

# FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE NOVEMBER 2011

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This Scholarship Update includes a list of all scholarships received by the Guidance Department during the month of October/November. If you meet the criteria, please see your guidance counselor. The counselors 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.

**Deadlines are important!** It is your responsibility to obtain the application form from your counselor or to write for the application. Send it in on time. If a letter of recommendation is required, give the adult providing the reference adequate notice in order to prepare the letter.

### 2011-2012 COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING

<u>Test</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
ACT	December 10	November 4
	February 11	January 13
	April 14	March 9
	June 9	May 4
SAT	December 3	November 8
	January 28	December 30
	March 10	February 10
	May 5	April 6
	June 2	May 8

It is not possible to take the SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Tests on the same day.

Students with disabilities seeking accommodations on the SAT or ACT should speak with their counselor at least 8 weeks prior to an exam in order to make sure all paperwork is completed.

## BEWARE OF SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

There are many legitimate scholarship databases, according to the Federal Trade Commission, but there are also scores of fraudulent ones. Each year thousands of families get bilked out of the fees that they pay these official looking web sites and off line services. How can you tell the difference? The FTC says to watch out for:

- A company that guarantees a scholarship or your money back or that states it will do all the work.
- Scholarship services that charge fees for their listings or claim to have "exclusive" information.
- Services that ask for a credit card number or say you are a "finalist" in a contest you did not enter.

## COLLEGE FAIR

November 3: *Greater Dayton Area College Night* at the University of Dayton Arena from 6:30 - 8:30.

## VISITS FROM COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lake Erie College	Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ohio Univ - Chillicothe
	Shawnee State Univ	Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	University of Toledo

## CAMPUS VISITS

Most colleges and universities have special days planned for prospective students. Call the admissions office at the school of your choice. If you wish to visit 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.anycollege.com](http://www.anycollege.com)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com)

[www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)

[www.embark.com](http://www.embark.com)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

[www.blackcollegedollars.org](http://www.blackcollegedollars.org)

[www.collegeweeklive.com](http://www.collegeweeklive.com)

## NEW AND EXCITING FAFSA NEWS

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) has a new website for calculating the expected family contribution for college attendance. What is great about this website is that a student can immediately get a PIN and their information will automatically default to the actual FAFSA in January. A student cannot officially file the FAFSA until January 1<sup>st</sup>. This website will enable the student to go in and change any information that needs to be corrected after taxes are calculated. Most schools have a priority filing date of February 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the date they start awarding monies to students. To get a head start on your FAFSA, visit [www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov).

## COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

November is another key month to obtain applications and information regarding special visits, scholarships, etc. 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!

## NCAA MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Students interested in continuing to play their high school sports at the college level should register as a prospective student-athlete by visiting the new clearinghouse website at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). From the home page, the prospect should click on "Prospective Student-Athletes", which will link the student-athlete to the necessary information.

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN OCTOBER UPDATE WHOSE DEADLINES HAVE NOT EXPIRED

Be sure to check for scholarships highlighted in the *October Scholarship Update* whose deadlines have not yet expired. The *October Scholarship Update* is available online at [www.fairfieldcityschools.com](http://www.fairfieldcityschools.com). Access it by highlighting "schools", "senior high school" and then "guidance". A few paper copies are available in the Guidance Office.

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### ACT Poster Contest

Amount: \$5,000  
Criteria: Go to [www.actstudent.org/postercontest](http://www.actstudent.org/postercontest).  
Deadline: Postmarked between December 5, 2011 and January 28, 2012.

#### AIC College of Design Rock the Arts Competition

Amount: \$10,000  
Criteria: Design a Rock the Arts Guitar using official template. Pick up information and template in Guidance.  
Deadline: January 12, 2012.

#### AXA Achievement Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000 - \$25,000  
Criteria: Go to [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) for information and application.  
Deadline: Apply by December 1, 2011.

#### Big 33 Scholarships

Amount: Varies from \$500 - \$4000  
Criteria: Ohio high school senior; 2.0 GPA; well rounded educational and extracurricular program. Go to [www.big33.org](http://www.big33.org).  
Deadline: Received by February 17, 2012.

