

FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Ashford * Mr. Chilcote * Mrs. Coburn * Mr. Fox * Mrs. Murphy * Mrs. Loughran * Ms Pater

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE DECEMBER 2011

Included in this update are the scholarships received by the guidance department during November. If you feel you are eligible for any, please see your guidance counselor. We are always willing to discuss scholarships and other forms of financial aid with you. Remember that you do not have to be a top scholar to be eligible for some scholarships. Read the criteria for each.

Watch the DEADLINES PLEASE! It is your responsibility to obtain the application from either your counselor or by writing for it, and then send it in on time! If a letter of recommendation is required, please give the recommending person adequate notice in order to prepare the letter - before the deadline!!!

ATTENTION!!! COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS IN RE: APPLICATIONS

Don't procrastinate with your college applications. Several colleges and university deadlines are in early November and December.

- The school mails an official copy of the transcript, school profile, and, if applicable, the Secondary School Report/College Prep Form.
- Copies of recommendation letters can be sent upon request.
- Only unofficial copies of ACT/SAT scores are sent upon request; official reports of standardized test scores must always be sent by the testing agency.

Online Applications (preferred)

1. Complete and submit application
2. Print Secondary School Report/ College Prep form, if applicable.
3. Address an envelope for the school that you are applying to.
4. Bring any attachments, and bring all information to your counselor.

Mailed Applications

1. Complete the application.
 2. Address an envelope for the school that you are applying to.
 3. Bring all documents to your counselor including a check or money order for the application fee.
- Remember: if any of these steps are not completed, it could delay or prevent the college/university from reviewing your application for admission!

SOME IMPORTANT TEST DATES

Test	Date of Test	Registration Deadline
ACT	December 10, 2011	Stand-by only
	February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012
	April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012
	June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012
SAT	December 3, 2011	Stand-by only
	January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011
	March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012
	May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012
	June 2, 2012	May 68, 2012

VISITS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL FROM COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

None scheduled at this time, but listen for announcements or check in the guidance office for future dates.

CAMPUS VISITS

Most colleges/universities have special days planned for prospective students to attend. Telephone the admissions office at the school of your choice. If you plan to attend a college during a school day, obtain a college visit form from the Guidance Secretary one week in advance of your visit. Juniors and Seniors may use up to three excused visits during the school year by following the procedure detailed on the form.

HELPFUL WEB SITES

www.fastweb.com

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.oasfaa.org

www.salliemae.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.studentaid.ed.gov

<http://regents.ohio.gov/>

FINANCIAL AID

1. Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

This form is required by colleges/universities for you to be considered for financial aid.

APPLY ONLINE AT www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA strongly encourages you to apply online because **ONLINE IS THE PREFERRED, EASIER WAY TO APPLY**. A link to this website can be found on the guidance web page.

Contrary to previous information, file the FAFSA A.S.A.P. after January 1st. You can submit estimated information based on end of year paycheck stubs and your previous year tax form. You can then later update the FAFSA with corrected 2011 information.

You and at least one parent should register for PIN (Personal Identification Number) at www.pin.ed.gov

2. Financial Aid "Profile"

This form is only required by certain colleges/universities. Contact the financial aid office of the college/university you apply to as to whether the Profile is required in addition to the FAFSA Form.

3. Federal Financial Aid Hot line: 1-800-433-3243

4. A word of caution - "Buyer Beware" of companies that offer, for a fee, to match you with scholarships/other financial aid!!! e.g. use www.fafsa.ed.gov **NOT** www.fafsa.com.

5. Search www.finaid.org

6. Search www.ohiocan.org - last dollar scholarship money for needy and at risk students.

7. Search www.uncf.org/ - United Negro College Fund Scholarships.

8. Search www.free-4u.com/minority.htm - minority scholarships.

9. Search www.embarc.com/ - scholarship search

10. Search www.freschinfo.com/ -scholarships based on your profile.

11. Search www.blackcollegedollars.org – minority scholarships

Please read:

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

Financial aid professionals will be available starting at 2:00 p.m. February 12, 2012 to provide FREE assistance for filing the FAFSA. All you bring is your (student's AND parent's) 2011 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 forms, and other income information. Register online at www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org by February 11th or call (888) 833-1133. Sites include Miami University - Hamilton, Cincinnati State Technical & Community College, Beckfield College, and Sinclair Community College.

TAX LAW CHANGES

Parents need to inquire about the Hope Tax Credit and Lifelong Learning Credit regarding tax relief for tuition payments.

