

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

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

From: Debra J. Anderson, High School Counselor danderson@centralityps.org

Date: 3-22-16

FAFSA

If you're a senior, it's time to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You'll need to complete the process at fafsa.gov typically by **April 1** or before, depending on your college's priority deadline. Colleges will use your FAFSA results to determine how much they will award you in federal, state and college-based financial aid.

Education Quest has been offering **totally free college planning services for over 20 years**. They specifically help with scholarship and college searches, student loan counseling and, as mentioned, with FAFSA completion. Education Quest is supported through an endowment and may be contacted for assistance by calling the office in Kearney at 800-666-3721, Lincoln at 800-303-3745, or Omaha at 888-357-6300. Their website has many FAFSA resources at www.educationquest.org.

A Message to Parents from Education Quest:

Dear Parent,

If all went as planned, you completed the FAFSA recently, and your student will be able to view the **Student Aid Report (SAR)** soon. You may log into the FAFSA website three to five days after you have submitted your FAFSA to view the SAR.

The SAR acknowledges that the FAFSA was processed -- and indicates your student's Pell Grant eligibility and Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The same information is supplied electronically to the colleges your child listed on the FAFSA. The colleges use the EFC to award financial aid.

IRS Data Retrieval could be helpful or else the college may request copies of your federal tax returns to **verify your FAFSA** information. If they ask for them, send them directly to the Financial Aid Office at the college -- along with anything else they request. It may feel like they want your first-born, but they're just following Uncle Sam's rules.

Your college will next send your child a **financial aid award** letter detailing the assistance they're offering -- the award letter may arrive in the mail or electronically via email. Have your child accept the financial aid package and return the award letter to the college by the deadline (each college will have its own deadline). **If your child applied to more than one college, have her/him accept all the award letters and make a final selection later.**

Financial aid award letters can be confusing. Don't be afraid to call the Financial Aid Office at the college if you have any questions.

Check out [EducationQuest's web site](http://www.educationquest.org) for more college planning information, or call the EducationQuest Office for help with financial aid questions.

Other quick notes from Education Quest... What happens after you submit the **FAFSA**?

***Expect your SAR**

You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) acknowledging that your form was processed. Review your SAR for accuracy. If needed, make changes at fafsa.gov.

***Did you use IRS Data Retrieval?**

If you did not use IRS Data Retrieval to provide income tax information on your FAFSA, we encourage you to update your FAFSA at fafsa.gov and use the IRS Data Retrieval process. [Review this handout](#) or [watch this video](#)

for instructions. If you don't use IRS Data Retrieval, your college(s) may require you to provide a copy of your IRS tax transcript.

***Watch for financial aid award notifications**

The colleges you listed on the FAFSA will provide a financial aid award notification detailing the aid they're offering. This may include a combination of scholarships, grants, work-study and student loans. Respond to each notification (most students accept all award packages until they make their final college selection).

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. Please note: A **young man** also **cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college**, job training benefits, and many state and federal jobs.

Seniors ... its decision time!

Follow the advice from EducationQuest to decide on the college that's the right fit for you. First, compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications and campus visit notes. Write down pros and cons for each school you're considering using the following criteria:

***Location** – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.

***Cost** – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in student and parent loans will you need to cover expenses?

***Academic program** – Does the college offer the program that interests you? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other programs that interest you?

***Student life** – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? Do you like the living arrangements provided by the school? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Make your final decision by **May 1** – and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and any financial aid, to another student.

Juniors - Let's Visit College

Listed is a summary of what students should think about before going to visit colleges that interest 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.

ACT and SAT

Post-secondary institutions require various forms of college entrance exams. Contact the admissions office from the post-secondary school that your student plans to attend if you have specific questions. With both the ACT and SAT, **deadlines** are very important. A person can usually test if they miss the registration deadline, but there are more costs involved. I have registration materials available on the bookcase in my office. Students may register online for the ACT at www.actstudent.org or the SAT at www.collegeboard.com/sat-register. Remember to always use our school code which is **280-440**. Any student, who has difficulty paying for the ACT or SAT, should contact me for a fee waiver through ACT or SAT. Because of testing security issues, students must also upload a head and shoulder picture of themselves when they register.

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline*
ACT	April 9	March 4
ACT	June 11	May 6
SAT	May 7	April 8
SAT	June 4	May 5

*You can register later, but there are additional fees...

There are numerous ways that a student can prepare for the ACT/SAT:

- In my office I have free practice tests available for the ACT and SAT.
- There are daily ACT practice questions for free on the ACT website at www.actstudent.org.
- On the **Nebraska Career Information System** under My Portfolio there are free practice tests and information for the ACT and SAT, as well as for the PSAT, ASVAB, GED, CLEP, and TOEFL exams.
- There is a way to practice for numerous tests for free at the military website called www.march2success.com.
- Students may take an online ACT course through John Baylor at their own expense at <http://www.BaylorTestPrep.com>.
- Some students complete ACT/SAT Test Prep Classes through Sylvan Learning Center in Grand Island at their own expense.

COMPASS

COMPASS Tests (ASSET on the computer) are given by the community colleges and technical schools. Call the admissions office or visit the website of a specific college to see what testing is necessary. The test itself will take approximately 2 hours. It is often good to combine the testing with a scheduled tour of the college and its programs. Some programs of study are selective and should be applied to as a junior. Please note that I can now give the COMPASS test to interested students at CCHS.

ASVAB

The **ASVAB** is a wonderful aptitude test and interest inventory. It is entirely free. It is required if a student is interested in any branch of the military. Students who score high enough can qualify for occupations within the military. Some military occupations have higher qualification scores than others. If you would like to take the ASVAB in the near future, please contact a military recruiter.

The free **Lincoln Area College Fair** is **Sunday, April 10** from 1-3 p.m. at **Southeast Community College in Lincoln**. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to gather information about colleges which may be of interest to them.

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 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. (Visit collegeboundnebraska.com/ for more information.) To be eligible students, with the help of their parents, would need to:

- Apply and be accepted to the University of Nebraska campus that you plan to attend and
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and make sure that the SAR from the FAFSA is submitted to the University **by April 1** each year and finish the financial aid process by June 1 and
- Be a Nebraska resident
- Be a full-time student (12 or more credit hours per semester) and
- Be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant (federal grants for students from low income families).

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:

- Apply and be accepted by a Nebraska State College – Wayne, Chadron, or Peru
- Complete the FAFSA process by June 1
- They must be a Nebraska resident
- They must be Pell eligible
- 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.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Attention: Seniors who receive Resource Services and who are on an IEP may wish to inquire about how **Vocational Rehabilitation Services** may assist with career exploration, financial aid, and college. You may contact Rita Meier at the Vocational Rehabilitation Office in Grand Island at 308-385-6200 or 800-862-3382 for assistance.

Apprenticeship Opportunity

Earn –While –You-Learn – Paid wages and benefits all while learning a skilled trade. The **Lincoln Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee LEJATC** will accept applications for apprenticeships for electrical training. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and meet specific academic guidelines to be considered.

Other Opportunities

Students in grades 9-12 can apply for **EducationQuest's Scavenger Hunt Scholarship** by following these steps: #1 Complete a profile in ScholarshipQuest, at EducationQuest.org. #2 This scholarship will be included in your results page. #3 Then scavenge around the EducationQuest's website to find answers to the questions in the survey. Complete and submit the survey. EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answered all of the questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan! The deadline to submit your survey results is March 31, 2016.

Attention: 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. Now is the time to apply for the **American College Foundation** \$1,000 to \$5,000 **Visionary Scholarships**. Applications will be judged on the ability to follow guidelines, grammar and punctuation, and the merit of the essay. Financial need is not considered. For more information visit <http://americancollegefoundation.org>. The deadline is April 1, 2016.

Central Community College has **Summer Scholarships** for students who are current high school juniors and seniors who plan to take a summer class through CCC. The application will be available at www.cccneb.edu. Students must also supply ACT, COMPASS, or ASSET scores to apply for the scholarship. The deadline is April 18, 2016.

The **Norden Club of Lincoln** has \$1000 scholarships or grant in-kind aid for applicants who wish to pursue an educational experience of project pertaining to any of the five Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. The application can be obtained from Counselor Anderson, but must be postmarked by May 1, 2016.

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

Many of the **Military Academies** have summer programs for interested youth. Also students wishing to enter a military academy should 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 58 year old 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.

Juniors interested in Business and who have a financial need, or a diverse background may **wish to apply for the UNL Dream Big Academy** July 10-15th. See Counselor Anderson for more details.

Scholarships for College-bound Seniors

Check out 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.

College Bound 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). Go to <http://collegeboundnebraska.com/> for more information.

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. Simply go to www.nscs.edu; then click on the Students button; and then NSCS Advantage for more information.

Contact **Workforce Development** about **WIA Program Education Funds** (tuition, fee & book cost) available for qualifying youth who are high school seniors or who have graduated in the past few years (up to the age of 21).

Many community colleges, such as CCC, offer the **TRIO Program**. It is for students who have low income, or a documented learning disability/ physical disability. Students in the TRIO program are assigned a coordinator who assists the students in personal, social, and academic growth.

Cooperative Producers, Inc. – CPI is offering two \$1,000 Customer Scholarships to seniors who are dependents of customers; and also Employee Scholarships to seniors who are dependents of current full-time CPI employees.

If you are a member of the **TeamMates Program**, many state and local scholarships opportunities are available. Go to www.teammates.org/postsecondary for more information on state scholarships. Contact me or Kristy Clarke regarding other opportunities.

NMC CAT is providing a sponsorship program in partnership with the Diesel Technology Program at Central Community College in Hastings. This program provides paid tuition, paid textbooks, complimentary standard tools, a tool cabinet, and paid internship hours. See Counselor Anderson for more details.

Butler Ag is looking for future Diesel Technicians. The 2 year college degree program is offered in conjunction with Mitchell Tech in Mitchell, SD. Students who are accepted are guaranteed a job with Butler Ag upon successful completion of the program. These students get paid while going to school for training, over \$17 per hour. Go to www.butlermachinery.com/careers for more information.

Alert Magazine has \$500 Scholarships for students who are interested in applying. To apply a senior must submit a 650-800 word essay about a personal encounter you or someone you know has had with drug and/or alcohol abuse.

Go to <http://www.emergencydentistsusa.com/dental-scholarships-guide/> for information about health care and dentistry related scholarship opportunities. These opportunities were brought to our attention by Mike Plambeck of **Emergency Dentists USA** of Lincoln.

The Lighthouse Guild offers scholarships to college-bound high school seniors and graduate students who are legally blind. Go to lighthouseguild.org/scholarships for more information.

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**.

The **American Legion Baseball Player of the Year Scholarships** are given by the American Legion State Baseball Committee. For more information go to <http://www.nebraskalegion.net>.

Contact Counselor Anderson for information about the \$600 **Alyssa Sandmeier Scholarship** from Aurora, Nebraska. Submissions may be made in a variety of genres. The deadline is March 25, 2016.

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 30, 2016.

For information about the **Hispanic Scholarship Fund** go to www.hsf.net. The deadline is March 30, 2016.

Our local **American Legion Riders** are offering a \$500 scholarship to a senior who is veteran connected through their own military involvement, or the involvement of their parent, sibling, grand-parent, or step-relative. The deadline to apply is March 30, 2016.

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 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 31, 2016. No exceptions.

The 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 31, 2016.

Litzenberg Health Care Foundation has a scholarship through CCC in Hastings for the Clinical Laboratory Program. Litzenberg will pay the tuition costs and fees for the program if the student is willing to work at Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital for three years upon completion of the program. This is a wonderful opportunity for a student interested in Health Care! The deadline is March 31, 2016.

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, 2016.

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. This year they will award 2 scholarships to seniors who have had an immediate family member (self, parent, sibling, legal guardian) with a cancer diagnosis.

Apply for EducationQuest's Scavenger Hunt Scholarship by March 31st for EducationQuest's Scavenger Hunt Scholarship. You could earn \$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). *ScholarshipQuest* is a scholarship search tool with over 2,000 Nebraska-based awards.
2. If you are a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you will 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.

The Lincoln Community Foundation has a majority of their scholarships for students who do not live in Lincoln. Check out www.lcf.org for more information. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2016.

The Adelyn Rea Memorial Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship available to Nebraska high school seniors who have persevered while living with a congenital heart defect. Visit www.LoveAdelyn.com for more information. The deadline is March 31, 2016.

Cornerstone Bank has one \$1,000 for a college-bound senior from CCHS. Email me for a fillable application. The deadline for CCHS students is April 1, 2016; but for students from other schools it is March 15, 2016.

The **River Rats Association** has scholarships available to children, step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren of paid members. An essay on one's view of the future of the Platte River is required. See Counselor Anderson for an application form. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

The **Nebraska School Counselor Association Scholarship** is for seniors who plan to go onto college in the 2016-17 school year. Go to <http://www.neschoolcounselor.org> or contact Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline is April 1, 2016.

The **Pink Bandana Foundation** has raised funds in Nebraska for families affected by breast cancer. They also will provide scholarships for students who have had breast cancer or for those who have watched a parent or sibling battle breast cancer. Scholarship materials can be picked up from Counselor Anderson and are due by April 1, 2016.

The Nebraska Association for the Gifted Scholarship, the \$1,000 **Leta Hollingworth Scholarship**, is due April 1, 2016. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/LetaH-NAG> for more information.

