



COUNSELORS' CORNER

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Counselors' Corner is a weekly newsletter put out by the Guidance Department with "news you can use" about colleges, vocational and job opportunities, scholarships, testing, and lots of other information to help you make those important decisions for your future. You can access **Counselors' Corner** via the web @ www.streaks.org under "What's Happening" or pick up a paper copy in the Guidance Center. Teachers post copies in their classrooms. Further questions about information in **Counselors' Corner** can be answered by checking with any counselor. This week...

2012-2013 **HIGH SCHOOL** **REGISTRATION!!!**

- Tuesday, January 31, counselors will begin the registration process for current freshmen – junior students (8th graders will schedule in March). Students will have an opportunity to sit down with their counselor on an individual basis to talk about credits, courses, and their plans after graduation. If you have a math, American Studies, US History, or US Government class, you will schedule sometime during that class. If you don't have one of these classes, a pass will be sent from your counselor to schedule at another time.
- The **GHS Course Offerings Book** is only available **online** at www.streaks.org. Read through, paying close attention to the graduation requirements listed on page 1, along with the recommendations from Illinois colleges for entrance to a college/university program listed on page 2. Each department has provided a detailed description of their courses. Pay attention to course prerequisites and take the opportunity to talk with your current teachers in those departments to get more information about their courses. You will also need to think ahead to what courses you might take the year after next and make sure those prerequisites are scheduled for next year.
- When it is your day to register, make sure to come prepared with a plan along with some optional courses in case your first choices won't schedule. **Please have your salmon-colored "Block Scheduling Worksheet" completed!!!** Choose classes carefully! Do not take the attitude that you can just change your mind later. Once a term has begun, we do not entertain requests to change a class simply because you changed your mind!

Upcoming College **Representative Visits @ GHS**

Seniors and juniors wishing to meet with a college representative **must get a pass from the Guidance Center**

prior to the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, college representatives will meet in **Lecture Room C**. If you are unable to attend, please let your counselor know beforehand so they can get materials for you!

Tue-Feb 14	10:10 a	Northern Illinois University
Mon-Feb 17	10:10 a	Lincoln College/Lincoln
Tue-Mar 6	10:10 a	University of Illinois/Springfield

Upcoming Events:

College Essay Workshop

This is the time for high school juniors to start thinking about colleges to explore this spring and summer. Register now to get a head start learning what to expect when applying for college admission and the personal essays. Grades and test scores are important, but so is the personal essay in the application process. A personal essay must be original and organized. You need to consider sentence structure, style and punctuation. Let professional writer, Mrs. Tami Qualls, give you tips to help with the process. This is especially great for juniors, but is open to freshman-seniors. The workshop will be held on February 9th and 16th, 2012 (Thursdays – 6:00-8:00 p.m.) Space limited and pre-registration is expected by January 26th. The fee for the workshop is \$20.00 per person. See your counselor for a registration form if interested.

Junior and Senior Latino/Latina Students: The registration website is now available for Illinois Wesleyan's ¡Tu Universidad! Program. Hispanic students and families sometimes face unique challenges with the college search and financial aid process. With this in mind, **¡Tu Universidad! was created to help.** The program will take place on **Saturday, February 11, 2012.**

This one-day event includes assistance with transportation, information on the college search process, campus tours, time with current Illinois Wesleyan students and faculty, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid [FAFSA] completion workshop, and an opportunity to explore the surrounding Bloomington / Normal area. The application deadline is Friday, January 27th. Preference will be given to seniors who have applied to Illinois

Wesleyan, but juniors are also welcome to apply (students may submit their application online at <http://www.iwu.edu/admissions/visit/tuuniversidad.shtml>) See Mrs. Ritchie if you have any questions about this unique and valuable program!

Carl Sandburg College and the U of I Extension 4-H

are partnering to help set up a high school robotics team for the *FIRST* Robotics competition. This is a great chance for students to get involved in the field of robotics with the opportunity for competition against other teams. The team will begin work in early January and work until mid-February constructing their robot with the assistance of team coaches. From there, they will have the opportunity to compete in competitions throughout the spring. We are looking for 15-25 students.

If you are interested in participating, contact either Tony Bentley (tbentley@sandburg.edu) or Amy Brucker, team coach, at chinabruckers@yahoo.com.

Calling All Interested High School Girls!

Tired of all the high school drama?

Feel like no one listens to you, including your friends and family?

Want to talk to other teens who feel the same way?

If so, consider becoming a member of the Initiative For Girls group! Members of this group attend meetings on topics such as eating disorders, body image, teen dating violence, and other issues pertinent to teenage girls. Meetings are held regularly during the school year from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Bondi Building. See Mrs. Ritchie if you would like more information about this group.

