

Guidance Notes (Also found on school webpage under HS and Guidance)

To: All Central City High School Juniors and Seniors and their Parents

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Selective Service

Under federal law, virtually all men must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. The Selective Service now accepts early submission of registration information by 17 year and 3 months old men. The Selective Service then holds their registration information and automatically enters their data into the system when they turn 18. It only takes a few minutes to register, simply go to www.sss.gov. Students can also pick up a form to register with at a US Post Office.

If a young man does not register as required, he is breaking the law and this could cause him to go to jail or pay a fine. A young man also cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college, job training benefits, and many state and federal jobs.

College Fairs

This is a great time of year to visit with representatives from nearly 80 state and regional colleges at a area College Fair, sponsored by the EducationQuest Foundation. . Sign up online ahead of time at NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to print a bar code to take with you. Then you will not have to print your name and address on cards for the colleges over and over again when you attend:

*Lincoln, Sunday March 19th, Southeast Community College 1-3 pm

*Grand Island, Sunday March 26th, Pinnacle Expo Center, Fonner Park 1-3 pm

*Omaha, Sunday April 9th, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Sapp Fieldhouse 1-3 pm

College Entrance Exams

Accuplacer Tests are given to students through community colleges and technical schools for admission and placement purposes. Admissions Offices of specific colleges will inform those requesting information of the testing that is necessary for the various programs of study. Call the Admissions Office at the community college to be informed about the programs of study that you are interested in, and to set up a tour a few weeks in advance. Contact the Testing Department at the community college to schedule the Accuplacer Test a few weeks before you would like to take it. Although these tests are not timed, it normally takes approximately 2 hours to complete. You may take these tests for free at the community college you apply to. Also I have been trained to give the Accuplacer Test here at CCHS, so if you would rather take it here simply schedule a time to take it through me. Please note that the COMPASS Test stopped being given on December 1st, although past test score information is still used.

Many seniors who are college bound have already taken the **ACT**. The December test date is the last date that will typically meet scholarship guidelines for seniors (October test date for Wayne State). UNK will use the February ACT for UNK Scholarship purposes. It is very important to know if a certain ACT score is needed for acceptance into a specific college or program of study that a student may be wishing to pursue. College bound juniors (and some gifted sophomores) will choose to take the ACT a number of times this school year. College bound students should take the ACT four times, to have the best composite score.

ACT has an optional Writing Test. Students should plan to take the Writing Assessment also if they have excellent writing skills and wish to demonstrate these to prospective colleges or if the college the student is interested in attending recommends it. At this point most colleges in Nebraska do not require the optional writing test, but to be sure, a student may log onto www.actstudent.org to check the recommendations for specific colleges.

Some of our students are also planning to take the **SAT** Reasoning Test. (Few schools in this area require the SAT Subject Tests.) Some students score even better on the SAT than on the ACT, depending on their particular strengths. Some out-of-state schools require the SAT instead of the ACT. Most Nebraska colleges will use either an ACT or SAT

score. Scholarship committees and colleges always ask for the best scores that a student has achieved, even if a student has taken the ACT or SAT a number of times.

With both the ACT and SAT deadlines are very important. If a student chooses to register after a registration deadline, there are additional costs. I have registration materials available in my office. Most students register online for the ACT at www.actstudent.org or the SAT at www.collegeboard.com, but they **must** remember to put in our high school code which is **280-440**. Because of testing security issues, students must upload a head and shoulder picture of themselves when they register. They must also bring along an approved picture ID, such as a driver's license, when checking in to take their test.

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline
ACT	February 11	January 13
ACT	April 8	March 3
ACT	June 10	May 5
SAT	March 11	February 10
SAT	May 6	April 7
SAT	June 3	May 9

All students who plan to take the ACT or SAT should complete at least one practice test prior to testing. These are free to students and are available in my office, including a number of them from different years. Plus, if a student goes to their Portfolio or PLP in the Nebraska Career Information System, there are excellent materials available to study with from Peterson's online, free of charge. Contact me if you need assistance.

