Senior Scholarship Newsletter: October 2022

The following colleges will be visiting BHS during PT. If you are interested in any (or all) of these colleges, go to Media Center on the scheduled date(s) and time(s).

- October 4: Franklin College @ 9:30 and Murray State @ part C
- October 6: Ball State University: @ part C
- October 10: Wabash College: @ part C
- October 20: Purdue University: @ part C (Virtual Meeting; a link will come soon)

October 12: E-Learning Day during school hours and then from 5-6:30pm is the BHS Open House!

<u>Seniors</u>: You and a parent or guardian should plan to attend our Financial Aid Night on <u>Wednesday, October</u> <u>26th in the auditorium at 6:00 pm</u>. We will assist you in filing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and discuss the financial aid process. We encourage EVERY senior to file a FAFSA, and it is especially imperative for those seniors planning to attend college or post-secondary training. The FAFSA is used to determine federal and state financial aid, work study, student loans, and is required for some scholarships. We will have different sessions available: those just getting started with the FAFSA process, those ready to file the FAFSA, and for those that have already filed a FAFSA. We hope to see you ALL there.

## **Tips for Scholarship Applications:**

- ✓ Apply early Volunteers try to screen the applications for required information (transcripts, letters of rec, etc) as they arrive and some will send feedback to the applicant if the information is incomplete.
- ✓ Request school transcripts and letters of recommendation early Schools cannot provide transcripts on a wkd or holiday and you want to allow your person writing the letter enough time to think about what they want to say instead of them feeling pressured or rushed and it should not be from a family member.
- ✓ Write a personal essay to explain how you meet the scholarship requirements. This is the time to brag about yourself and be proud of your accomplishments.
- ✓ Use correct punctuation: capital letters, commas, periods, and check spelling.
- ✓ Double check to be sure you have all the necessary documents before turning in your application. Make a check sheet to mark off what you have to complete.
- ✓ Type your essay and fill out your applications on a computer if possible. Otherwise, write <u>neatly</u> in <u>black</u> ink Do NOT use pencil!

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If you strive for excellence in the classroom, on the playing field and in your community, now is the time to get the recognition you deserve! The <u>Heisman High School Scholarship</u> presented by Acceptance Insurance supports education, recognizes achievement, and celebrates male and female community-minded high school student athletes around the country. Apply for your chance to earn up to a \$5000 scholarship.

Deadline: October 18! Apply at: heismanscholarship.com

The **ESA Foundation** offers more than 200 scholarships a year for deserving students. To find scholarships currently available, click on the current list of ESA Foundation Scholarships in the state of Indiana. www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants

<u>Imagine America Foundation Scholarship</u>: GPA of 2.5 or above and enroll in a participating career college. Proof of a commitment to community service and/or financial need may be requested. Visit: <u>www.imagineamerica.org/students/scholarship-education</u> to apply

<u>Hagan Scholarship Foundation</u>: Basic eligibility requirements: 3.5GPA and above, enroll in an "eligible" college/university, maintain a 4 year or less graduation schedule, and have less than \$85,000 on the federal income tax for the applicants adjusted household income. For complete details, visit <a href="www.hsfmo.org">www.hsfmo.org</a> Deadline: December 1, 2022.

<u>Newburgh Girls Softball Scholarship</u>: \$500. Offered to a female senior who has been involved in the NGS program for at least 4 years. (this may include playing, umpiring, coaching and volunteering). Applicant must complete a 250-500 word essay on lessons she learned through her involvement with NGS and how those lessons will help in the future. Applicant must include a letter of recommendation from one of the following: high school teacher or counselor, high school coach current or former NGS coach, current or former NGS board member. Applicant must include high school transcript. Applications are available the BHS Guidance Office. Deadline April 3, 2023.

<u>Visionary Scholarship Program – America College Foundation</u>: Visit <u>www.American CollegeFoundation.org</u> to access the application and apply. Deadline: November 1, 2022. 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible and scholarship is based on your transcript, essay and the application.

<u>Yankeetown Alumni</u>: To qualify for this \$150, you must be a Yankeetown graduate with a 2.0 GPA or higher and write a short essay explaining your continuing education plans. (Note: Do no put your name on the essay, it will be numbered to match your application). Applications are available in the BHS Guidance Office and due back to Mrs. Lashley by April 1, 2023.

The following are for Indiana Farm Bureau members: \$1,000/each Deadline: March 1, 2023.

<u>Marion Stackhouse Memorial Scholarship</u>: for those pursuing an education in the agricultural field. <u>Carolyn Hegel Memorial Scholarship</u>: for those pursing an agricultural or agribusiness degree.

Apply directly online at: <a href="https://www.infarmbureau.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships">https://www.infarmbureau.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships</a>
A transcript and a letter of recommendation must be attached to the online application, so you may want to have those on hand ahead of time.

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The following are scholarships on the internet offered to EVERY graduating high school senior in the US so the chances are narrow, but you don't know until you try!!

<u>Make the U Scholarship</u>: \$15,000 over 21 awards. Deadline: October 15. To be eligible, you must show academic excellence and demonstrate dedication to community service. Applications can be found here: <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12459/maketheuscholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12459/maketheuscholarship</a>

<u>Hispanic Heritage Youth</u>: \$3,500 over 180 Awards. Deadline: October 15. Must be graduating in Spring 2021. Minimum GPA of 3.0 https:studentscholarships.org/scholarhip/13676/Hispanic heritage youth awards scholarship.php

Women's Ministries: \$20,000 over 49 awards. Deadline: October 15.

<u>American Muscle Student</u>: \$2,000 over 4 awards. Deadline October 15. Be currently enrolled in high school with plans to enroll in college in 2021. <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11119/americanmusclestudent-scholarship-program-scholarship.php">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11119/americanmusclestudent-scholarship-program-scholarship.php</a>

**Horatio Alger:** \$25,000 over 106 awards. Deadline: October 25. Current high school senior graduating in spring 2022 and plans to enter a college in the US with a commitment to pursue a bachelor's degree. We had a BHS student win this about 7 years ago!! https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9417/horatio alger scholarship scholarship.php

<u>You deserve it!</u> 1 award for \$1,000. Deadline: October 29. https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/15589/you deserve it scholarship scholarship.php

<u>Coca-Cola</u>: \$25,000 over 150 awards. Graduate in May 2021. Deadline October 31. http://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8843/coca cola scholars program scholarship.php