Illinois Agri-Women: Hello! The Illinois Agri-Women will be sponsoring the 3rd annual “Women Changing the Face of Agriculture” career fair exploration event on Friday, March 9th, 2012, in Champaign, Illinois at the Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center.

The event is open to female high school and college students interested in a career in Agriculture. And, as a representative of one of the many outstanding Community Colleges in Illinois, we would like to cordially invite you and your students to attend! Please share the registry information with your students, as the day will serve as a valuable way for them to network and learn. We anticipate over 100 female representatives from different segments of the Agricultural field will be in attendance to talk to students. We anticipate around 400 student attendees this year.

Also, we wish to invite your college to participate at our event! If you would like to have a booth for the women of your agricultural department to join us and speak to students about their career track and opportunities with your school, please contact us for a Sponsorship/Presenter Form and information. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet with hundreds of potential students for your department!

Please see our website, www.womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com for more

information. Our online registration forms can be found by clicking: [Registration](#). We filled to capacity at last year’s event, so if you are interested in attending we suggest you register soon to ensure your spot(s).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Erin Spaur, Student Registration Chairman, at espaur@1stfarmcredit.com or 309-268-0306. You may also contact Penny Lauritzen, Illinois Agri-Women past President, at lauritzen@farmestate.com or 815-535-4141.

Thank you, and we hope to see you at the 2012 “Women Changing the Face of Agriculture” career exploration event in March!

SENIORS: College Bound?

WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING NOW!

- Submit your completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1st as possible. The official website is www.fafsa.gov. Keep copies of all forms you submit. If you need assistance, Carl Sandburg College is offering a “FAFSA Completion Workshop” on Sunday, February 10, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. at the Crist Student Center, Building B.
- If you are attending Carl Sandburg College, make sure you apply ASAP! You will need a Student Number to apply for scholarships! Their priority deadline for scholarships is March 1st.
- Check with the financial aid office of schools you are applying to for specific information on scholarships and costs for tuition, fees, room and board, and any additional financial aid info they require.
- Apply for local, state and national scholarships in addition to scholarships at your top 3-5 colleges.
- Students and parents will need to apply for a PIN number to electronically sign the FAFSA form. To obtain, visit www.pin.ed.gov.

Illinois Colleges

Illinois College: Juniors—if you are interested in attending Illinois College, please let your counselor know! IC offers the Heritage Scholarship—an annual, renewable scholarship ranging from \$11,000 to \$16,000. The award amount is renewable for up to eight semesters of study at Illinois College.

University of St. Francis: New at the University of St. Francis—“Digital Audio Recording Arts!” Watch videos of the DARA program at www.stfrancis.edu/dara. For more information, contact Jeff Jaskowiak, DARA director at (815) 740-3529 or jjaskowiak@stfrancis.edu. In addition, University of St. Francis is offering Visit Events for juniors and seniors: Monday, February 20 and Saturday, March 31. RSVP at 800-735-7500 or www.stfrancis.edu/visit.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville: SIUE is offering Special Open Houses for Spring 2012. School of Nursing—Saturday, February 18; School of Business—Saturday, March 17; School of Engineering—Saturday, March 24; School of Education—Saturday, March 31;

School of Pharmacy—Saturday, April 14. To register, visit www.siu.edu/openhouse.

Augustana College: On Saturday, February 4, the Augustana College Department of Theatre Arts will be conducting auditions for the Judith Katz Memorial Theater Scholarship Award. If you are planning on attending Augie and majoring/minoring in Theatre Arts, this scholarship award is for you! Please let your counselor know so you can be nominated! The deadline for application is January 27, 2012.

Western Illinois University: The Instructional Design and Technology (IDT) field is growing tremendously. WIU offers the only IDT undergraduate degree in the Midwest region! If you are interested in web design, photographic media, digital media, computer technology, etc. please check this out! For more information, please visit www.wiu.edu/idt.

Out of State Colleges

Furman University: Juniors—if you are interested in attending Furman, please let your counselor know by March 9, 2012! The “Furman Scholars” are eligible for at least \$5,000 in scholarships!

St. Ambrose University: St. Ambrose is offering many “Engineering Events!” Exploring Engineering is Wednesday, April 4 from 4:30 – 9:00 P.M.; Girls’ Night Out is Friday, April 20 from 4:30 – 9:00 P.M.; Girls’ Overnight is Friday and Saturday, April 20 – 21; Engineering Showcase is Wednesday, May 2 from 3:00 – 6:00 P.M. More information is at Engineering@sau.edu or www.sau.edu.