The John Baylor ACT/SAT Prep course is also available to CCHS students. This course is an excellent way for students to prepare for the ACT /SAT. Please see Mrs. Gathje if you would like to use the information from the website at home.

Please note that **Juniors in Nebraska** will be taking the ACT for free on a regular school day this Spring. Juniors at CCHS will take the ACT at CCHS on Tuesday, April 25th. Any Junior who does not test on April 25th, will be required to make-up the test on another school day. Juniors, who wish to, can also take the Saturday April 8th ACT. All ACT Tests are somewhat different from each other. Colleges suggest that college-bound students take the ACT/SAT three to four times before second semester of their senior year for admission and scholarship purposes.

ASVAB

Sophomores, juniors and seniors, especially students interested in entering the military, should take the **ASVAB or Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery**. This test is required for students interested in any branch of the Armed Services and is free of charge. The ASVAB also includes a great career assessment to help all students have a better idea of what their interests are. If you have any interest in taking the ASVAB, please visit with your recruiter.

College Information

Students find it extremely helpful to visit colleges in person. Some colleges ask that students come to open houses. Others just ask that you call two to three weeks ahead of time and schedule an appointment for a tour. While visiting, students usually get to meet staff members, see the dorms, take a closer look at academic programs, and attend extracurricular activities. Oftentimes appointments may be made with advisors, fine arts directors, or coaches. Inquire about scholarships and financial aid specific to the schools when you visit.

If you wish to take your son/daughter on a **college visit** on a school day, please let our school office know ahead of time. This would be considered a "white slip" absence which would still count toward a student's total number of absences per semester. Please note that there are two special forms that can help for "early out" purposes in May though.

I have received information about some of the programs of study that are popular to take and that fill up quickly at some of the Community Colleges around the state. At Southeast Community College in Lincoln the programs that fill quickly and require special admission standards are: Microcomputers; Practical Nursing; and Associates Degree of Nursing. At Southeast Community College in Milford these programs include: Building Construction; Architecture; Auto Collision; Computer Programming; and Automotive Technology.

At Northeast Community College in Norfolk, admission to the Utility Lineman, Ag Diesel Mechanics, Auto Body, Electromechanical, and Automotive Courses are often limited. Their Nursing and Vet Tech programs are selective and limited also.

Central Community College prides itself in not having waiting lists, however, please be advised that some of the health related programs are competitive and require special admissions standards (for more information, please review the CCC website and contact the Admissions Office soon). These programs include Associates Degree of Nursing and Practical Nursing at the Grand Island and Columbus campuses. They also include the competitive programs of Medical Laboratory Technician, Health Information Management (Medical Records), Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, and Medical Assisting located on the Hastings campus.

Juniors who are interested in any of the programs that fill up quickly should apply right away and not wait until their senior year to do so.

College Visit Summary

Listed is a summary of what students should think about before going to visit the colleges that that are of interest to them:

- ***Explore your career interests.** Before you determine which colleges to visit, think about your career interests and then research colleges that fit your interests. Visit the [Exploring Careers section](#) at EducationQuest.org for free resources.

- ***Check out college websites.** You'll find admission requirements, academic and social information, and campus photos or a virtual tour. You may even be able to schedule a campus visit.

- ***Schedule your visits at least two weeks in advance.** Ask for appointments with an admissions representative, financial aid counselor, and a faculty member in your area of interest.

- ***Visit while the colleges are in session.** You won't get the true flavor during breaks or finals week.

- ***Be prepared with questions to ask.** It's important for YOU to ask questions, not just your mom or dad.

- ***Talk to a faculty member** about upper-level classes in your anticipated major. This will help you understand the coursework that will be required and the degree of difficulty.

- ***Ask the financial aid counselor** how the college may offset tuition costs and about college-based scholarship applications and deadlines.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Attention: Seniors who receive Resource Services (on an IEP) or on a 504 Plan may wish to inquire about how **Vocational Rehabilitation Services** may assist with career exploration, financial aid, and college. You may contact the Voc Rehab Office in Grand Island at 308-385-6200 or 800-862-3382.

