

College and Career News Winter 2017-2018

Final Semester of Senior Year is right around the corner! Finish Strong!

Most college bound seniors have completed the FASFA and applied to at least one school. Some have been accepted to the college of their choice and are confident about next fall. Some, however, are still struggling with these important decisions. Please let me know how I can help!

Now it is time to set a new goal for the Spring Semester!

Last year's Seniors, the class of 2017, set a record for the amount of scholarship money they were offered and the amount of scholarship money they accepted. They were offered a total of 5.8 million dollars and accepted 2.1 million in Financial Aid. Because this year's Senior Class is larger the goal will be adjusted to:

Drumroll.....

The Senior Class of 2018 will be offered at least \$6,331,000 dollars in scholarship money and will accept at least \$2,267,000 dollars!! You can do it! Let's go get it!

In order to accomplish this goal students must begin applying for scholarships! You can't win if you don't apply! I recommend using the habit established in elementary school to improve reading. If you will set aside 30 minutes each day to search for and apply for scholarships, you will be amazed at the results!

Events at CHS

Dec. 19&20	Finals for those Not Exempt	
Jan. 12	Early Release	2:00pm
Jan. 22	RSU Rep to Visit with Students Lunch	C306**
Feb. 12	Early Release	

** Potential Student Visits involve a recruiter from the school coming to talk to students about the programs and opportunities the school offers. They discuss admission requirements and financial aid as well. On the day of the visit, students should take their lunch and report to C306 **

Announcements

Yearbook: Custom Yearbook Ads are on sale now through Feb. 16. Information is available in the counseling office or through Mrs. Hummingbird.

Concurrent Enrollment

TCC Classes begin on January 8

NSU Classes on campus begin on January 9.

Students should be familiar with how to log in to their Blackboard account. Students are required to print and turn in their concurrent class grades to Mrs. Bible on Wednesdays, beginning on January 24th.

Reminder: **The Cherokee Nation Concurrent Scholarship** deadline is **December 28, 2017**. The application can be found online at <https://scholarships.cherokee.org/>. If you have any questions concerning the concurrent scholarship you may contact Brenda Butler at 918-207-3948 or at concurrentenrollment@cherokee.org

College and Career Events and News

Still trying to decide what **college** to attend and what to study there? Need a one stop shop to help you find **scholarships**? Visit <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> and create an account!

Still trying to decide about your future **career**? Visit https://collegeboard.roadtripnation.com/?ep_mid=11420992&ep_rid=106214253 to [map out your future](#) and get started on the path to success!

Opportunities

Internship

Students who have been assigned to our new internship program should report to the commons after the holiday break during the period indicated on the student schedule. Several days of training and details will be completed before students report to the job site.

Resources that provide information about avoiding potential application mistakes, financial aid, comparing colleges and more can be found at

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents/class-of-2018.html?cid>

ACT Prep

Prepare to do your best by working the program at www.march2success.com

It is a free website that was created by the Army that includes subject area tutorials, games, flashcards and seven REAL practice tests. There is no obligation to be interested in the military. It is free to all and has been proven to raise scores

NSU Prep Camps

ACT prep camps are offered before each National Exam. For more information go to <https://academics.nsuok.edu/continuingeducation/ACTPrepCamps.aspx>

ACT Fee Waivers

Each student that is on free or reduced lunch or part of Educational Talent Search is eligible for 2 Fee Waivers. Come by the counseling office to pick yours up.

ACT Tips and Prep

SAT

Some students may want to consider taking an SAT. It is a different type of college entrance exam and is sometimes required for colleges particularly on the coasts. Although it is more challenging in some areas, it does not have a science reasoning section but instead focuses on reading, writing, and math. Find out test dates and centers at

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines?ep_mid=11420992&ep_rid=106214253

FREE TEST PREP

The College Board provides free practice for the SAT which could also help boost ACT scores in the areas of Math, Reading, and Writing through Khan Academy. Access this free help at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/khan-academy>

FASFA and Financial Aid

File FASFA! . Never pay to do the FASFA. The first F stands for “Free”! The application is found at www.FASFA.gov

Use the following links to gather materials <https://blog.ed.gov/2017/09/7-things-need-fill-2018-19-fafsa-form/>

Then follow these Step-by-Step FASFA Instructions: <http://www.startwithfafsa.org/>

Or this Full Video Walk Through

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voo6F0r15Gs>

Avoid Financial Aid Scams! Check out the link for valuable information.

https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams?ep_mid=11420992&ep_rid=106214253

Scholarships and Awards

ACT Student Champion Award

Deadline: Dec. 31,2017

Eligible students are those who have overcome challenges, can articulate education and career actions, scored at least a 22 on the ACT and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to underrepresented and/or first-generation college students. Applications can be found at www.act.org/readinesschampions

American Ecologist Initiative Scholarship**Deadline: Dec. 31, 2017**

This is a project based scholarship related to environmental cleanup and conservation