University of Notre Dame: The University of Notre Dame School of Architecture’s Career Discovery is one of the top programs in the U. S. for high school juniors and seniors who want to learn about studying architecture before they get to college. This 13-day program allows students to participate in design studies, architecture seminars, and field trips to see exemplary architecture first hand. Registration is limited! Registration begins February 1! Register online at: www.architecture.nd.edu/programs/career_discovery.aspx

Lawrence Technological University: Lawrence Tech is a pre-eminent, private university providing superior education through innovative programs, small class sizes, and a commitment to theory and practice. They offer over 100 degree programs within four different colleges: Architecture & Design, Arts & Sciences, Engineering, and Management. If you would like more information on Lawrence Tech, please visit the Guidance Center.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:

There are many opportunities each summer for students to be involved in enrichment activities and college programs. Some are in Illinois and close by and some are far away! Listed below are some of the programs we’ve received information on. Also, you’ll find posters about many of

the programs on the main bulletin board in the Guidance Center. If you need additional information, please see Mrs. Powell.

Carleton College (Northfield, MN): (1) **Carleton Liberal Arts Experience (CLAE)**—a week-long summer program designed to introduce the strengths of a liberal arts education; 10th grade students who are in the top 25% of their class and taking a college-prep curriculum; **deadline: April 1, 2012.** (2) **Summer Writing Program**—helps college-bound juniors learn to write effective academic essays; **deadline: May 1, 2012.** (3) **Summer Quantitative Reasoning Institute**—teaches college-bound sophomores and juniors to think like social scientists while studying political science and international relations, psychology, or economics; **deadline: March 12, 2012.** (4) **Carleton Summer Science Institute**—helps college-bound sophomores and juniors learn how to think and write like scientists by participating in faculty-led classes and conducting hands-on research; **deadline: April 25, 2012.** Additional information about these programs can be found at: www.carleton.edu/summer.

Illinois State University: Enjoy Math: Like a Challenge: Love Solving Problems? If so, you have what it takes to be an actuary—a well-paid professional who uses math skills to solve business and social problems. ISU is offering a **Minority High School Scholars Actuarial Academy**. This week long program takes place on the ISU campus, is free, and includes a stipend for transportation and incidentals! If you are interested, apply immediately because participation is limited. The selection process begins April 1! Priority is given to current sophomores and juniors, but all class levels will be considered. Applications are available in the Guidance Center or at www.KatieSchool.org/mhssaa. **Deadline: April 1, 2012.** Please see Mrs. Powell with further questions!

Washington University in St. Louis:

(1)**High School Summer Scholars Program**—enroll in two college courses for credit, transferable to most accredited universities; develop academic skills; live in a residence hall and enjoy social and cultural opportunities with other scholars from around the world; **deadline: May 4 and June 8, 2012.**

(2)**High School Summer Institutes**—explore an area of interest under the guidance of Washington University instructors; live on campus and gain valuable academic experience; choose from writing (**deadline: May 4**), pre-medical (**deadline: May 4 and June 8**), or photojournalism (**deadline: June 8**) institute. Both programs are open to current sophomores or juniors. For more information, visit summerexperiences.wustl.edu.

Emory University (Atlanta, GA): The **Emory Pre-College Program** gives sophomores and juniors in high school an exciting glimpse of academic and residential life at a top-ranked national university. Students may choose to enroll alongside Emory undergraduates in six-week courses for credit. Subject areas include: biology,

computer science, economics, English, film studies, math, sociology, theater/dance, political science. Also, non-credit courses are available in science, pre-professional, arts and humanities, and social science. Applications are evaluated on a rolling basis until classes are filled. For more information and to apply online, go to: www.precollege.emory.edu.

Furman University (Greenville, SC): Furman Summer Scholars is a program for sophomores and juniors to participate in classes and get a taste of college life! Some summer classes include: graphic design, leadership, marketing and business administration, mock trial, pre-health, theater. Sign up at www.engagefurman.com. **Deadline: May 1, 2012.**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Six Flags Great America is seeking enthusiastic and talented singers, dancers, and animated character performers to perform in their award winning shows, parades, and more! The audition date is **February 4, 2012**. For more information, call 847-249-1776 ext. 7469 or visit www.sixflags.com/greatamerica.

Upcoming Tests

Compass Test: If you plan to enroll at Carl Sandburg College you will need to take a placement test called the Compass Test. Test dates and registration forms are available on the Carl Sandburg College website. To view a sample test visit www.act.org/compass/sample. Other websites that may be helpful in preparing for the test include: www.algebrahelp.com and www.math.com.