College Bound Athletes

Students who wish to participate in intercollegiate athletics should visit the NCAA and the NAIA websites for information about the high school core classes that they need to be enrolled in for the NCAA and the NAIA. It can be difficult for some students to meet the requirements. There is also a cost for registration with both the NCAA and the NAIA. See me if you have a financial need for a fee waiver. The NCAA website is www.ncaa.org; and the NAIA website is www.PlayNAIA.org.

NCAA Division I colleges in Nebraska are: The University of Nebraska in Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Creighton University in Omaha. **NCAA Division II** colleges in Nebraska are: The University of Nebraska at Kearney, Chadron State College, and Wayne State College. There is one NCAA Division 3 college in Nebraska: Nebraska

Wesleyan University. **NAIA** colleges in Nebraska include: Bellevue University, Concordia University, Doane College, Hastings College, Midland University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Peru State College, College of St. Mary, and York College. Community Colleges in Nebraska are often members of the **NJCAA**, the National Jr College Athletic Association. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact CCHS Counselor Debra J. Anderson danderson@centralityps.org

FAFSA Completion

Seniors - If you're going to college during the 2017-18 academic year, be aware that you can complete and submit the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as early as **October 2016** using 2015 income tax data. This is a change from previous years when students had to wait until after January 1 and use tax data from the previous year.

The **FAFSA** is the application for federal, state and college-based financial aid.

Before starting the **FAFSA**, create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at fsaid.ed.gov (one for you and one for a parent). The IDs are needed to access the FAFSA and other Federal Student Aid website. They also serve as your signature for the FAFSA.

You should complete the FAFSA after October 1, but before your college's FAFSA priority date. Contact the college(s) to learn their priority dates.

Colleges will use the results of the FAFSA to determine how much they will award in financial aid. This could be a combination of scholarships, grants, work-study and student loans.

For free help, see the online **FAFSA Tools** at www.educationquest.org or call Education Quest to make an appointment to meet with a representative from EducationQuest for FAFSA completion at the EducationQuest Office in Omaha (888.357.6300), Lincoln (800.303.3745), Kearney (800.666.3721), or Scottsbluff (800.303.3745, ext. 6654).

After Completing the FAFSA

After you submit your FAFSA you should expect a Student Aid Report (SAR). You will receive it via an email, if you provided an email address. Make sure that you have applied to and been accepted by the colleges that you are interested in, and that you indicated these colleges on your FAFSA application. (This is especially important for the College Bound Nebraska and the Advantage Program.) Colleges who receive your FAFSA results typically won't send you a financial aid package until you've applied and have been accepted to the college. Some colleges that you listed on your FAFSA might request verification of your FAFSA information. If so, send the required documents to the financial aid office of the colleges making the request.

Then watch for financial aid award notifications. The colleges you applied to – and listed on your FAFSA – will send you a financial aid award notification detailing the types and amounts of aid they're offering.

College Bound Nebraska

Senior parents – Check out this wonderful opportunity for students from families with a financial need... Accepted University of Nebraska students at Omaha, Kearney, and Lincoln are guaranteed total grant assistance equal to, or greater than, the full cost of tuition through College Bound Nebraska. To be eligible students, with the help of their parents, would need to:

- Apply and be accepted to the University of Nebraska by their scholarship deadline and
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) by April 1 each year and
- Be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant (federal grants for students from low income families).

Visit <http://collegeboundnebraska.com> for more information. Students may also qualify for assistance even if they aren't eligible for a Pell Grant.

Nebraska State College System Advantage Program

Nearly one-third of all students in the Nebraska State College System — Wayne State College, Peru State College, and Chadron State College - receive federal Pell Grant funding. Through the NSCS Advantage Program Pell-eligible first-year students will have free tuition. Students can continue to receive this tuition assistance throughout their college career as long as they remain eligible to receive federal Pell Grant awards and as long as they continue to enroll in at least 12 credit hours. Students must meet five criteria to qualify for the NSCS Advantage Program:

- They must be a Nebraska resident
- They must be a recipient of a federal Pell Grant
- They must be a first-time first-year student attending a NSCS school during the 2016-17 school year
- They may not be a transfer student
- They must be enrolled in at least 12 on-campus credit hours

The Nebraska Career Information System

The Nebraska Career Information System (NCIS) for the Internet is full of interest inventories, occupational, college, scholarship, and job listing information. Just go to...

