

FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE JANUARY 2012

These are the scholarships received by the guidance department during January. If you feel you are eligible for any, please see your guidance counselor. Watch the deadlines PLEASE! It is your responsibility to obtain either the application or information regarding the application from your counselor. Remember, if a recommendation needs to be written either by your teacher or your counselor, we need to have time to prepare this recommendation. So don't wait until the last minute to inform us of this situation!!! We are always glad to discuss scholarships and financial aid with you.

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!

IMPORTANT TEST DATES

ACT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
February 11, 2012	Late registration until Jan. 13 th , then standby
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012

SAT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
January 28, 2012	Late registration until Jan. 13 th , then standby
March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012

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.

You may pick up one from your counselor, or go online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. ONLINE IS THE PREFERRED EASIER WAY TO APPLY. 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: 1-800-4-FED-AID
4. A word of caution - "Buyer Beware" of companies that offer, for a fee, to match you with scholarships or other financial aid!!! e. g. use www.fafsa.ed.gov NOT www.fafsa.com.
5. Search www.finaid.org; www.fastweb.com; www.studentaid.ed.gov; www.oasfaa.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.embark.com - Scholarship Search
10. Call the Ohio College Access Hotline at 1-877-428-8246.
11. Search <http://hsf.net> - Hispanic scholarship information.

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 10th or call (888) 833-1133. Sites include Miami University - Hamilton, Cincinnati State Technical & Community College, Beckfield College, and Sinclair Community College.

OTHER SOURCES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Remind your parents to check with their employers for possible scholarship opportunities.
Search the web at:

www.fastweb.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.finaid.org

www.collegeanswer.com

www.salliemae.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.scholarships.com

<http://needcollegemoney.com/Home.html>

ATTENTION

If you have been notified that you were awarded a scholarship, please inform your counselor so that you can be recognized at the Senior Awards Night on May 16th and in the graduation program. Bring in your official letter of notification so your counselor can copy it for their file.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN PREVIOUS UPDATES WHOSE DEADLINES HAVE NOT EXPIRED

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

JANUARY 2012 SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Legion

Amount: Varies.

Criteria: Varies per scholarship. Go to www.legion.org/scholarships. Under the “Need A Lift?” tab, chapters 4 and 6 list available scholarships.

Deadline: Varies.

Ball State University Scholarships

Amount: Varies.

Criteria: Attend Ball State; criteria varies by scholarship. Go to www.bsu.edu (click on *Admissions, Scholarships and Financial Aid, Search for Scholarships*, and then *Ball State Scholarships*).

Deadline: Various due dates.

Best Buy Scholarships

Amount: \$1,000.

Criteria: Good grades, community service or work experience. Go to www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com

Deadline: Feb. 15, 2012.

BigSun Scholarship

Amount: \$500.

Criteria: Senior who is involved in a sport at the high school or in the community; short essay. Go to www.bigsunathletics.com.

Deadline: June 22, 2012.

Bowling Green Department of Biological Sciences Scholarship

Amount: \$500.

Criteria: Major in biology. Pick up application in Guidance.

Deadline: February 6, 2012.

Butler County Chapter of Credit Unions Scholarship

Amount: Two \$500 scholarships.

Criteria: Play the Finances 101 Game and complete an essay. Pick up application in Guidance.

Deadline: February 10, 2012.

Burger King "Have It Your Way Scholarship Program"

Amount: \$1000.

Criteria: Go to www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html

Deadline: January 10, 2012. HURRY!!!!

Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation

Amount: Varies depending on need.

Criteria: Must complete application and FAFSA; the funds help to cover unmet costs after all other forms of aid have been awarded. Apply! Can go to www.cincinnati-scholarship-foundation.org. Applications will be available mid January.

Deadline: Postmarked by April 30, 2012.

B. Davis Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000.

Criteria: Use the Student Award Search Aid website: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>

Deadline: May 28, 2011.

Gateway Community & Technical College Scholarships

Amount: Varies.

Criteria: Varies by scholarship, 24 categories available. Go to www.gateway.kctcs.edu and then click on *Financial Aid*, then *Scholarships*.

Deadline: April 1, 2012.

Hamilton Community Foundation Scholarships

Amount: Varies.

Criteria: Be a student in the greater Hamilton area, including Fairfield; 2.5 GPA; financial need; US Citizen or legal resident. Go to <http://hamiltonfoundation.org>

Deadline: Feb. 3, 2012.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Scholarship – Cincinnati Chapter

Criteria: African- American student, academic achievement 3.0 or higher, leadership, community involvement, need. Pick up application in Guidance.

Deadline: January 25, 2012.

Lincoln College of Technology – Indiana Campus

Scholarship Testing January 7, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14 2012.

Call 317-632-5553

Programs in Automotive Technology, Collision Repair, Diesel Technology, Electronic Systems Technician, High Performance Auto

Minority Journalism Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.

Criteria: Minority status, major in Journalism, 2.5 GPA. Pick up application in Guidance.

Deadline: March 31, 2012.

Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools

Amount: \$2,000 - \$16,000.

Criteria: 2.0 GPA or better; attend an Ohio Career College (list available on application). Pick up application in Guidance.

Deadline: April 2, 2012.

Ohio Association of Public Schools Employees Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.

Criteria: Parent must belong to the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4/AFL-CIO); GPA; test scores; extra curriculars. Pick up application in Guidance.

Deadline: March 1, 2012.

Printing Industry Education Scholarships

Amount: \$1500, \$5000.

Criteria: Pursue a career in printing or graphic communications; 2.5 GPA. Go to www.pianko.org; keyword search “*Scholarships*”.

Deadline: Received by February 28, 2012.

Que Lueva Café Scholarship

Amount: \$500.

Criteria: Chicano/Latino student; undocumented; financial need; academic promise. Go to www.ca-core.org.

Deadline: February 24, 2012.

The William D. Squires Scholarships

Amount: \$3000 per year (renewable 4 times).

Criteria: Primarily based upon financial need (applicants must have an EFC less than \$8000); have a specific career goal; be highly motivated; have good character; show academic promise; minimum 3.2 G.P.A. Go to www.wmdsquiresfoundation.org. If the application is not up yet, check back.

Deadline: April 5, 2012.

University of Toledo

Amount: Varies.

Criteria: Attend Toledo; varies based on scholarship. Go to <http://www.utoledo.edu/admission/cost/dhs/>.

Deadline: Various due dates.