ACT Prep Class: The Regional Office of Education #27 is offering an ACT Prep Class. Cost of the course is \$100.00. This is a 27 hour (9 week) course. Classes will be held at Mercer County High School, Monmouth-Roseville High School, or West Central High School. Registration and deposit are due Monday, January 23, 2012. See Mrs. Shenaut for a brochure.

ACT (American College Testing Program): This test is required for admission to many colleges and is the entrance exam most frequently taken by GHS students. The ACT is the preferred test for admission to state universities in Illinois and is administered during the students' junior year. **All junior students will be registered to take the ACT as a part of the Prairie State Achievement Exam which will be administered here at GHS on April 24 and 25, 2012.** This is a required test for all GHS graduates. If you are a senior and you have not yet taken this exam, the ACT is offered nationally several times a year. Registration forms and ACT practice exams are available in the GHS Guidance Center. February 11, 2012 is the next test date. This test is not given at GHS. Standby registration is available through February 11th. Future test dates are April 14 and June 9, 2012. Registration is available at www.actstudent.org

Spring Semester ACT Prep Classes: Test Prep Specialist Jason Franklin of Better Test Scores will offer ACT test prep classes in Bloomington, Champaign, and Peoria. Class descriptions and registration information are available online at www.bettertestscores.net or check out the brochures that are available in the guidance center. Classes will run from January 7th through April 12th.

SAT and SAT Subject Test: The SAT is offered at GHS on two Saturday morning each school year. The SAT is required for students seeking admission to some colleges and scholarship programs which specifically require this exam.

The SAT Subject Tests are required by certain colleges for admission and placement into college courses. Tests are offered in English, foreign language, history, social studies, mathematics and science.

The next SAT test date is March 10 2012. Registration is due February 10, 2012. This test is not given at GHS. Future test dates are May 5 and June 2, 2012. To register for either of the SATs students may go online to www.collegeboard.com/mysat.

Military

- The Marine Recruiter will be available during lunch the second Tuesday of each month.
- The Army Recruiter will have a table display during lunch on the first Tuesday of each month.

Tutoring

After School Tutoring

M – Th 2:50 – 3:50

Learning Center

Monday	Mrs. Aberle	Ms Ethington
Tuesday	Ms Knaak	Ms Ethington
Wednesday	Mrs. Aberle	Mr. Chernin
Thursday	Ms Knaak	Mrs. McQuiggin



ADVOCACY TUTORING...is under way:

See Mrs. Ritchie if you are interested in becoming a peer tutor or wish to receive tutoring services.

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Career Tidbits from the GAVC...

Tips for Success from the Galesburg Area Vocational Center (GAVC)

With registration starting on Tuesday January 31 it's very important to pay attention to the 2012-13 GHS course book's prerequisites for all subjects and classes. The GHS course book provides a description of each class, which you will need to thoroughly review before choosing your subjects of interest. Also, please review the requirements for getting into GAVC courses, which are focus on juniors and seniors.

Tip # 1: Make sure you understand Galesburg High School's academic policies and graduation requirements.

You will need to find out the types of courses you need to take and the total credits needed for graduation? It's also important to understand what your GPA (grade point average) is and how it's calculated. Your GPA along with your attendance record, courses completed and class rank (where a student stands in relation to other members of the graduating class) will make up transcript. This document details your academic achievements in high school, which is why it's important to make it a good one. When you apply for jobs, colleges, the military or scholarships you will need to send this document. This is the start on how to make the most of out of high school.

Scholarship Information

SENIORS: *American Legion- Ada Mucklestone Memorial Scholarship-* For children or grandchildren of a veteran who is planning to continue with their education. Essay, letters of recommendation, transcript, and financial information is required. Go to: www.ilala.org/scholar.html for more information. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *American Legion- Marie Sheehe Business/Trade Scholarship-* Applicants are children or grandchildren of veterans and wish to continue their education by attending a business or trade school and need financial assistance. Applications are available in the counseling center. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

ALL STUDENTS: *American Legion National HS Oratorical Contest-* This contest is for all students. More information is available in the counseling center. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *American Legion-Ralph Noble Unit 285 Scholarship-* This scholarship is for a GHS senior pursuing a degree program. Applicants must be in the upper 50% of their class and reside in Dist. 205. Applications are available in the counseling center. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *American Musical and Dramatic Academy-* Various scholarships for students who plan to pursue their post-secondary education at one of their conservatories or BFA programs (New York or Los Angeles). Go to www.amda.edu for more information. **Deadline: Varies**