#### Big Sun Scholarship

Amount: \$500  
Criteria: Participate in any sport, essay. Go to [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com).  
Deadline: June 22, 2012.

#### Bowling Green State University

Amount: \$3800 first year, up to \$5200 the fourth year  
Criteria: Ohio resident; GPA 3.0; minimum ACT 20/SAT 920; undertaking a career in teaching science and/or math. Go to [www.bgsu.edu/action](http://www.bgsu.edu/action) for an application.  
Deadline: January 1, 2012.

### Ron Brown Scholar Program

Amount: \$10,000 - \$40,000

Criteria: Applicants must be African American U.S. citizens. Apply by November 1<sup>st</sup> and your application will also be sent to other scholarship providers. Apply as late as January 9<sup>th</sup> to be considered for Ron Brown Scholarship only. For further eligibility details and to apply online, visit [www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org).

Deadline: November 1, 2011 and January 9, 2012.

### The Circuit Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Criteria: Major in computer related area; GPA; test scores; essay. Pick up application in Guidance.

Deadline: December 31, 2011.

### Robert Cunningham Memorial Scholarship

Amount: 5 - \$2000 scholarships

Criteria: Member of General Electric Credit Union; demonstrated volunteerism; 3.0 GPA. Please see your counselor for details/application.

Deadline: Received by January 9, 2012.

### College of Mount St. Joseph

Amount: Varies

Criteria: Merit Scholarships – based on GPA; rank; test scores; high school courses. These are awarded on an ongoing basis until all have been awarded. If you are considering the College of Mt. St. Joseph, apply for admission now. Go to [www.msj.edu](http://www.msj.edu) and click on *Financial Aid* and then *Scholarships*.

Deadline: Apply by January 2012.

### Daughters of the American Revolution Wings of Eagles Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Criteria: Academic excellence and financial need. Pick up information in Guidance.

Deadline: February, 1, 2012.

### Eastern Kentucky University

Amount: Varies from \$600 - \$7000

Criteria: Attend EKU; various scholarships have differing criteria. Go to [www.eku.edu](http://www.eku.edu).

Deadline: Received by February 1, 2012.

### Gates Millennium Scholars Program

Amount: Varies, need based

Criteria: Must be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander or Hispanic American. Must be a citizen or legal permanent resident. Minimum of 3.3 GPA; demonstrated leadership; community service or extracurricular activities. Visit [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org).

Deadline: Deadline is January 11, 2012.

### Greater Cincinnati Women's Golf Association Scholarship Foundation

Amount: \$1500  
Criteria: Female; 3.0 GPA; excellence of character; involvement in the sport of golf. Pick up application in the Guidance Office.  
Deadline: March 1, 2012.

### MENSA Scholarship

Amount: Varies from \$500 - \$2500  
Criteria: Essay of 550 words or less which clearly state the applicant's career, vocational and academic goals. For eligibility, go to [www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships/](http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships/).  
Deadline: Postmarked by January 15, 2012.

### NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation

Amount: Varies from \$1,000 - \$10,000  
Criteria: Open to any high school senior that owns and operates their own small business. Student must enter an accredited two or four year university, college, or vocational/technical institute in the Fall of 2012. Go to [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA).  
Deadline: December 15, 2011.

### Northern Kentucky Scholarships

Amount: Varies up to full tuition  
Criteria: Attend NKU; ACT = 26 or better OR SAT = 1170 (math and reading); rank in top 25%; submit admission and scholarship applications; for scholarship applications, go to <http://scholarships.nku.edu>.  
Deadline: Submit by January 15, 2012.

### The Ohio State University

Amount: Varies depending on scholarship  
Criteria: Varies depending on scholarship. Visit [www.osu.edu](http://www.osu.edu).  
Deadline: Consideration for various scholarships begins with students applying by the scholarship priority deadline of December 1, 2011.

