

Senior Newsletter #4

October 4, 2018

Dates

Oct 27 –**the next ACT**. Don't forget to get a good night's sleep, pack your ticket, your photo ID, #2 pencils, and your calculator!

Nov 2– deadline to register for the **Dec ACT**. Go to www.actstudent.org/start.

*** Don't forget to ask Ms. Schmedding for a fee waiver form if your family qualifies for free or reduced lunches.

Scholarships

Hagan Scholarship Foundation - award varies, but the average amount is over \$24,000. Over the past 3 years, 1/3 of eligible applicants were awarded money. It's for high achieving students (3.5 GPA and 23 ACT) who will require financial assistance. Get info in the g.o. (11/15)

Cabela's Women in Leadership Scholarship - \$10,000 - for females only. Apply at www.thehugefoundation.org. (1/4)

Norfolk Elks Lodge Scholarships: (get info sheets for any/all in the g.o.)

- * Most Valuable Student - judged on scholarship, leadership, financial need (11/15)
- * Legacy Award - for children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks, judged on knowledge, charity, community service, and integrity - \$4,000 (2/1)

Engebretson Foundation - must be able to show financial need, have a 28 on the ACT, a GPA of 3.75, and have leadership potential (as seen in teacher recommendations, work experience, extra-curr activities, and community service). Pays for tuition not to exceed \$10,000/semester. Apply at www.engebretsonfoundation.org. (3/1)

Walter Scott, Jr Scholarship - fees, room/board, books, and a computer - for students who plan to major in engineering at UNO. Apply at pki.nebraska.edu (12/15)

The **RHOP scholarship at WSC** - programs include clinical lab science, dental hygiene, dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, PT, P.A., and radiography - a full tuition scholarship for the first couple of years and automatic acceptance into the med center. Go to www.wsc.edu/rhop and complete the on-line app. All materials must be submitted by Nov 15. If you want more info, ask in the g.o. for an info packet. (11/1)

* Chadron and Peru State also offer RHOP scholarships. Check out their websites for their info. (11/15)

The **KHOP** is similar to the RHOP (above), but it's for **UNK**. Deadline is the same. Programs: clinical lab science, dental hygiene, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, & radiography. Get an info sheet in the g.o. (11/15)

NMC Sponsorship Program - for students going to Central Community College (Hastings), majoring in diesel technology - pays tuition, books, tools/cabinet, paid internship, and ultimate apprenticeship. Apply at www.nmc-corp.com/sponsorship_application. Get an informational letter in the g.o.

MISC info

Both you and a parent are going to need an FSA ID (federal student aid identification) to be able to apply in the spring for federal student aid (grants, loans, and work study). Both you and a parent need to go to fsaid.ed.gov. You do that now, and then next spring after taxes are done, you'll be ready for the next step.

And here's why many of you will **REALLY** want to complete the FAFSA: Not only will the federal government give you money to go (if your family can't afford to send you), but the 3 state colleges (like WSC) and the 3 universities (UNL, UNK, UNO) will automatically give free tuition to any Nebraska resident who can show adequate financial need. The way to show that need? Complete the FAFSA this spring!

If you're thinking about a 2-year college, but Norfolk is too close and Omaha and Lincoln are too big or too far away, consider Western Iowa Tech CC, which is in Sioux City. Call (800) 352-4649 for info.

Out-of-state public colleges are quite a lot more expensive than in-state public colleges. If you're planning to attend a public college outside of Nebraska, then you might want to check into the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP). It's a tuition reduction program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable. Go to msep.mhec.org to find out more.

Central Community College Columbus campus is the only community college with a Quality Control program and completed a \$1.5 million Mechatronic renovation. The CCC Hastings campus offers the only AAS degree program in Dental Hygiene. All other programs require 4 years, but you can get the degree in 2 years at Hastings. Hastings also has a new \$2.2 million kitchen for their Hospitality Mgmt and Culinary Arts students.

Transfer Nebraska is a new website that offers students a way to see if (and where) their dual credit courses will transfer. Check it out at transfer.nebraska.edu.