SENIORS: *American Society of Civil Engineers-* Students planning on enrolling in an eligible civil engineering curriculum are encouraged to apply. Requirements include a 3.0+ GPA, 22+ ACT, and an essay. Go to: www.contest.asce.org/student/scholarship.html for more information. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *American Welding Society Foundation-* Scholarship for student studying welding. Applications are available at CSC or in the counseling center. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *AMVETS IL Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship-* Senior student who is a child or grandchild of a veteran who served after 1940 and was discharged. Applications are available at www.ilamvets.org. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *AMVETS IL Ladies Auxiliary Worchid Scholarsip-* Applicant must be a WORCHID (child of deceased veteran who served & honorably was discharged after 1940. Must be a high school senior and have taken the ACT. Applications are available at: www.ilamvets.org. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *AMVETS IL Sad Sacks Nursing Scholarship-* This scholarship is for seniors who have been accepted into an approved school of nursing in the state of Illinois. Based on academics, character, record, and financial need. Applications are available in the counseling center. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *AMVETS IL Service Foundation-* High School senior who has taken the ACT/SAT. Preference will be given to applicants who are a child or grandchild of a veteran. Applications are available at: www.ilamvets.org. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *AMVETS IL Trade School Scholarship-* IL high school senior who has been accepted in a pre-approved trade school program. Applicant needs to be a child or grandchild of a Veteran. Applications are available at www.ilamvets.org. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

ALL STUDENTS: *Ayn Rand Essay Contest-* This essay contest is for all high school students. Go to: <http://essaycontesaynrandnovels.com/Anthem.aspx?theme=blue> for more information. **Deadline: March 20th, 2012.**

SENIORS: *Art Institutes National Scholarship-* High school students may apply on scholarships in the following areas: design, media arts, fashion, and culinary arts. Various scholarships are available. Go to www.artinstitutes.edu/financialaid/scholarships.aspx for more information. **Deadline: Varies**

SENIORS: *AXA Achievement Community Scholarship-* Over 300 seniors will be eligible receive a \$2,000 award. Twelve seniors who plan to enroll full-time to a 2-year or 4-year college or university in the fall of 2012 will be selected to be a recipient. Go to www.axa-achievemnt.com for more information and an application. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: Best Buy Scholarships- Recipients are selected based on community service, academic achievement, and must be entering an accredited school. Go to: www.bestbuy.com/scholarships for more information. **Deadline: February 15th, 2012.**

SENIORS: Birkey's Scholarship- This scholarship provides scholarships for those students enrolled in a curriculum that would prepare them for a career at Birkey's. Award based on work experience, academics, communication, leadership, human relations, and work ethic. Applications are available in the Counseling Center. Go to www.birkeys.com/scholarships for more information. **Deadline: None- apply anytime**

SENIORS: Burger King Scholars Program- Seniors who maintain a GPA of 2.5 to 3.5, work part-time, maintain good conduct and attitude, will be attending college or vocational school, and demonstrates financial need. One senior boy and girl will be selected from GHS and submitted for this national award. Go to: www.bk.com/scholars. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: Cappex.com- Cappex.com is a free service that lets you know what colleges are interested in you before you apply. Also, Cappex.com is offering \$25,000 in scholarships. Go to www.cappex.com/scholarships for more information. **Deadline: None- apply anytime.**

SENIORS: CBAI Foundation for Community Banking- Competition is open to seniors who are sponsored by a CBAI member bank. This award is not need based nor for specific programs of study. Go to: www2.cbai.com/scholarship.htm for more information. **Deadline: February 6th, 2012.**

SENIORS: Children of Veterans Scholarship- Four scholarships are awarded per county in Illinois for each of the following wars: WWII, Korean, Vietnam, & Persian Gulf. Applications are available in the counseling center. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: Christian Connector- The Christian Connector provides a free Christian college information service and a \$2,500 Christian college scholarship if drawn. Visit their web site to request information and automatically be entered in the scholarship drawing. Go to www.christianconnector.com for more information. **Deadline: None- apply anytime.**

SENIORS: Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship- For seniors who have a long-term career interest in agriculture and whose family background is engaged in production agriculture. Enrollment in a post-secondary institution and majoring in agriculture related field. Go to: www.monsant.com or www.ffa.com for more information. **Deadline: February 17th, 2012.**

SENIORS: Community Foundation of the Great River Bend- This organization awards over \$235,000 in scholarships! A listing of their scholarship opportunities is available at www.cfgrb.org. Apply online or visit the website for more information. **Deadline: Varies.**

SENIORS: Consumer Credit College Scholarship- "Dollars for Scholars"- Seniors are eligible to write a 500-word essay, submit ACT scores and letter of acceptance from a college or university. For more information go to: www.consumerscu.org/information/DollarsForScholars. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: Davidson Fellows Scholarship- Awards anywhere from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for seniors who are 18 or younger and US Citizens. Go to www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php for more information. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: Discover Colleges- DiscoverColleges.com provides a free private college information service and a \$2,500 private college scholarship drawing. Go to www.discovercolleges.com for more information. **Deadline: None- apply anytime.**