### Ohio University Templeton Scholars Program

Amount: Full tuition  
Criteria: Apply to Ohio University; for talented students from disproportionately represented groups; ACT = 28 or better OR SAT critical reasoning and math = 1250 total; academic merit; leadership and involvement. Go to [www.ohio.edu](http://www.ohio.edu) and select *Future Students* and then *Freshman Students: Financial Aid and Scholarships*.  
Deadline: OU admission deadline.

### Performing Arts Scholarships Case Western Reserve University

Amount: Full tuition for majors in dance, music and theater or \$10,000 for non-majors in dance, music, theater and art studio.  
Criteria: Audition or portfolio required. Go to [www.admission.case.edu](http://www.admission.case.edu).  
Deadline: School's application deadlines.

### Procter and Gamble Scholarships

Amount: Varies  
Criteria: Parent or guardian must be an employee. Your parent or guardian must obtain the application through their personnel office at P&G.  
Deadline: Inquire now.

### Regency Beauty Institute

Amount: Up to \$5,000  
Criteria: Complete a makeover transformation and document with video or photograph. Ask counselor for details.  
Deadline: April 20, 2012.

### Sallie Mae Fund Scholarships

Amount: Varies – depending on financial need  
Criteria: Go to [www.thesalliemaefund.org](http://www.thesalliemaefund.org) for information on various scholarships available and the criteria. Examples include the American Dream for African Americans, First in My Family for Hispanic Americans, Unmet Need Scholarship for families with 2010 gross income of \$30,000 or less, the 911 Education Fund and others.  
Deadline: The deadlines vary depending on the scholarship.

### Take Action Video Contest

Amount: \$1,000 - \$2,500  
Criteria: Create a 60 second video on Internet consumer safety. Go to [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/TakeActionContest](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/TakeActionContest) for more information.  
Deadline: December 15, 2011.

### University of Dayton Servant Leadership Video Contest

Amount: \$4,000 - \$10,000 (for each of 4 years)  
Criteria: Create a video that describes what Servant Leadership means to you. Go to [www.facebook.com/universityof dayton](http://www.facebook.com/universityof dayton)  
Deadline: December 15, 2011

### University of Evansville

Amount: Varies from \$5000 to full tuition  
Criteria: Depends on scholarship. Scholarships available for academics, Fine and Performing Arts auditions, Nursing students, Engineering/Computer Science students, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts. Go to [www.evansville.edu/admission..](http://www.evansville.edu/admission..)  
Deadline: December 1, 2011.

#### University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati Excellence Scholarship

Amount: \$60,000 over 4 years  
Criteria: Be a National Merit/National Achievement Finalist and apply for admission at UC.  
Deadline: December 1, 2011.

#### University of Cincinnati – Darwin T. Turner Scholarship

Amount: Varies from full tuition, room and board, and \$1050 stipend.  
Criteria: Apply to and attend UC; member of an underrepresented group with regard to race, ethnic or tribal background or heritage; 3.0 or better GPA; ACT minimum score of 24 or SAT minimum score of 1090; application on-line at [http://www.uc.edu/eps/applying\\_turner.html](http://www.uc.edu/eps/applying_turner.html).  
Deadline: Received by December 1, 2011.

#### U.S. Bank Scholarship

Amount: 40 - \$1000 scholarships  
Criteria: Any senior planning to attend a two or four year college full time next year. Go to [www.usbank.com/studentloans](http://www.usbank.com/studentloans).  
Deadline: Submit before March 31, 2012.

#### Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship

Amount: \$500 - \$5000  
Criteria: Students planning careers in government service. Go to [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org).  
Deadline: January 15, 2012.

#### Wittenberg University

Amount: Varies up to full tuition  
Criteria: Varies: Interest based, needs based, academics based. Go to [www.wittenberg.edu](http://www.wittenberg.edu).  
Deadline: December 1, 2011 for priority consideration.

#### Xavier University

Amount: \$2500 to full cost  
Criteria: Attend XU; apply for admission before December 1, 2011 to be considered for certain scholarships. Go to [www.xavier.edu](http://www.xavier.edu).