

To: Seniors and Senior Parents for January 9, 2012
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Scholarships through Colleges:

Art, Music, Dance, Theatre Arts, and Special Talent Auditions and Showings for scholarships are common among colleges. Contact the colleges that you are interested in attending to inquire about such opportunities. They normally begin in the fall and usually continue into the winter months.

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, leadership, and church membership.

The NSCS Advantage Program is 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, 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.

The main deadline for **Wayne State College** scholarships was December 1, 2011, however seniors meeting specific guidelines may still apply for the Board of Trustees Scholarship at www.nscs.edu (January 15, 2012), and the Davis-Chamber Freshman Scholarship for academically promising high school students at www.nscs.edu (February 1, 2012).

The **Peru State College** scholarship priority deadline is January 15, 2012.

The Board of Trustees Scholarship - The Nebraska State College System's Board of Trustees offers this scholarship to students who will be attending Wayne, Chadron, or Peru State College. To apply, you must score at least 25 on the ACT or 1130 on the SAT, be a graduating senior from a Nebraska high school, be a resident of Nebraska and enroll as a full-time college student in the fall semester following your high school graduation. This scholarship provides full tuition, renewable for 4 years. **To apply for this scholarship** - Obtain a Board of Trustees Scholarship application at www.nscs.edu and read and follow the application instructions carefully. Submit your completed application to the board office by the deadline of January 15, 2012.

The Davis-Chambers Scholarship is for students who wish to attend Wayne, Chadron, or Peru State College who have a B average, and have completed and submitted an estimated FAFSA. The deadline is February 1, 2012. Apply at www.nscs.edu.

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 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 deadline to apply for admission and be considered for **University of Nebraska in Lincoln** general scholarships is January 15, 2012. Check out all of the available scholarships through your student account. Also complete a **Personal Statement** (as outlined on their website at www.unl.edu) so that it can be received by this date in order to be considered for service, leadership, and diversity scholarships. The **UNL Honors Program** has a final application deadline of March 1, 2012. If you are interested in attending UNL and becoming involved with the Honors program you can find an application at www.admissions.unl.edu/academics. Recommendation forms in support of your application are also required. Students interested in UNL with at least a 29 ACT and ranked in the top 10% of the class should apply.

Applications to the **University of Nebraska at Kearney** are due by February 1, 2012 for general scholarships. Check out the Health Science Scholars Program, the NU Paths Program, the Multicultural Community Service Scholarship, the Peter Kiewit Foundation Educators Opportunity Scholarship, and the Davis-Chamber Scholarship to complete special

requirements for additional scholarship opportunities. There is also a special form to complete by February 1, 2012 for the **UNK Honors Program**, if you have an ACT score of 27 or higher and if you rank in the top quarter of your class. Applications to the **University of Nebraska at Omaha** must be submitted by February 1, 2012 in order to be considered for scholarships. There are also **Goodrich Scholarships** for those students who are planning to attend UNO with a financial need. They are due on February 1, 2012.

Northeast Community College – has one scholarship application for their main scholarships. Deadline is Feb. 1, 2012.

Central Community College – Apply for admission to CCC by mid-January if you have an ACT of 21 or higher. A separate application for the ACT Advantage Scholarship will be mailed from CCC to your home and must be completed by February 15, 2012. Apply by March 1, 2012 online for the **CCC General Scholarship**. Make sure to complete the Tech Prep scholarship portion also – because we are a Tech Prep school. If you are interested in taking a CCC class this summer, you should apply for the **CCC Summer Scholarship** by April 20, 2012.

Southeast Community College Scholarships are available for seniors planning to attend SCC in Lincoln, Beatrice, or Milford at <https://scc.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com> or go to www.southeast.edu and go to financial aid and scholarships. Follow the directions closely. There is a March 1, 2012 deadline.

Other Scholarships:

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

The 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.

The **US Bank Internet Scholarship Program** runs through March 2012. Forty \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to students who plan to attend a two or four year college in a random drawing. We have had students awarded these scholarships before! Apply online at usbank.com/scholarship.

The **World War II Scholarship** deadline is in January. Contact me if you are interested.

Burger King Scholars Program is for students who work a minimum of 10 hours per week, are involved in community service activities, and have a financial need. To learn more about this opportunity go to www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html. The deadline is January 10, 2012.

Scholarships are available for students who have MS or whose parent has MS through the **Multiple Sclerosis Society**. For more information visit www.nationalmssociety.org or call 800-344-4867. The deadline is January 13, 2012.

National Honor Society has a national competition for scholarship money. If you are in the CCHS Chapter of National Honor Society and have completed extensive service to the community, please contact me. The scholarship deadline is January 20, 2012.

The **Norma Ross Walter Scholarship** is for women who intend to major in English. The deadline is January 27, 2012.

Make sure that you apply for the **Merrick Foundation Scholarships**, which became available toward the end of November and for any other local scholarships. Our community has been very generous to our youth with scholarships in the past. Simply go to www.merrick-foundation.org to Scholarships and to Seniors Scholarship Application. In order to be considered for the most scholarships you must submit your application online, and mail in two recommendation forms, a head and shoulders senior picture, and typically the completed and signed Financial Need Information form. The deadline for all materials is February 1, 2012.

The Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards application is due February 1, 2012. 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/downloadmvs.cfm.

Check out the opportunities for scholarships through the **Hamilton Foundation**. Go to <http://hamiltonfoundation.org>. The deadline is February 3, 2012.

Check out the **KFC Scholarship** at www.kfcscholars.org. It is for students planning to attend a 4 year public college or university. The Deadline is February 8, 2012.

NMC is pleased to offer students an opportunity to attend CCC in Hastings for students hoping to become diesel technicians through two separate programs; the NMC Student Sponsorship Program and the Caterpillar Foundation Scholarship. The NMC program allows Caterpillar numerous sponsorships and provides funds to cover tuition and book fees along with a tool and toolbox allowance. This is worth an estimated \$14,000 to selected students. Five \$1,000 scholarships will also be awarded. Deadline is February 10, 2012.

The \$1,000 **Constance K. Rife Scholarship** is for female golfers. Go to www.simplygolf.us.com for an application. The deadline is February 13, 2011.

If you are interested in cooperative education and attending a college or university out of state, you may want to look into the **National Co-op Scholarships**. For complete information go to www.co-op.edu. These \$6,000 scholarships are renewable with a value of \$4,200,000. The deadline is February 15, 2012.

Check out the **Best Buy Scholarship** opportunity at www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/scholarship.htm. The deadline is February 15, 2012.

For **American Legion Scholarships** go to or www.vets.state.ne.us. 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 **Nebraska American Legion Scholarships** with a March 1 deadline include the Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship, the Maynard Jensen Memorial Scholarship, Baseball Player of the Year Scholarships, and the Jim Hurlbert Memorial Baseball Scholarship. Contact Counselor Anderson for information or go to www.nebraskalegion.net.

The **American Legion Auxiliary** has a number of scholarships that are due by March 1, 2012. Go to www.nebraskalegionaux.net to find more information about their scholarships for students who are veteran connected, junior members, former Girls State participants, enrolling in a vocational school, or interested in nursing. I also have copies of the scholarships available in my office.

The Engebretson Foundation will award one senior a scholarship that will pay up to \$10,000 of tuition. Applicants must have financial need, academic merit (28 or higher on the ACT), and leadership potential. Go to www.engebretsonfoundation.org. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

The Grand Island Concert Association has \$750 Scholarships available to those with voice, instrumental, or theatrical talent. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

If you are planning to attend a publicly supported college in Nebraska (like a community college, Wayne State, Chadron State, Peru State, UNL, UNO, or UNK) and you have some financial need, make sure that you also apply for the **Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship** at <http://www.buffettscholarships.org/> which is due on March 1st. FAFSA results are required (so try to complete your FAFSA around the middle of February) for this generous scholarship, which was offered to 5 of our seniors last year and 9 the year before.

For more scholarship opportunities please look at www.centralcityschoolsne.org under High School and Guidance. Nestle' Very Best in Youth and HOBY have entered into a partnership to recognize young people who are making a positive difference in lives other than their own. Students should complete their application online at <http://verybestinyouth.nestleusa.com> in March.

The Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska have a number of opportunities. See Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Students involved with the **Big Brothers Big Sisters Program** should complete an application for a scholarship that is due March 5, 2012. See Counselor Anderson for an application.

The **Lincoln Community Foundation** has scholarships also for students who live outside of Lancaster County. Go to www.lcf.org for more information. The deadline is March 15, 2012.

The Central Platte Natural Resources District has \$1,000 Scholarships for students interested in a natural resources or agricultural career. We have had students receive this before! The deadline is March 15, 2012.

Grand Island Little Theatre has a scholarship available to students who are interested in fine arts. The deadline is March 15, 2012. See Counselor Anderson for an application.

Southern Power District in the past has offered a limited number of \$1000 scholarships to individuals who plan to attend an accredited school to begin a utility line study program. The applicant must agree to complete a 12 week summer internship with Southern in cooperation with the school attended. The deadline is April 1, 2012.

The Big Sun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. The deadline is June 22, 2012. Go to www.bigsunathletics.com for more information.