SENIORS: eCampusTours- ecampustours.com is a free web site offering virtual tours of hundreds of college campuses in full view. This web site also includes many student-focused services to help in choosing a college and financial aid. This web site also offers various scholarships. Go to www.ecampustours.com for more information. **Deadline: None- apply anytime.**

SENIORS: Evelyn Titus Memorial Scholarship- For residents of Warrant County who are pursuing agriculture of family & consumer science degrees. Applications are available in the counseling center. **Deadline: March 15th, 2012.**

SENIORS: First Farm Credit Services "Heart of America" Agriculture Scholarship- Seniors who are planning on majoring in agriculture are encouraged to apply. Go to: www.1stfarmcredit.com for more information. **Deadline: February 15th, 2012.**

SENIORS: FFA Scholarships- Listing of hundreds of scholarships for senior FFA Members. See the counseling center or go to www.ffa.org for more information. **Deadline: February 15th, 2012.**

SENIORS: Fred S. Bailey Scholarship- This \$3000 scholarship is offered through the YMCA of the University of Illinois. Seniors who have shown leadership, service, commitment to community service, have a strong academic background, and are planning to attend the University of Illinois are encouraged to apply at www.universityymca.org/bailey. **Deadline: February 28th, 2012.**

SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS: George and Stella Knight Essay Contest- For 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students to participate in an original research essay. Go to: www.sar.org for more information. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: Illinois Future Teacher Corp (IFTC) Program- For juniors and seniors in college who are studying to become teachers in designated shortage areas in Illinois. Go to: http://collegezone.com/studentzone/416_945.htm for more information. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *Illinois Odd Fellow-Rebejah Scholarship*- For seniors planning to attend a post-secondary accredited college or vocational school. Proof of financial need, 2.00 GPA, transcript, statement, and letters of recommendation are needed. Go to: <http://www.ioof-il.org> for more information. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *Illinois PTA Lillian E. Glover Scholarship*- Seniors who are in the upper 33% of their graduating class and are planning to enter an Education-related degree program are eligible to apply. Go to www.illinoispta.org for more information and for an application. **Deadline: February 17th, 2012.**

SENIORS: *Illinois Special Education Tuition Waiver*- Illinois High School graduates in the upper 50% of their class who are pursuing a career in special education are eligible for this tuition waiver. Go to: www.collegezone.com/416_941.htm for more information. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *Kathryn G. Hansen Scholarship*- This scholarship is for seniors who are planning on pursuing higher education in the office professional, secretarial, or business related fields. Applicants must be involved in community and extra-curricular activities as well as demonstrate academic achievement. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *KFC Colonel's Scholars*: For a graduating senior who has a GPA of 2.75 or higher, planning on attending a public college or university in the state of Illinois, and demonstrates a need for financial aid. For more information go to: www.kfcscholars.org. **Deadline- December 1st through February 8th, 2012.**

SENIORS: *Knox County Extension Education Foundation*- These scholarships are for seniors who have been a member of a Knox County 4-H club and are enrolling full-time in a university, college, junior college, or technical school. Applications are available in the Counseling Center. For more information go to http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state4h/members/recognition_scholarships/cfm. **Deadline- Varies**

JUNIOR AND SENIORS: *Lincolnland Legends*- Any junior/senior may nominate by essay someone for special recognition. Essays are judged on persuasiveness, inspirational value and uniqueness. For more information go to www.scholarshipamerica.org/dfs.php. **Deadline: Varies.**

SENIORS: *Marine Corp Scholarship Foundation*- Prospective students qualify if they are the son or daughter of a Marine Reservist who has received an Honorable Discharge, Medical Discharge, or was killed in the line of duty. Applications forms are available at: www.marine-scholars.org. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *Mary Davis McKnight Scholarship*- This scholarship is for seniors who are planning on attending Knox or Monmouth College, have lost one or both parents, are in financial need, and demonstrate academic achievement. **Deadline: Varies**

SENIORS: *MeritAid.com*- Awarded to seniors with at least a 2.0 or higher GPA. There are merit aid scholarships for interests, intended majors, leadership, and community service. For more information go to www.mertaid.com. **Deadline: Varies.**