URL: <http://necis.intocareers.org>

USERNAME: 09centralhs

PASSWORD: H005709

In order to save information into their Personal Learning Plans students who have already been on this website should use for their username the first four letters of their first name and the first six letters of their last name; and for password their first initial, last initial, and school id number.

For students new to the district – in order to save information into their Personal Learning Plans students should use for their username the first four letters of their first name, first six letters of their last name (all lowercase), and two number graduation year; and for password Bison and school id number.

Tips for Scholarships

*Do not ever pay for scholarship searches. Use one of many free ones, including ScholarshipQuest from the EducationQuest website.

*Visit Counselor Anderson often and ask about scholarships that may fit your major/program of study.

*Focus on college-specific and local scholarships because you're more likely to earn them.

*Update your activities, honors, community service, volunteer experience, and paid jobs on your Activities Resume.

*Earn the best ACT/SAT score possible by taking the test as a junior and also in the fall of your senior year.

*Use quality references such as a teacher, coach, or counselor. Encourage your reference to write specific examples of your leadership and skills. Give those writing your activities resume and plenty of time to create a quality reference.

*Tailor your essay to the scholarship. Make sure to have others edit it. It should have a big impact.

Recommended Websites for Scholarship Searches

- ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org
- Chegg
- Peterson's
- FindTuition.com
- Cappex
- School Soup
- SuperCollege.com
- COLLEGEdata
- Nebraska Career Information System
- Nebraska Career Connections

Scholarships and Related Information

Please remember that in general the very best scholarships come from the colleges themselves, plus state and local scholarship opportunities. **Apply to the colleges** that you are interested in this fall and thoroughly research their scholarship opportunities (via the internet, college brochures, and college financial aid offices). Make sure that you apply for the **Merrick Foundation Scholarships**, which will be due the first of February. Our community has been very generous to our youth with scholarships in the past. Plan to have you and your parents complete their taxes and submit a **FAFSA** for grants and low interest loans. Check with community organizations, your church, and your parent's employer too!

Scholarships through Colleges

Private colleges encourage students to apply early in the academic year. Scholarships are often awarded on the basis of class rank, standardized test scores, diversity, talent, and church membership.

Check out savings in tuition through the **Midwest Student Exchange Program** if you are interested in attending an out-of-state college in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, or Wisconsin.

Most **cosmetology schools** have scholarships available for those interested in attending them.

CollegeBound Nebraska provides an amazing opportunity for students with financial need. Nebraska students are guaranteed total grant assistance equal to, or greater than, the full cost of tuition for 15 credit hours or more per semester to UNL, UNO, or UNK provided they are accepted to the University, complete the FAFSA by April 1 of each year, complete the financial aid process by June 1, and are found to be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant (federal grants for students from low-income families).

University of Nebraska in Lincoln - The overall deadline for all application materials, including the personal statement (in order to be considered for service, leadership, and global and diversity scholarships) is January 15, 2017. Other deadlines to be aware of for UNL are: University Honors Program Regular Application February 15; FAFSA report deadline for UNL April 1; and FAFSA report submitted to UNL for College Bound Nebraska April 1.

Applications to the **University of Nebraska at Kearney** are due by March 1, 2017 for general scholarships. Check out their website for special scholarships. If you have an ACT score of 27 or higher and if you rank in the top quarter of your class there is a separate online application to also complete for the **UNK Honors Program**. The UNK Multicultural Community Service Scholarship and Maestros del Futuro Bilingual Educators Scholarship will now accept applications that are postmarked by February 14, 2017.

