

Seniors – Class of 2019

**If you need any help with preparing for life after graduation,
please see guidance staff. We want to help you. ☺**

Financial Aid Application for College – Is your FAFSA completed?

If there is **any** chance you may attend college in the fall of 2019, complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible.

Transcripts

If you need a transcript sent to a college, you must use Parchment. Make requests at parchment.com. You will not be charged while in high school for using Parchment. **You will be required to send a final transcript after graduation.**

ACT

- Do you need to take the ACT again?
- What are college readiness scores? English (18), Math (19), and Reading (20)
- **If you don't have college readiness scores and plan to attend college, you need to take the ACT again.**
- Register at act.org to test. Many students qualify for fee waivers.
- Students who prepare for the ACT and take the test many times earn higher scores than students who do not.

Scholarship Advice

- Apply as **early** as possible and turn in your **best** work.
- **Visit the websites of colleges you are interested in attending to find out about available scholarships.** Colleges offer numerous scholarships to their students. Ex. Are you considering ECU? Here is a link to see how much scholarship \$ you may earn at ECU: scholarships.ecu.edu/estimator. **You must be admitted by February 1** for an opportunity to earn the automatic academic scholarships at ECU. There are also more scholarships to apply for at ECU.
- **Contact college admissions counselors assigned to your school and ask about scholarships and financial aid available.** The admissions counselors are the experts.
- **Look for scholarships on your own.** You can find opportunities not announced at school. Scholarship search engines, such as: collegeboard.com, fastweb.com, and scholarships.com, may help you find opportunities.

Scholarships and Opportunities

(only a few of the many scholarships & opportunities available)

- **If you plan to attend SCC, complete the SCC scholarship application. Also, apply for the work ready scholarship through your KHEAA account at kheaa.com (if your major is covered by the scholarship).**

- **If you plan to attend ECU, complete the foundation scholarship application and any other scholarship application which is available for you. If you are eligible, complete the Trailblazer Scholarship application.**

- The **Southeastern Kentucky Partnership Scholarship** is a **competitive, full-tuition, room and board scholarship** at Lindsey Wilson College. Requirements include: 3.0 GPA, ACT score of 18, Pell Grant eligible, and submission of a 1-2 page essay. Surprisingly, very few students applied for this amazing opportunity last year.

- Jackson Energy sponsors an essay scholarship program each year that awards **eight \$2,000 scholarships** to outstanding students in their service area. **Essays should be postmarked by November 25, 2018.** You can find more information at **www.jacksonenergy.com/content/scholarship-programs**

- The **Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Civil Engineering Scholarship Program** awards **10-20 scholarships** to new students each year who are either attending or planning to attend the University of Kentucky, Western Kentucky University, or University of Louisville to obtain a bachelor of science in civil engineering. Students may also earn pre-engineering courses at Kentucky State University, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, or other Kentucky state colleges or universities and then finish the bachelor of science in civil engineering at UK, WKU, or U of L. **Deadline to apply for this scholarship is February 1.** You can find more information at: **transportation.ky.gov/Education/Pages/Civil-Engineering-Scholarship.aspx**.

- The **Kentucky Transportation Cabinet started the Civil Engineering Technology Scholarship** in 2009. 5-10 new scholarships are awarded each year for students to attend Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington, Kentucky and Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) has worked with the Cabinet to develop a program that will prepare students for work with the Cabinet upon graduation. The scholarship deadline is February 1. Each scholarship student will receive \$3,000 per semester to complete an associate's degree in civil engineering technology from either of the KCTCS campuses. **Deadline to apply for this scholarship is February 1.** You can find more information at: **transportation.ky.gov/Education/Pages/Civil-Engineering-Technology-Scholarship.aspx**

- Are you interested in applying to an **honors program** at your college? If so, apply.

- **The most academically competitive scholarships generally have a deadline close to December 1st.**

- **UPS** will be at CCHS on November 30th during homeroom to talk to interested students. Students who choose to participate in the program work for UPS and have their tuition paid at the University of Louisville. Students who attend the community college in Louisville (Jefferson Community and Technical College) will have tuition and housing paid.

- **KY FAME (The Kentucky Federation of Advanced Manufacturing Education)** is a company-sponsored partnership of regional employers who share the goal of creating a pipeline of highly skilled workers. Apply now if interested. Example -> Students can attend Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Georgetown 2 days each week and work for Toyota for 3 days.

- The **Robinson Scholarship** application for the 2019-2020 academic year is officially open for all current high school seniors across the 29 counties within the region. **The Robinson Scholarship pays tuition, fees, room, and board at the University of Kentucky.** One senior from CCHS will win this scholarship. Applicants must be an incoming first-generation college student (neither parent nor guardian has earned a four-year degree).

- Stanley Pigman called CCHS recently. He would like to offer a scholarship/mentoring program to an outstanding student who plans to major in engineering at the University of Kentucky.

- If you plan to attend the University of Kentucky, complete the **William C. Parker Diversity Scholarship** application now.

- **The University of Pikeville, in conjunction with the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, offers a cooperative eight year program (4 + 4) leading to a bachelor of science degree and a D.O. degree.** The program is open to graduating high school seniors who have a minimum 26 ACT and 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Applications for this program are due by February 1, 2018.

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to help you as you prepare for life after graduation.**

- **CCHS Guidance Staff** - You are always welcome in the guidance office (as long as a teacher has given you permission). Your parents/guardians are welcome to visit, call, or email too.

- **College Admissions Counselors** – There are people assigned to Clay County High School students at every college. These people are called admissions counselors. Get to know admissions counselors assigned to our school. They are the experts. They know the most about scholarships, deadlines, and other important information. **Call the admissions office at the school you plan to attend to make sure you have completed all required steps and ask what needs to be completed for the future.**

- **Military Recruiters** - If you are interested in joining the military, recruiters are assigned to CCHS students. Ask guidance staff to contact recruiters if you want to meet with them. **ASVAB scores do matter.** You can take the ASVAB again if needed to improve your score.

Please ask for help when needed.

Senior Checklist

College, Military, and Work

College Checklist

_____ Apply to college (s) (in September).

_____ Figure out how to pay for school (grants, scholarship \$, work study, loans, savings).

_____ **October 2018** – Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at fafsa.gov. If seniors wait to complete the FAFSA, they may lose the opportunity to earn state grant \$. After completing the FAFSA, students may be chosen for FAFSA verification.

_____ Students receive award letters (stating the cost to attend) from colleges.

_____ After you choose a college, the college will contact you regarding housing, orientation, registering for classes, etc. You will work with your college to complete the needed steps.

_____ Colleges will need final high school transcripts (with final semester grades and graduation date listed) and college transcripts with dual credit and other college classes listed. Students request final high school transcripts free through Parchment. Students will have to pay colleges to send college transcripts.

Military Checklist

_____ Research the different branches of the military. Which branch is best for you?

_____ Meet with recruiters. Guidance staff can ask recruiters to meet with you at school.

_____ Retake the ASVAB if needed. Higher scores yield more job opportunities.

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Work Checklist

_____ Find work opportunities.

_____ Apply.

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*FAFSA completion is listed in case the student changes his/her mind and chooses to attend college. Completing the FAFSA late can result in losing the opportunity to obtain state grant money.