

Senior Scholarship Meeting

This document will try to answer some of the main questions students have about scholarships.

Why is this meeting important to you?

Anyone who is furthering their education should listen very carefully. What you learn today could help you have extra money to pay for schooling.

WHO SHOULD APPLY AND WHY?

EVERYONE should apply who plans to further their education. There is a misconception that scholarships are only for those students with a high GPA. This is not true. Each scholarship has different criteria it is based on. Check through the scholarships and read their criteria to check. It will tell you if you have to have a specific GPA.

College is very expensive. Even a small scholarship can help you.

Most scholarships the checks are written to the college however there are a select few that write the check directly to you once you have sent them your schedule and grades so that you may use the money to buy books. I don't think students realize how expensive books can be. Some could run a couple hundred dollars.

How many scholarships can I fill out?

As many as you qualify for! The more you fill out the more chances you have to be chosen as the recipient.

Where do I begin to look for scholarships?

- Our DCHS booklet
- On the DCHS website; student services; scholarships. Applications may be filled out on the website. Print and hand it in to the Student Services Department
- Check DCHS daily announcements for new scholarship applications or changes in a due date
- After you have been accepted to a particular college go online to their website to see what they have to offer
- Watch and read newspapers – many articles are written advertising a scholarship
- Check with your parent's work place, i.e. ALCOA, SIA others

How should scholarships be filled out?

- Follow the instructions – be neat!!!
- Typing is best and the cleanest way to complete a scholarship
- Make sure you answer all the questions and be honest
- Make sure you turn the application in and any other items required at the same time by the Student Services deadline. (By other items – essays – letters of recommendations – picture) Student Services will put your transcript with your scholarship application
- Brag about your achievements
- Apply for as many as possible
- Don't turn in your application until you have **EVERYTHING** required of the scholarship; essays; letters of recommendations

What is a portfolio and why should I create one?

YOUR PORTFOLIO SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Transcripts/grades/GPA (Student Services attaches this to your application)
- List of honors and awards
- List of job experience
- List of extracurricular activities
- Examples of offices held
- Letters of recommendations
- Essay

The reason you create a portfolio.....

All applications require different items on the list mentioned above. Save these items to your computer if you have typed them because it is possible another application may require the same items. Ask teachers if you can make copies of their letters of recommendations for other applications.

DEADLINES!!!

Pay attention to the deadline!! The Student Services Department deadline is the important deadline. Do not wait to submit your applications to Student Services; applications are accepted any time prior to the Student Services deadline. **All scholarship applications are submitted to the Student Services Department and Mrs. Mose will**

mail them. Applications for each scholarship will be mailed at the same time to the Scholarship Chairman.

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

This is a form that needs filled out on-line after October 1st but before March 1st to receive financial aid for college.

The Scholarship Instruction book has a list of many scholarships offered. There are two sections.

Page 5 - General Scholarships – A general scholarship means it **does not** specify a field of study you need to go into to apply. In other words, **you do not** have to be going to study in a specific field; such as medicine or law or education.

Page 12 – Scholarships with Specific Fields of Study – This is a list of scholarships that say you have to be going to school to study law, or medicine or journalism or other fields. Pay close attention on the applications to the criteria they require to see if you qualify.

If you have any other questions that we have not covered, stop by the Student Services Department.