The NSCS Advantage Programs are for students who plan to attend Wayne, Chadron, or Peru State College, are Federal Pell Grant recipients, and are enrolled full time. These awards are made automatically if the student applies to college by the deadline, submits their FAFSA on time, and qualifies for a Pell Grant.

Central Community College Scholarships are available for seniors planning to attend college in Hastings, Columbus, or Grand Island. The CCC scholarship application is online at ccc.awardspring.com. The deadline for CCC General Scholarships is March 1, 2017. Students who have completed 12 graded CCC credits from CCC may apply for the CCC Transition Advantage Scholarship <https://ccc.awardspring.com> by March 1, 2017 (can only be used if attending CCC next year too).

Nebraska Wesleyan offers a full tuition program for seniors who meet academic and financial need qualifications. Students who qualify must have an ACT score of 25 or higher, have a 3.0 or higher GPA, and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$1000 or less as determined by the FAFSA. Interested students are encouraged to complete the application for admission and submit their FAFSA information to Nebraska Wesleyan by March 1.

Northeast Community College Scholarships are available for seniors planning to attend college in Norfolk. See the online scholarship application for more details. Complete the online application no later than March 1, 2017.

Southeast Community College Scholarships are available for seniors planning to attend SCC in Lincoln, Beatrice, or Milford. See the SCC website for more information at www.southeast.edu/scholarships. The deadline to apply for SCC scholarships is from December 1 until February 22, 2017. Follow all instructions.

Other Scholarships for Seniors:

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, 10 month, residential, national service program in which young adults from age 18-24 serve nationwide each year. If an individual successfully completes the program, the individual is awarded a \$5,775 Education Award. Email ncccnorthcentral@cns.gov to obtain more information.

Christian Connector provides a free Christian college information service as well as a \$2,500 Christian college scholarship drawing. Students simply log onto www.christianconnector.com to request information and automatically be entered in the scholarship drawing.

Discover Colleges provides a free private college information service as well as a \$2,000 private scholarship drawing. Students simply log onto www.discovercolleges.com to request information and be entered in the scholarship drawing.

The Grace Foundation has assistance available to local cancer patients and their families. The Foundation reaches out to families living within 40 miles of Grand Island or to those who have an immediate family member receiving treatment at the Grand Island Cancer Treatment Center. They award scholarships to seniors who have had an immediate family member (self, parent, sibling, legal guardian) with a cancer diagnosis.

The **Donna Reed Foundation** often has awards for students in the fine arts. Visit www.donnareed.org for information.

NMC, in partnership with the Diesel Technology Program at Central Community College in Hastings, Nebraska, offers a two-year sponsorship coupled with an apprenticeship program at NMC Cat locations in Nebraska. Apply at www.nmc-corp.com/sponsorship_application/.

Honors Grad U is offering an annual scholarship. Through art, music, photography, creative writing, or video a senior can develop the prompt to create and share work for a chance at earning \$1,000 in tuition. Go to www.honorsgradu.com for more information.

For information about the **Hispanic Scholarship Fund** go to www.hsf.net.

If you are a member of the **TeamMates Program**, contact Counselor Anderson or Kristy Clarke regarding local opportunities.

The Elks National Emergency Educational Grants are for children of deceased or disabled Elks members. Information about this may be found at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/. **The Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards** are four-year, \$4,000 scholarships. A parent or grandparent of a student applying for this scholarship must be a member of the Elks. Elks scholarship applications may be found at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/.

The **Grand Island Community Foundation** has multiple scholarships available for seniors and nontraditional students. Go to www.gicf.org for more information. Applications are due by February 10, 2017.

If you are interested in cooperative education and attending a college or university out of state, you may want to look into **WACE'S National Co-op Scholarships**. These \$6,000 scholarships are renewable with a value of \$42,000. The deadline for most college scholarships is February 15, 2017; but students should apply early. For more information go to www.waceinc.org.

The **Grand Island Concert Association** offers four one-year college scholarships in the amount of \$750-\$1,000 to students interested in music (voice or instrumental) or theater. See Counselor Anderson for details. This scholarship can be found at www.gips.org/foundation/scholarships. The deadline is February 15, 2017.

