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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



GETTING READY FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER

If you thought first semester really flew by, the second semester will be over before you know it! To be prepared for second semester, it is extremely important to make deadlines a priority. Staying on top of assignments and being prepared for important dates and events will require organization and time management.

Also, you should be in all courses that are required to graduate. Guidance counselors have been diligently updating seniors with the course 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.

And speaking of graduation requirements, 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 failed first semester English IV, Economics, or American Government, 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. 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. If you missed the December Financial Aid Workshops, there will be a financial aid workshop Tuesday, January 11th. The guest speaker for this workshop will be Pat Bennett, the Director of Financial Aid for Northwest Florida State College. Be sure to look for the 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!!! 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*

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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 letter in the spring. If you apply now but have not completed all the requirements by the end of this semester, you will be re-evaluated at the end of the school year and receive your award letter in mid-summer. **NOTE: If you are eligible for the Academic Scholarship and have not turned in your community service hours by the end of the semester, you will qualify for the Medallion Scholarship in the spring letter. To be awarded the Florida Academic Scholarship, you must have turned in your community service hours to your counselor by the end of the first semester. Don't miss out on being evaluated for this scholarship by failing to apply. DO IT NOW!**

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 WORKSHOP - DATE CHANGED!!!

If you missed the Financial Aid Workshop in December, there will be another workshop **Tuesday, January 11, 2011**. It will be held in the Niceville High School auditorium at 6:00 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.

**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 (SAR - Student Aid Report) 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) 2010 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	www.pellgrantsonline.ed.gov
Direct Loans	www.ed.gov/DirectLoan
Hope/Lifetime Learning Credit	www.ed.gov/inits/hope
JobCorps	www.jobcorps.org
AmeriCorps	www.americorps.org
City Year	www.cityyear.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	http://www2.ed.gov/fund/landing.jhtml

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?

- Sign your FAFSA on the Web electronically;
- Review and correct answers on your electronic SAR;
- Print a copy of your SAR;
- Electronically sign loan promissory notes;
- Reapply for student aid every year you are in school;
- 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 and test scores. 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.

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

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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 due 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?

The Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship requires 75 community service hours. The majority of our local scholarships require community service hours as an eligibility requirement.

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. The NHS Email Notification System also advertises volunteer opportunity requests from local organizations.

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.**

CAP/GOWN GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS ORDERS

Your cap/gown and graduation announcements can still be ordered. Any senior needing to order their cap/gown and announcements can pick-up an order form in guidance or go to the Herff Jones website: www.herffjonesofnorthflorida.com. The deadline for ordering cap/gown and announcement is approaching. Any orders placed after December 31, 2010 will include a late fee of \$15.00 in addition to the order total. **Remember, late orders are at risk of a late delivery.**



CAP AND GOWN PHOTOS

Cap and Gown photos will be taken, Wednesday, February 10, 2011 during Social Studies class. Seniors who do not have a Social Studies class need to see Mrs. Campbell in the Guidance Department to schedule a time for their photo by Tuesday, February 8th. 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.**



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 2011 EARLY REGISTRATION

The NHS Booster Club is now accepting registration for the Class of 2011 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 19, 2011 from 10:00 p.m. - 5:00 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. At 3:00 a.m. the graduates will board buses back to Niceville High School where members of the faculty and staff will serve breakfast in the NHS cafeteria. The cost is \$50 for seniors who register before January 20th. After January 20th the price increases to \$60. At least **200** 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 call Mary Brinkley at: 217-7715 or Jim Evans at: 897-4678, as soon as possible.

Registration packets will be available in the Attendance Office and Guidance Office. Grab your friends and buy a ticket now!

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER

December 16 - End of semester.

December 17 - January 1 - Winter Break Holidays.

January 3 - Student Holiday; Teacher Workday.

January 4 - Students Return to School. Start of second semester.

January 11 - 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 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Holiday.

February 10 - Cap and Gown photos during Social Studies Class; NHS auditorium.

February 21 - President's Day Holiday.

March 4 - End of Third Grading Period.

March 7 - Student Holiday; Teacher Workday.

March 16 - Graduation Announcement Delivery during

Social Studies class; NHS auditorium.

March 21 - March 25 - Spring Break Holidays.

April 9 - Senior Prom; 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Destin Community Center; Cost: TBA .