View the application http://www.wildernessproject.org/volunteer_apprentice_ecologist.php

Youth Forward Scholarship**Deadline: Dec. 31, 2017**

This scholarship is for exemplary volunteers and requires an essay

View the application and details at <https://www.dmvedu.org/scholarship/>

Neighborhoods.com Neighborhood Involvement Scholarship **Deadline: Dec.31**

Eligible students must have a 3.5 or above GPA and write an essay. The essay should discuss your experience with neighborhood involvement and the role your neighborhood played in shaping who you are today. Award \$2000. Application:

<https://www.neighborhoods.com/scholarship>

Profile in Courage Scholarship**Deadline: Jan. 4, 2018**

7 \$10,000 Awards will be given. It is an essay contest. Essays must describe an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917. For more detailed directions access

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9681/profile_in_courage_essay_contest_scholarship.php#sthash.VaSnlhIt.dpbs

John Brown Scholarship Program**Deadline: Jan. 9, 2018**

Eligible students are Black/African American, demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service and have financial need. Apply at

<https://www.ronbrown.org/section/apply/program-description>

Feldco Windows, Siding & Doors Scholarship**Deadline: Jan 15, 2018**

This is a \$1000 Award Essay contest. Acceptable essays will be between 700-1,000 words long that answer the question: "How has your family contributed to who you are today?"

Details can be found at <https://www.4feldco.com/scholarship/>

National Honor Society (NHS) Scholarship Program**Deadline: Jan. 30, 2018**

Mrs. Grace has instructions on accessing the procedures

Technology Addiction Awareness Scholarship**Deadline: Jan. 30, 2018**

Eligible students will complete an application regarding technology addiction. 10 finalists will be asked to write a 1000 word essay. Details at

<http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/technology-addiction-awareness-scholarship>

Hamilton, Hull and Byrd Giving Back Scholarship**Deadline: Jan. 31, 2018**

Eligible students show a demonstrated interest in community service and have a GPA of 3.0 or above. Application: <https://www.attorneyhamilton.com/scholarship>

Professional Athletes Foundation Scholarship**Deadline: Jan. 31, 2018**

Eligible students must have not accepted any scholarship funds to participate in college athletics, must have participated in varsity athletics for at least a year, be accepted at a 4yr or 2yr college or university, be nominated by a coach, and have at least a 2.0 GPA. Applications are available in the counseling office.

HonorsGradU Design A Better Future**Deadline: Feb. 11, 2018**

\$10,000 Scholarship

Eligible students will submit a proposal and artifact that supports bettering their communities. This award has three phases/deadlines including a reflection portion. Visit <https://www.honorsgraduation.com/graduation-scholarship.htm> to get started.

ACF 18-19 Visionary Scholarship**Deadline: May 1, 2018**

Multiple winners with awards ranging from \$1000-\$5000. Visit www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org for details.

American Indian College Fund**Deadline: Various**

Several Scholarships are available at <http://collegefund.org/student-resources/scholarships/> for Native American students.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society**Deadline: Various**

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) helps Native American Students interested in specific STEM areas of studies. **Website:** <http://www.aises.org/scholarships>

Scholarships for Criminal Justice Majors**Deadline: Various**

Website: <http://www.bestcolleges.com/financial-aid/criminal-justice-scholarships/>

Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation**Deadline: Various**

Scholarship quizzes can be found at <http://www.cksf.org/index.cfm?Page=Scholarships>

Oklahoma City Community Foundation**Deadline: Various**

You can find a large number of scholarship opportunities on this website, many which are available to students outside of the OKC area. Website: <https://occf.org/>

UCanGo2.org

Deadline: Various

This search tool is a good one! It provides you with links to scholarships by deadline and by category, as well as a new scholarship of the week each Monday. Visit

<http://ucango2.org/Scholarships.html>

fastweb!

Deadline: Various

This website provides a list of targeted scholarships in addition to general information about college and financial aid. Visit <https://www.fastweb.com/>

Institutional Scholarship Information

TCC TCC's online scholarship application portal is now open at TulsaCC.edu/scholarships. This is a single application for students to complete to be considered for 60 different scholarship opportunities through TCC and the TCC Foundation. We will be sending out an email to prospective students once the site goes live encouraging them to apply.

OU To be automatically considered for OU's scholarships as an incoming freshman, students must submit an application by Dec. 15. Students can **apply** one of two ways to OU, either through the OU Application or the Common Application. All applications are read thoroughly by an admissions counselor and are evaluated holistically regardless of application type.

NSU Scholarship Apps are now open. Find all scholarships at <https://scholarships.nsuok.edu/> under the freshman scholarship tab. You must be admitted to NSU by the scholarship deadlines. Deadlines are Jan. 5, Feb. 1, and March 1

ROTC Full scholarships are available through the Army ROTC at NSU. For more information contact LT Aaron Cummins at 918-500-1860 or cummin09@nsuok.edu or SFC Kenny Gream at 918-444-8068 or gream@nsuok.edu