SENIORS: *Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship*- This scholarship offers minority students who are studying to become teachers in Illinois the opportunity to receive monetary awards. Go to: www.collegezone.com/416_947.htm for more information. **Deadline: March 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *Morency Foster Youth Scholarship*- This scholarship is available for seniors in the foster care system to help aid them continue their education. Applicant must have been in foster care for 12 consecutive months prior to their 18th birthday and accepted into an education institution of higher learning. For more information go to: www.cfgrb.org/scholarshiplisting.html. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: *National Association of Women in Construction*- For students interested in pursuing a career in the construction industry. Go to: www.nawicqc.org for more information. **Deadline: March 15th, 2012.**

SENIORS: *National Co-op Scholarship*- To qualify, senior students must have completed the application to one of the National Commission Partner Institutions. This award goes to a deserving female CSC student with a GPA of at least 2.0. For more information go to: www.co-op.edu/scholarships.htm. **Deadline: February 15th, 2012.**

SENIORS: *National Council of LaRaza*- Multiple scholarship opportunities for Hispanic/Latino students. GPA of 2.0 or higher is required. Go to <http://lideres/ncir.org/contests/opportunities/?type=Scholarships> for more information. **Deadline: Varies**

SENIORS: *Roy Damberg Scholarship*- for a GHS Senior with a minimum 2.0 GPA and in the upper 50% of their class with good character, dependability, and pursuing an education in vocational studies or graphic arts. Applications are available in the counseling center. **Deadline: March 11th, 2012.**

JUNIORS AND SENIORS: *SEMA Memorial Scholarship*- the Specialty Equipment Market Association awards multiple scholarships annually to students enrolled in automotive studies programs. Go to www.sema.org/scholarships for more information. **Deadline: Varies.**

SENIORS: *StudentScholarship.org*- Since 2003, StudentScholarship.org has been focused on providing scholarship information to students from Illinois. These scholarships include a \$10,000 NHS Scholarship (due January 20th, 2012), \$50,000 for the Davidson Fellows Scholarship (due February 1st, 2012), \$10,000 for the Grand Scholarship (due March 1, 2012), \$500 for the Odenza Scholarship (due March 30, 2012) and many more! Go to www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php for more information. **Deadline: Varies.**

SENIORS: Support Group for African American Affairs Scholarship- For GHS African-American seniors who are planning to continue their education. Criteria include a 2.5 GPA and a letter of recommendation. See Mr. Bredemeier for more information. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: Thomas Lincoln Memorial Knox County Farm Bureau Scholarship- For seniors living in Knox County who will be pursuing a career in the agriculture field. Applications are available in the counseling center. **Deadline: February 13th, 2012.**

SENIORS: US Bank- Awarded through a random drawing process. Go to: www.usbank.com/student-lending/scholarship.html for more information. **Deadline: March 15th, 2012.**

SENIORS: USA Education/USA Funds Scholarship- For seniors who plan to enroll in full-time coursework. 50% of awards are targeted to students of ethnic minority groups or individuals with physical disabilities. Go to: www.usafunds.org for more information. **Deadline: February 1st, 2012.**

SENIORS: Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau- The Warren Henderson Farm Bureau is accepting application for Agriculture Scholarships. We will also be offering one Leo Mahoney Memorial Agricultural Scholarship and one Duane Jensen Memorial Agricultural Scholarship again this year. Applicants must be graduating in 2012, accepted for enrollment at an accredited college, university, or community college that offers agriculture courses, and majoring or minoring in agriculture or agribusiness. Applications are available in the counseling center. **Deadline: February 29th, 2012.**

Scholarships deadlines this week:

1. American Legion National HS Oratorical Contest- February 1st
2. American Society of Civil Engineers- February 1st
3. American Welding Society Foundation- February 1st
4. AXA Achievement Community Scholarship- February 1st
5. Burger King Scholars Program- February 1st
6. Consumer Credit College Scholarship- February 1st
7. Davidson Fellows Scholarship- February 1st
8. First Farm Credit Services "Heart of America" Agriculture Scholarship- February 1st
9. George and Stella Knight Essay Contest- February 1st
10. Kathryn G. Hansen Scholarship- February 1st
11. Morency Foster Youth Scholarship- February 1st
12. Support Group for African American Affairs Scholarship- February 1st
13. USA Education/USA Funds Scholarship- February 1st

For financial aid and scholarship questions or help finding a scholarship application see Mr. Bredemeier in the Counseling Center.

Carl Sandburg College Scholarships:

Seniors may begin applying for CSC scholarships. The deadline to complete applications is March 1, 2012. All applications can be found at STARS.sandburg.edu/STARS (no www. before STARS). At any time, students can save their data, exit the process and return to the application at a later date. If a student has access to a computer, they can apply!