Please read:

CALENDAR OF FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION/AWARD PROCESS

PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2012

Apply for admission at selected colleges/universities.

Parents and students will need a PIN to complete FAFSA form. To get your personal identification number, go to www.pin.ed.gov.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2012

Complete the FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

- Recommended, preferred way to apply is online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Use completed Federal 1040 Tax Statements if possible.
- Use estimated income information if necessary to meet deadlines, then you can update with corrections
- Be aware of school specific filing deadlines and requirements. Apply early. Funds are based on first come, first served.
- List up to six (6) colleges/universities to receive results.

File "Institutional Financial Aid Application" (if required).

Four (4) to six (6) weeks after filing, Student Aid Report will be received.

- Review for accuracy; make corrections (if necessary), send to address on form.

To add additional schools, contact the school directly for instructions.

MARCH - APRIL 2012

Primary "awarding season" for colleges and universities.

- Award Letter summarizes Federal, State, and Institutional aid eligibility.
- Read all information thoroughly to gain full understanding of programs.
- Sign and return offer to accept/decline awards.

If required, submit Verification materials to school requesting data.

- Your SAR will indicate if Federal "Verification" is required.
- Verification is a basic audit of your application data such as income and family size.

If your application data changes as a result of Verification, your award may change.

MAY - AUGUST 2012

Pay Admission Deposit to confirm attendance at the school you have selected.
Complete supplemental paperwork as needed.
Apply for student and/or parent loans if desired.
Submit SAR and Ohio Instructional Grant papers to school student will attend.
Anticipate registration and billing form for Fall Semester/Quarter.
Questions about charges and or balances due should be directed to the school.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2013

Complete Renewal FAFSA - Must be done every year.

Important!

SCHOLARSHIPS IN PREVIOUS UPDATES WHOSE DEADLINES HAVE NOT EXPIRED

Be sure to check for scholarships highlighted in the October and November Scholarship Updates whose deadlines have not yet expired. These Updates are available online at www.fairfieldcityschools.com. Access them by highlighting “schools”, “senior high school” and then “guidance”. A few paper copies are available in the Guidance Office.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1000
Criteria: Essay. Go to www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm.
Deadline: June 15, 2012.

ACF Visionary Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000
Criteria: Good grades; essay. Go to http://americancollegefoundation.org/college_planning/about.aspx#linklanding
Deadline: January 5, 2012.

Ball State Miller Scholar Scholarship

Amount: Full tuition, four years
Criteria: Business major; GPA 3.8; SAT 1850; ACT 28; Honors & AP courses. Go to www.bsu.edu/business/millerscholars.
Deadline: January 31, 2012.

Big Sun Scholarship

Amount: \$500
Criteria: Currently involved in a high school or community sport. Go to www.bigsunathletics.com.
Deadline: June 22, 2012.

Bowling Green State University Freshman Academic Scholarships

Amount: \$1500 up to full tuition

Criteria: Attend BGSU; go to www.bgsu.edu and click on *Admissions* and then *Financing Your Education*.

Deadline: Must apply to BGSU by January 15, 2012.

Bowling Green State University AIMS Scholarships – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Amount: \$1500+

Criteria: Attend BGSU; women of color; 3.0 minimum G.P.A.; ACT = 21 or better OR SAT = 920 or better. Go to www.bgsu.edu/aims for an application.

Deadline: March 1, 2012.

Cargill Community Scholarship

Amount: \$1000

Criteria: Go to www.cargill.com (keyword: scholarship) for guidelines and application.

Deadline: Received by February 15, 2012.

Choose Ohio First/S.T.E.M.M. Scholarship

Amount: \$1500 - \$4700 per year.

Criteria: Certain Ohio universities receive money from the Ohio Board of Regents to award to students who are pursuing a degree in education (teaching math and/or science) OR majoring in science, engineering, math, medicine or technology. Contact the admissions/financial aid office of schools you are applying to.

Deadline: The particular college admission deadline.

Cincinnati State Honors Scholarship

Amount: Full tuition

Criteria: Attend Cincinnati State; admitted to the Honors Experience program; G.P.A. = 3.0 or better. Go to www.cincinnati-state.edu/admission-financial-aid/financial-aid-scholarships/financial-aid-scholarships.

Deadline: Received by February 15, 2012.

Eagle Scout Scholarship (Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarship and Eagle Scout Academic Scholarship)

Amount: \$1,000 to \$50,000

Criteria: Be a registered Eagle Scout. Go to www.nesa.org/applications.html TODAY.