The **Nebraska Press Association** scholarship application is for students who are pursuing newspaper journalism at a Nebraska college. Go to www.nebpress.com under NPA News for more information. The deadline is February 17, 2017.

The **FRS College Scholarship Program** offers over \$100,000 in scholarships to rural high school seniors who express an interest in returning to a rural area. Great Plains Communications is a member of FRS, so this opportunity is open to their customers. Counselor Anderson has some information about this. Contact Jacquie Wilkins at jwilkins@gpcom.com for more information. The completed packet must be submitted to her by February 23, 2017.

The **Antonette Willa Skupa Turner Scholarship** is for students who plan to major in English in college. Go to www.willacather.org under Education and Scholarship for more information. The deadline is February 28, 2017.

The **Buckle Excellence Scholarship** fund is for a two year scholarship for \$3,000 each year for an individual who wishes to major in Computer Science and Information Systems at UNK. The applicant should have a 26 or higher on their ACT. The deadline is February 28, 2017. For information go to www.unk.edu/academics/csit/scholarships.php.

Central Nebraska Legal Professionals Association has somewhat of a scholarship for students interested in a law related program such as: pre-law, paralegal, legal secretarial, criminal justice or law. See Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2017.

The **Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska** have \$1000 Scholarships for applicants who intend to major in business or a business-related field. Obtain information from the Counselor. The deadline is March 1, 2017.

The **Maggie Thompson Memorial Scholarship** is for seniors with a disability to use for college costs for books and/or tuition. It can also be used for assistive devices and/or equipment. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2017.

The Engebretson Foundation is offering a one year scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 per semester, not to exceed \$10,000 per year. Student must have a financial need, score a 28 or higher on the ACT, and have leadership potential. Go to www.engebretsonfoundation.org for more information. The deadline is March 1, 2017.

Seniors who have been excellent golfers should contact Counselor Anderson for a **Central Nebraska Senior Golf Association Golf Scholarship Application**. All materials must be postmarked by March 1, 2017.

If your parent or stepparent was in the military or a veteran and is now deceased or disabled due to military involvement, please contact the nearest **County Veterans Service Officer**.

For scholarship opportunities through the **American Legion** and **American Legion Auxiliary** go to www.nebraskalegion.net, or www.nebraskalegionaux.net.

The **American Legion Auxiliary** has numerous scholarships for those who are veteran-connected students – self, brother, sister, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, great-grandfather, great-grandmother, step-relative, etc. The deadline is March 1, 2017. See me for forms.

The **Maynard Jensen American Legion Memorial Scholarship** program is for children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren of an American Legion member or veteran who was a Legion member at the time of their death. Those applying must show academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and financial. Go to <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/programs/scholarships.html> for more information. Nominations must be received by March 1, 2017.

The **American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship** nomination must be received by March 1, 2017. Go to <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/programs/scholarships.html> for more information.

Titan Machinery has a sponsorship program with Central Community College in Hastings for students interested in earning an AAS Degree in Diesel Technology. The program will pay all school costs such as tuition, books, fees, and tools. It will not pay for room and board.

Interested in the pet industry? If so, apply for the **Oxbow Nebraska High School Senior Scholarship**. Go to www.oxbowanimalhealth.com/oxbow_cares/scholarships/high_school for scholarship application information. There are also scholarships for those already in college.

Apply for the **DJ's Hero Awards** through the Salvation Army. This award honors the "unsung hero" who has overcome adversity and demonstrated leadership in and commitment to his/her community. The deadline for all materials is March 6, 2017.

The Hamilton Community Foundation Scholarships are often quite generous. Most opportunities are for students from Hamilton County. Information can be found at www.hcfne.org. All materials need to be submitted online. The deadline is March 10, 2017.