Students will complete a questionnaire asking them for personal, academic and financial need. Then the students will see a list of the scholarships they qualify for. From that list, the student can then drill-down again and apply for that specific scholarship(s). They can apply for as many scholarships as they qualify for. Students do NOT need to mail and/or download high school transcripts to us. If they are applying to CSC, the admission office should have their transcript on file. Students must indicate their current GPA on the scholarship application form. If you have any questions about the scholarship process feel free to see your counselor or contact Nicole Gengenbach at CSC at 341-5349. Scholarship award decisions will be made sometime in early April and the students will receive a notification letter if they have received a scholarship.

The Presidential Scholarship will be awarded to the valedictorian and salutatorian (or top two graduates) of each public high school in the Sandburg District. For more details about this scholarship, please contact Marnie Dugan, Director of Recruitment at 341-5230.

Types of Financial Assistance:

Scholarships: Offered by many organizations, including government, businesses and nonprofits. They may be based on academics, achievements, hobbies, talents, organizational affiliation, and career aspirations. Scholarships are extremely attractive to pay for college because they need not be repaid.

Grants: These awards, based on financial needs, are also extremely attractive since they need not be repaid. Grants are available through the federal government, state agencies, and educational institutions.

Loans: Funds borrowed through a lending institution or college with interest rates that are usually reasonable. (For federal subsidized loans, qualifying students will have their interest paid by the government while in school.) Loan programs are also available to eligible parents to help with college expenses of their qualifying children.

Work-Study: The student works for pay an average of 10 hours per week, generally on campus, as part of a formal financial aid package.

Financial Aid Basics

All seniors planning on higher education must complete this electronic application for financial assistance. To file electronically, students and parents must first apply for a PIN to electronically sign the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Apply for your PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. You can use your PIN to review your processed FAFSA and your Student Aid Report (SAR), correct your FAFSA information, print a copy of your SAR, electronically sign loan promissory notes, reapply for financial aid, and view information about federal loans and grants, etc. Your PIN will be emailed to you within one to five days. After your PIN numbers are received, an electronic FAFSA can be completed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Worksheets for completing the online FAFSA are available online and in the Guidance Center.

Scholarship Basics

1. The scholarships listed in this booklet have been established by individuals and organizations with a dedicated interest in students. *All scholarships are subject to change without notification.*
2. Scholarships can be offered on a national, state, local, or GHS level. The larger the pool of students competing for the scholarship the more difficult it is to win one.
3. Additional scholarships are generally available from each college. Contact the college to find out what you may qualify for. You might have to fill out a separate application for these scholarships. They usually have early deadlines. Don't miss out on money for which you might qualify.
4. You should not have to pay a fee to apply for a scholarship or for scholarship information. Unfortunately, some fraud does exist in this arena. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
5. Scholarships are based on several different categories: Financial need; minority status; merit; gender; major of study and community service. Some scholarships require all components, some just one or two.
6. Community service has become much more important in the process. It is a good idea to create a resume of activities, community services etc. to go with your transcript. Many scholarship donors look for students that have academic promise and are involved in the school and community.
7. Deadlines are very important. Students need to plan. No scholarship should be turned in at the last minute. Some scholarships need to be processed and sent out through the Guidance office. It is good to give us at least a week to make sure it is put together well and mailed in time. Deadlines are most often based on the scholarship being in the donor's possession.
8. References are very important. Students should ask a number of adults to write a letter of reference. Check with the adults as to how they would like to handle copies. Give an envelope for the letter and address it. If the scholarship is for academics, the reference should be a recent teacher/s. Most scholarships want to know what relationship the reference writer has to the student. **ASK EARLY.** Early is at least several weeks. Some teachers may have a great number of references to write. Be sure to thank your reference writer.
9. Resumes are a great way to put your entire activities etc. into an organized form. Reference writers love to have a resume to check over before writing. The more information the student can give, the better prepared the reference writer will be. Don't assume everyone remembers everything about you. These resumes may also be used by teachers and counselors for college applications.
10. If possible, type your applications for scholarships. Applications should look neat and carefully thought out. Students that get scholarships take the time to develop a good application.
11. Have someone proofread your essay and edit it. Even the best writers need someone to read over what they have written. Put your work on a rough draft and not on the application immediately.
12. Sometimes, families feel that excellent students are owed a scholarship, that receiving dollars for scholarship is a right. What you must remember is that some scholarships are marketing tools employed by colleges to attract excellent students. While we encourage deserving students to apply for scholarships, we must warn you that not every qualified, hard-working student receives a scholarship. That's why Galesburg High School has honor rolls and honor awards; to give recognition to all of our outstanding students.
13. Upon being selected for a scholarship, please write a "thank you" note to the scholarship grantor.