Southern Public Power District is sponsoring a \$1,000 **Utility Line Scholarship Program** for interested students. The deadline is April 1, 2016. Contact Counselor Anderson for an application.

The **Big Game Conservation Association Scholarship** Application is a scholarship of \$500 for students pursuing a degree in the areas of Fisheries and Wildlife. Contact Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline is April 1, 2016.

The **Nebraska Agri-Women** has a \$250 scholarship for a male or female planning to attend college or technical school in Nebraska. This includes any agricultural related area such as diesel mechanics. Pick up an application from Counselor Anderson. The deadline is April 1, 2016.

The **Lincoln Builders Bureau** has a scholarship program for member company employees and their dependents. For company eligibility go to www.buildersbureau.com, click on Scholarships and Membership Search to verify. Contact Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline is April 1, 2016.

Wayne State College Cooperating Schools Scholarship – If you are in the top half of the senior class (Class Rank 1-27 out of 54) and plan to attend Wayne State College, contact Counselor Anderson right away. The deadline to have your name submitted by CCHS for this scholarship is April 4, 2016.

The **Hordville Lions Club** has a scholarship available for seniors who live in the High Plains School District, even though they may attend CCHS. The application deadline is April 4, 2016. See Counselor Anderson to pick up a copy.

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 office in Loup City by noon on April 4, 2016.

Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital Auxiliary will offer three \$1000 scholarships to area seniors who are planning careers in health care professions. The deadline for applications is April 4, 2016. The application can be found at www.lmchospital.org under the "Access Scholarship forms" link.

Details for the **Nebraskans for Peace Scholarships** can be picked up from Counselor Anderson. An essay of 750 to 1000 words on specific peace related topic and general student information is required. The deadline for electronic submission is April 6, 2016.

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 8, 2016.

In the past **Eastern Star** has had a scholarship opportunity for the seniors in our area.

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 15, 2016.

Lone Tree Medical Clinic will offer four \$1000 scholarships to students who are patients of Lone Tree Medical Clinic and who plan to earn a degree in a health care profession. The deadline is April 15, 2016. The application can be found at www.lmchospital.org under the "Access Scholarship forms" link.

Check out the \$250 **Nebraska Insuring Success Scholarship** with an April 15, 2016 deadline at: https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/content_link/IspJhBCjV0ZeUGl0oM3aVW5rgYjNnfb8ZgwIQieDZtSt5vLaEKfObI8A0RfFxUFh/file.

The **Nebraska Coaches Association/Country Inn & Suites Scholarship** deadline is April 18, 2016. This fully funded scholarship program will award eight recipients \$1,000. The application form and other information regarding the scholarship can be found at: <http://www.ncacoach.org/lincolnninsuites.php>. The senior must be in the upper quarter of their class, be at least a 2 year participant in 2 sports, have earned varsity letters in 2 sports, must have a coach's letter of recommendation, and have at least a 24 on their ACT.

The **2016 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, 2016.

The **Phi Gamma White Owl Scholarship** is open to males who plan to attend UNK in the fall. Selection is based on academic excellence, involvement, and service. See me for an application. Applications are due April 29, 2016.

The **Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska (ICON)** offer a \$500 scholarship for college-bound students of ICON Members. It is called the \$500 Jim Hanna Memorial Scholarship. It is due April 30, 2016. Contact Counselor Anderson for an application.

Nominations for the **Jim Hurlbert Memorial Baseball Scholarship** must be received by June 15, 2016. For more information go to <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/programs/scholarships.html>.

National Scholarship Search Sites

ScholarshipQuest at www.educationquest.org
ScholarshipExperts.com
Scholarships.com

Fastaid.com
SchoolSoup.com
ScholarshipMonkey.com

Important Dates

Students and Parents – Please note these important times and dates:

- ***Prom** will be held on Saturday, April 9th.
- *The next **ACT Tests** will be the morning of Saturday April 9th, and the morning of Saturday June 11th.
- *The next **SAT Tests** will be on the morning of Saturday May 7th, and the morning Saturday of June 4th.
- ***Juniors** – May wish to schedule their senior picture session with their favorite photographer.
- ***Seniors** - Please provide to Counselor Anderson by Friday April 29th information/verification about the scholarships that you have been offered so that the information may be included in the local newspaper, the Grand Island Independent, and the Honors Night Program. Copies of award letters are best.
- ***High School Honors Night** will be on Thursday May 5th at 7 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
- ***Graduation** for the **CCHS Graduating Class of 2016** will be on Sunday May 15th at 2 pm!