The Better Business Bureau Foundation is accepting applications from High school seniors for the **Scott Mecham BBB Student of Integrity Award**. These eight \$2,000 scholarships are to recognize students who exemplify ethical behavior and personal integrity and who demonstrate humility, courage, compassion and respect for their peers, teachers, and community. They are not based on ethnicity, financial need, or GPA. Go to <http://bbb.org/h/mqf/>. The deadline is March 10, 2017.

Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway, and Luth CPAs have a scholarship for those planning to become a Certified Public Accountant. See Counselor for application. The deadline is March 15, 2017.

Every year, **Jostens** is proud to award one high school senior the \$10,000 (\$2,500/yr) Jostens Renaissance® Student Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to a senior in a Renaissance school and will be based upon increase in GPA, written essay and recommendation(s). Four additional seniors will receive one-time \$1,000 scholarships. For more information and to apply, visit <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/jostensrenaissance/>. Applications are due by March 15, 2017.

The Central Platte Natural Resources District has ten \$1,000 scholarships available for students who are in high school and college and who are pursuing a degree in a natural resources field. Students with majors in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Agribusiness, Agronomy, Civil Engineering, Conservation, Environmental Issues, Forestry, Geography, Geology, Hydrology, Range Management, Soil Conservation, and Vocational Agriculture Education should apply. See Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline is in March 15, 2017. Go to <https://cpnrd.org/cpnrd-school-page/> for more information. We have had a number of winners from CCHS in the past.

The Grand Island Area Retired School Personnel Scholarship is available to apply for by seniors going into education. See Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline is March 15, 2017.

The **Merrick County Farm Bureau Scholarship** is for students from families active in Farm Bureau or who are pursuing an ag-related field of study. Pick up an application from me. The deadline to apply is March 17, 2017.

Contact Counselor Anderson for information about the \$600 **Alyssa Sandmeier Scholarship** from Aurora, Nebraska. Submissions can be made in a variety of genres. Go to www.AlyssaSandmeierFoundation.com. The deadline is March 27, 2017.

The **Conestoga Mall** has a scholarship for students who have made their school and community a better place through activities that are related to this goal. Applications are available starting on March 1st at www.shopconestogamall.com under Online Forms. All applications must be dated and received at the Conestoga Mall after March 1st and no later than 9 pm on March 31st. Applications can also be postmarked by March 31, 2017.

Go to N-A-C.org for information about **Nebraska Insurance Federation and Nebraska Actuaries Club Scholarships**. Interested students must plan to major in actuarial science, mathematics, statistics, or economics with an interest in pursuing an actuarial career. The scholarships may be used at UNL, UNO, or UNK. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2017.

The Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants Burt and Becky Whedon Memorial Scholarship have a \$500 scholarship to apply for. Applicants will be evaluated by a 750 word written essay about the Plymouth Colony, GPA, class rank, test scores, honors, activities, employment, leadership, and letter of recommendation. See Counselor Anderson or information at <http://nebraskamayflower.org> for essay details. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2017.

The local **River Rats Association** has a scholarship opportunity for a current paid member or child/grandchild of a current paid member of the Association (applicant being a child, grandchild, stepchild, step grandchild, or child having paid member as a legal guardian). A 500 word essay on their view of the future of the Platte River is required to be submitted with the application no later than April 1, 2017. See Counselor Anderson for an application.

Southern Public Power District is sponsoring a \$1,000 **Utility Line Scholarship Program** for interested students. The deadline is April 1, 2017. Contact Counselor Anderson for an application.

If you attended **Head Start** for pre-school in the Central Nebraska Community Services Area (which includes Merrick County and nearby counties), then you have the opportunity to apply for four scholarships utilizing one application. See Counselor Anderson for more information. The application is due to the Loup City office by Noon on April 3, 2017.

The **Johnny Baxter Carriage House Foundation** has a \$1,000 for students interested in attending a Nebraska community college in to train for an automotive career. Pick up an application from Counselor Anderson. Deadline of April 7, 2017.

The local **American Legion Riders Scholarship** is for local veteran-connected students – self, brother, sister, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, step-relative. Pick up an application from Counselor Anderson. The deadline is April 15, 2017.