Deadline: January 31, 2012.

eCampusTours.com Scholarship

Amount: \$1000

Criteria: Register online by visiting www.ecampustours.com.

Deadline: One awarded each month.

ESA Foundation Scholarships

Amount: Varies
Criteria: Various scholarship opportunities available. Go to www.esaintl.com/esaf and search scholarships in Ohio.
Deadline: Postmarked by February 1, 2012.

Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship

Amount: Varies
Criteria: Girl Scout Gold Award winner. Go to your local Girl Scout Council or visit www.girlscouts.org/program/gsc_central/scholarships/default.asp.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Amount: Varies
Criteria: Any senior of Hispanic heritage; U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident; G.P.A. = 3.0 or better; must submit FAFSA. For more details and/or an application, go to www.hsf.net.
Deadline: A.S.A.P. (Deadlines vary from December 2011 to February 2012.)

Kent State University Wick Poetry Scholarship

Amount: \$1500 - \$3000 per year, renewable.
Criteria: Attend Kent State; submit a poem; go to www.kent.edu.
Deadline: Postmarked by February 1, 2012.

Kettering University Merit Scholarships

Amount: \$2000 - \$15,000
Criteria: Combination of GPA and ACT/SAT scores. Automatically entered in competition with application & completion of FAFSA.
Deadline: Varies by scholarship.

KFC Colonel's Scholar Award

Amount: Up to \$5000 for 4 years.
Criteria: G.P.A. = 2.75 or better; demonstrate financial need. Go to www.kfcscholars.org or call 1-866-KFC-7240. Applications open December 1, 2011.
Deadline: February 8, 2012.

Miami University - Hamilton

Amount: Varies up to full tuition
Criteria: Attend MUH; file a scholarship application with MUH.
Deadline: Received by March 15, 2012, but the FAFSA must be filed by February 15, 2012.

National Co-op Scholarship Program

Amount: Varies; 155 merit scholarships totaling \$4 million
Criteria: 3.5 GPA; essay; apply to partner institution (includes UC and the University of Toledo). Go to www.co-op.edu.
Deadline: February 15, 2012.

Northern Kentucky University Achiever's Scholarship

Amount: Varies.
Criteria: 23 ACT; 3.0 GPA; enroll in NKU. Apply on line:
<http://financialaid.nku.edu/scholarships/index.php>.
Deadline: January 15, 2012.

Northern Kentucky University Scholarships

Amount: Varies
Criteria: For consideration, you must be admitted to NKU, so apply now and then go to
www.nku.edu and search financial aid/scholarships and awards.
Deadline: Submitted by January 15, 2012.

The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Butler County Scholarship

Amount: Several available, amount varies
Criteria: Accepted to The OSU; involvement in school and community; merit based. Pick
up application in Guidance.
Deadline: January 11, 2012.

Otterbein University

Amount: \$500 - \$13,000
Criteria: GPA 3.15 and above; test scores; essay. Apply to Otterbein University.
Deadline: January 15, 2012.

Rio Grande Ohio First Scholarship

Amount: Up to full tuition.
Criteria: Attend Rio Grande.
Deadline: Apply by admissions deadline at www.rio.edu.

Student Scholarships. Org

Amount: Varies by scholarship. A website that lists MANY scholarship opportunities.
Criteria: Varies by scholarship.
Deadlines: Vary.

University of Indianapolis

Amount: \$500 to full tuition
Criteria: Merit based; service based; legacy status. Apply to University of Indianapolis.
Deadline: February 1, 2012.

US Bank Internet Scholarship Program

Amount: Forty \$1000 scholarships awarded
Criteria: Random drawing. Go to www.usbank.com/scholarship.
Deadline: March 31, 2012.

The Virginia Budge Award for the Creative and Performing Arts

Amount: Three \$500 awards.

Criteria: Be a Butler County student; answer 3 essay questions; 3 recommendations. Finalists will be asked for a work sample or performance. Go to <http://web.mac.com/bridgetossmann/Budgeaward/Welcome.html> or pick up an application in Guidance.

Deadline: April 13, 2012.

Wal-Mart Community Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Criteria: Go to www.walmartfoundation.org and click on *Education* under The Wal-Mart Foundation and then click on *College Scholarships*.

Deadline: Varies depending on scholarship.

YWCA Mamie Earl Sells Scholarship

Amount: \$100 - \$2,500

Criteria: African-American female; top 1/3 of class and/or GPA of 3.0; ACT/SAT scores; extracurricular activities; community service. Pick up application in Guidance.

Deadline: January 17, 2012.