April 19 - Final Transcript Request Forms delivered during SOAR..

April 26- Anne T. Mitchell District Honors Awards; NWF State College Mattie Kelly Arts Center; 5:00 Reception, 6:00 Awards Ceremony.

May 3 - Final Transcript Request form is due.

May 13 - Senior Day; Senior Walk; Cap and Gown Distribution; Senior Breakfast; Senior Awards Day. Time and location TBA.

May 17- Baccalaureate; 7:00 p.m.; Location TBA.

May 18 - Graduation Practice; 11:30 a.m.; Seniors will report to their assigned 600 hallway classroom.

May 19 - Graduation Ceremony; Seniors are to report to their assigned 600 hallway classroom. Time: TBA

May 19 - Project Graduation at Big Kahuna's Water Park; 10:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.; Cost and permission forms available at later date.

***Dates and Times subject to change



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships listed in this newsletter may be requested on a "Scholarship Request Form" located in the Guidance Department or by email: campbells@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us. Leave completed form with Mrs. Susan Campbell in Guidance. Please allow two days for delivery.

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

NAME/AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	DUE DATE
EGLIN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 2010 YOUTH CONTEST 1@ \$500 2@ \$250	This is an essay contest in which students compose an essay, short story or poem titled "How Your Credit Union Makes a Difference". Guidelines: -Limit one entry per student; -Applicants must be between 14 and 18 years old through 12/31/10; -Entries and application must be received on or before 12/31/10. Application available on the NHS website: www.NicevilleHighSchool.org , under the Students/Scholarship Information links.	Applications must be submitted on or before: December 31, 2010.

NAME/AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	DUE DATE
<p>2011 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: -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. All students must register online. Essays can be submitted online (preferred) or via regular mail. For complete guidelines visit the Profile in Courage Award at: www.jfklibrary.org</p>	<p>Application deadline online or regular mail postmark January 8, 2011.</p>
<p>RON BROWN SCHOLAR</p> <p>10 @ \$10,000 per year for 4 years (\$40,000 total)</p>	<p>Applicant must: -Be African American. -Be a high school senior. -Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident. Applicants should demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. Application may be downloaded at: www.ronbrown.org/apply.aspx.</p>	<p>Applications must be postmarked by January 9, 2011.</p>
<p>BURGER KING SCHOLARS EMPLOYEE-BASED SCHOLARSHIP</p>	<p>Children of employees pursuing a traditional post-secondary education. Applicants must: -be residents of the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico; -be an employee** of Burger Corporation, participating Burger King franchisee or be dependent children of an employee** of Burger King Corporation or franchisees; -be graduating high school seniors (U.S. and Puerto Rico) or have attained a GED, graduating from grade 12 (Canada), graduating from home school education in the U.S., Puerto Rico or Canada or current college undergraduates or graduate level students in U.S., Puerto Rico or Canada ; -maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale or equivalent; -plan to enroll*** for the 2011-2012 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the U.S., Puerto Rico or Canada. *Dependent children are defined as biological, step- or legally adopted children living in the employee's household or primarily supported by the employee. ** Employees must be active on Designated Employer's payroll for at least 6 months as of the application deadline date and employed at the time awards are first announced. ***Children of employees must be enrolled full-time, without interruption, for the entire academic year.</p>	<p>Application data must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. January 10, 2011.</p>
<p>BURGER KING SCHOLARS GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$1,000 each</p>	<p>Eligible applicants must: -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 2011. Applicants ARE NOT required to be employed by Burger King Restaurants, although Burger King employees may be eligible students. Applicants must apply online at: https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/</p>	<p>Application data must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. January 10, 2011.</p>

NAME/AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	DUE DATE
<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, 2010. -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, 2011, 11:59 p.m. EST. Paper applications must be postmarked by January 10, 2011.</p>
<p>FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY'S SERVICE SCHOLAR PROGRAM</p> <p>\$9,600 (\$2,400 per year for four years.)</p>	<p>The Service Scholar Program recognizes select incoming students with an outstanding record of community service and leadership, and who want to continue that commitment at FSU. The Program benefits include a scholarship valued at \$2,400 per year for up to four years, exposure to a diverse group of individuals and social issues, and numerous leadership opportunities.</p> <p>For more information about the benefits, requirements, and application process please visit the Center for Leadership and Civic Education online at http://thecenter.fsu.edu and click on the "Service Scholar Program" heading. Applications can be accessed as a PDF from that website or online at http://sacommunications.fsu.edu/thecenter/Get%20Involved/programs/ServiceScholars/service_scholar.html.</p>	<p>Application must be postmarked or completed online by January 14, 2011.</p>
<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.</p> <p>For more information or to download an application go to: www.mensafoundation.org.</p>	<p>Application must be submitted by January 15, 2010.</p>
<p>2011 SAE ENGINEERING</p> <p>Amount varies per scholarship.</p>	<p>Applicant Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -be a high school senior at the date of application; -intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science; -be a citizen of the U.S. at the time of application; -meet minimum requirements with regard to GPA, SAT and/or ACT. 	<p>January 15, 2011.</p>

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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. Application available on the NHS website.	Deadline for submission is postmarked by January 16, 2011.
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, 2011.
LOMBARDI SCHOLARSHIP Lombardi 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.	The University of Florida is proud to announce the ninth year of the Lombardi Scholarship Program. Named after former UF president John V. Lombardi, this program offers eight students a generous financial stipend as well as the opportunity to pursue research with talented faculty and to enhance their academic interest through study abroad and leadership training. Lombardi scholars are change-makers and risk-takers. Niceville High School will nominate one outstanding senior whom exemplifies Dr. Lombardi's commitment to excellence, whether through outstanding academic achievements, creativity, thoughtful leadership, or public service activities. Nominated students must be seeking admission to UF for fall 2011 or summer 2010, but UF must be their first choice. Application can be found at: www.honors.ufl/lombardi To be considered for this scholarship, seniors MUST submit a completed application to the Guidance Department by January 24, 2010. A Scholarship committee will select one student to represent NHS for this scholarship.	Application must be returned to Guidance by: January 24, 2011.
SAM WALTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP \$3,000	Criteria: -Must be a U.S. citizen; -Cannot be an associate or the dependent of an associate of a Walmart Stores, Inc. associate or Board of Directors; -Must be a high school senior graduating between 08/01/10 and 07/31/11; -Must have a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; -Must have an ACT or SAT score; -Must plan to enroll as a freshman at a two-year or four-year college or university located in the U.S. and is accredited; -Must have financial need and be able to demonstrate the need with required documents. Application is available at: http://www.act.org/walmart/community/	Application must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m CST January 31, 2011.

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<p>WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$13,000/4 years</p>	<p>Administered by the Walmart Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation Scholarship is a \$13,000 scholarship paid out over four years. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent legal resident of the U.S., dependents of Walmart associates, have at least a 22 ACT or 1030 SAT (Critical Reading + Math) score and prove financial need.</p> <p>Application is available at: http://www.act.org/walmart/walton</p>	<p>Application must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m CST January 31, 2011.</p>
<p>2011 FLORIDA ENGINEERING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be a high school senior. -Be a citizen of the U.S. at the time of application. -Has at least a 3.5 GPA 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). <p>Application can be downloaded at: www.fleng.org/scholarships.cfm.</p>	<p>Application must be submitted to: Monica Autrey, PE Destin Water Users, Inc. 14 Industrial Park Lane Destin, FL 32541 by February 15, 2011.</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>Application Deadline: February 1, 2011.</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>Deadline for submission is February 1, 2011.</p>
<p>YOUNG EPIDEMIOLOGY SCHOLARS COMPETITION</p> <p>Up To \$50,000</p>	<p>YES Competition has quickly grown to be one of the most competitive and prestigious science-related scholarships in the nation. In the last four years the YES Competition has awarded over \$1.8 million in college scholarships to nearly 500 students.</p> <p>To enter, students submit a research project that sheds light on a health problem, using the methods employed by epidemiologists.</p> <p>For more information to enter this competition go to: www.collegeboard.com/yes.</p>	<p>Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2011, 9:00 a.m. ET.</p>