Honors Grad U is an educational blog dedicated to providing resources to help students graduate and go to college. Through art, music, photography, creative writing, or video you can use the prompt to create and share your work for a chance or earning \$1,000 award toward tuition. Go to www.honorsgradu.com. The deadline is April 16, 2017.

The James M. Cox Scholarship is for seniors who have a financial need. This scholarship has been awarded to numerous CCHS students over the years. The deadline to apply is April 17, 2017.

The **2017 Student-View Scholarship Program** is easy to apply for. Simply go to www.student-view.com and complete a 15-20 minute survey about colleges in this area. Winners will be chosen through a random drawing of all completed applications. The deadline is April 22, 2017.

Male seniors who plan to attend UNK should apply for the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity Scholarship – **The White Owl Scholarship** – by April 28, 2017. See Counselor Anderson for the scholarship application.

The **Jim Hurlbert Memorial Baseball Scholarship** materials are due by June 15, 2017. Those considered must be involved with American Legion Baseball.

Other Opportunities for Students

Central Community College has Summer Scholarships for Juniors and Seniors. See Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline is April 18, 2017.

Project HELP through Community Colleges in Nebraska is a great resource for those with a financial need (for those in high school and those out of high school) who would like to obtain Certified Nursing Assistant, Medication Aid, or other training in a medical area. Project HELP can help with scholarships, tuition waivers, books, gas cards, scrubs, lab coats, and more. Contact Christin Miotke at 308-398-7516 for more information.

Access College Early Scholarships are often available to current high school students with a financial need taking classes through Central Community College. Contact Counselor Anderson if you have interest in an ACE Scholarship for any of Mr. Negus's Dual Credit Classes, CCC Distance Learning Classes, or other classes available through CCC.

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary have applications available for juniors interested in The **Junior Law Cadet Program**, **Cornhusker Boys State**, and **Cornhusker Girls State**. The deadline to submit materials for Girls State has already passed. The deadline to submit application materials for Junior Law Cadet and Boys State at CCHS is February 9, 2017. Contact Counselor Anderson if you are interested in any of these programs.

Contact Human Resources at hospitals about **Job Shadowing Opportunities** in the health care field.

Job Shadowing is an extremely helpful tool for career exploration. Starting with the Class of 2018, a total of 3 clock hours will be required for graduation purposes. Starting with the Class of 2019, a total of 6 clock hours will be required.

Community Service is important. Five clock hours will be required for the Class of 2018; 10 clock hours will be required for the Class of 2019, 15 clock hours will be required for the Class of 2020; 20 clock hours will be required for the Class of 2021.

Many of the **Military Academies** have summer programs for interested youth. Also students wishing to enter a military academy must start the application process second semester of their junior year in order to be eligible to enter right after their senior year.

ROTC offers some outstanding scholarships through major colleges and universities. If you are interested in the military and a four year college degree, check out ROTC scholarships. We have had students receive these outstanding scholarships in the past. The deadlines are normally in the fall. Note: For information about ROTC at UNL go to: (Army) www.unl.edu/armyrotc; (Navy) www.unl.edu/nrotc; and/or (Air Force) www.unl.edu/afrotc.

For Information on **Young Distinguished Women** opportunities and scholarships, formerly known as the program called the America's Junior Miss Program, go to www.ajm.org for more information.

For information on **Miss Nebraska USA** and **Miss Nebraska Teen USA** opportunities visit www.missnebraskausa.com.

For Information about the **College of Architecture High School Workshop** that will be offered this summer at UNL contact Counselor Anderson.

There are typically a number of **4-H Workshops** held at UNL in the summer. Contact your local Extension Office for more information. You do not have to be a 4-H member to participate.

Here's a scholarship you can apply for now!

Apply **by March 31** for EducationQuest's *Scavenger Hunt Scholarship*. You might win \$500 toward your college education. Here's how it works:

1. If you haven't already, complete a profile in [ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org](http://ScholarshipQuest.at.EducationQuest.org).
2. If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the *EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship* as one of the scholarships that will appear on your results page.
3. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.
4. EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan.