/index_new.asp?page=/site/scholarships/susf.htm	Application deadline: May 15, 2012.
ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM \$1,000	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. 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 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?	Scholarship deadline: June 15, 2012.