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<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>Application due no later than February 9, 2011.</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 9, 2011.</p>
<p>ACCESS TO EDUCATION</p> <p>\$1,500</p>	<p>USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships will award up to \$3 million nationwide in renewable scholarships to students with economic need. Up to 50% of awards are targeted to members of ethnic-minority groups or individuals with physical disabilities. Scholarship awards will be based on the applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -past academic performance and future potential; -leadership and participation in school and community activities; -work experience; -career and educational aspirations and goals; -unusual personal or family circumstances. <p>Apply online at: www.usafunds.org and select "Scholarship Information" from the "Express Links" menu.</p>	<p>Applications will be February 15, 2011.</p>
<p>NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION</p> <p>170 @ \$6,000 ea.</p>	<p>Guidelines and Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<p>Application deadline: February 15, 2011.</p>

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<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 or at the foundation website: www.taylorhaugen.org/scholarship.</p>	<p>Application must be received by the Foundation by February 18, 2010.</p>
<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 must be delivered by the close of day to your local military commissary on February 22, 2011.</p>
<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 2009 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; -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>Application deadline: March 1, 2011.</p>

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<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, 2011. Apply Now!</p>
<p>WALMART ASSOCIATE SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$3,000</p>	<p>Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. <p>Application is available at: http://www.act.org/walmart/associate/index.html</p>	<p>Application must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m CST March 1, 2011.</p>
<p>2011 SCHOLAR ATHLETE MILK MUSTACHE OF THE YEAR (SAMMY) AWARD PROGRAM</p> <p>\$7,500</p>	<p>Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -academic performance (35%); -athletic excellence (35%); -leadership (15%); -community service (10%); -and milk experience (5%). <p>Apply online at www.bodybymilk.com.</p>	<p>Application must be completed by March 4, 2011.</p>
<p>AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY GRANT PROGRAM HENRY H. ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT</p> <p>\$2,000</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>All students must be full-time undergraduates and maintain a 2.0 GPA.</p> <p>Application available online at: www.afas.org/education/body.grant.cfm</p>	<p>Application deadline: March 11, 2011.</p>

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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 11, 2011.</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.</p> <p>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 25, 2011.</p>
<p>BLUE ANGELS CHAPTER OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION (AFCEA)</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>The Chapter provides scholarships in fields of study which directly relate to AFCEA's sphere of interest. Students must be enrolled in programs pr pursuing classes related to electronics, electronic communications, electrical engineering, information systems, computer science, computer technology, physics, or mathematics.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Minimum 3.0 un-weighted GPA on a 4.0 scale; -Record of academic achievement, community service, and extracurricular activities; -Financial need; -Acceptance to attend a 2-year or 4-year college/university or technical school; -Special consideration will be given to applicants affiliated with the military (e.g. active duty, veteran, spouse, or child of veteran) or ROTC (current ROTC or junior ROTC). <p>Application can be downloaded at: http://www.afceapns.org.</p>	<p>Completed applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2011.</p>
<p>2011 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 2009 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./2011/index.asp</p>	<p>Application must be submitted on line by 11:59 p.m. EST April 15, 2011.</p>

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EGLIN OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB SCHOLARSHIP Amount TBA	Eligibility requirements: -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: 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). Application can be found at the NHS website: www.NicevilleHighSchool.org , EOSC website: www.eglinosc.com/charitable or the Eglin Base Library website: www.youseemore.com/eglin/readyref.asp .	Return application to guidance by April 5, 2011.
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED SCHOLARSHIP \$1,500	Eligibility: The applicant must: -Be a class of 2011 graduating high school senior; -Be female; -Be admitted to a college of their choice; -Have a history of volunteer community service and/or political involvement; -Be a registered Republican voter (if over the age of 18); -Must have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average; -Be recommended by principal, guidance counselor, or teacher; -May not be a family member of the RWOFS Scholarship Committee nor of any of the judges.	Application all appropriate paperwork must be received by April 5, 2011.
AYN RAND INSTITUTE ESSAY CONTEST 1 ST Prize - \$10,000 5 2 ND prizes - \$2,000 10 3 RD prizes - \$1,000 35 Finalist Prizes - \$100 200 Semifinalist Prizes - \$50	-Entrants must be in the 11 th or 12 th 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	Essay must be postmarked by April 26, 2011.
ANYCOLLEGE.COM TBA	AnyCollege.com is a FREE college search engine for prospective students. AnyCollege.com scholarships are given away randomly to college bound students regardless of GPA or test scores. To enter, students simply need to go to www.anycollege.com and click on the "Win A Scholarship" button that is located on the "Start College Search" page.	This is an on-going, random scholarship awards program.

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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 18, 2011.

