

The FHS Senior Newsletter – May 2018

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SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

REMINDER: Federal (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and State

(<http://riseupms.com/financial#3>) financial aid applications should be completed as soon as possible.

REMINDER – Win “A” Scholarship by The Citizens Bank: Each “A” earned allows you a separate chance to enter a drawing for a \$1000 scholarship at the end of the year. Take your report card to the bank to register *after each nine weeks*.

REMINDER – Scott County Training School/E.T. Hawkins Alumni Scholarship: Student must attend Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College, or Tougaloo College, and must have a 2.5 GPA and 15 ACT. Pick up an application from Mrs. Kenna’s office or from Mrs. Minnie Holifield. *Submission deadline is Apr. 30.*

REMINDER – Mississippi Municipal League Scholarships: Three \$2,000 scholarships available to MS seniors! Must write an essay on the topic “Why I Should Consider a Career in Municipal Government.” Pick up an application in Ms. Kenna’s office. *Entry deadline is May 4.*

***NEW - Rotary Club of Forest Scholarship:** For FHS seniors only! Must have financial need, scholastic achievement, community and school involvement, and teacher recommendation. Pick up an application in Ms. Kenna’s office. *Return to her by 3:15 p.m. on May 9.*

***NEW - Mable Moore Carr Educational Scholarship:** For FHS seniors only! Must attend ECCC, have a “B” or better average, pursue a degree in Education, and have demonstrated leadership ability. Pick up an application in Ms. Kenna’s office. *Due back to her by 3:15 p.m. on May 9.*

***NEW - The Regina Gail Gibbs Rigby Memorial Scholarship:** Must attend ECCC, have a “B” or better average, pursue a degree in Art, Education, or Music, have demonstrated leadership ability, and have Christian moral standards of good character. Pick up an application in Ms. Kenna’s office. *Due back to her by 3:15 p.m. on May 9.*

REMINDER - Frances B. Antley and Dolores Stephen Antley Awards for Creative Writing: Each year, the Antley family awards 3 cash prizes (up to

\$500!!) to FHS seniors. Past entries have included poems, short stories, opinion essays, etc. This year’s topic is “Why I am Proud to Be a Mississippian”. Pick up an info sheet in Mrs. Kenna’s office. **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 9.**

REMINDER - #CollegianceMS #Collegiance: The College Board is hosting its annual [Collegiance](http://collegiance.org) College Decision Day social media contest to celebrate college-bound students across the country. Students who share a video, Boomerang or photo announcing their college decision with the hashtag #Collegiance on Instagram will be entered for a chance to win \$5,000. Mississippi students can enter for an additional opportunity to win money for college. Include #CollegianceMS in your post for a chance to win \$1,000. Visit collegiance.org to learn more *by May 15.*

***NEW – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated’s Omicron Beta Omega Chapter Scholarship:** Must be a female senior with at least a 2.5 GPA, an 18 ACT, and have contributed service to your school and community. Applications are available in Mrs. Kenna’s office; must be completed and returned to the AKA scholarship committee *by May 25.*

REMINDER – Horatio Alger National Career & Technical Scholarship Program: Receive up to \$2,500! Must plan to enroll in a career or technical degree/certificate program in Fall 2018. Must demonstrate financial need by being Pell Grant eligible. To apply online, visit application.horatioalger.org. *Priority deadline is June 15.*

ACT INFORMATION

- Register online at www.actstudent.org.
- See Ms. Kenna to apply for an ACT fee waiver.
- Get2College is hosting a free ACT Prep Workshop in Jackson on June 2. Register at <https://get2college.org/act-workshop-registration/>.
- Remaining 2017-2018 ACT Test Dates:

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>(Late Fee Required)</u> |
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| June 9, 2018 | May 4, 2018 | May 5-18, 2018 |
| July 14, 2018 | June 15, 2018 | June 16-22, 2018 |

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3: Senior pictures for Scott County Times – 1:30 – wear senior t-shirt

May 6: Baccalaureate service at Forest Baptist Church – 6:00

May 10: AR Deadline

May 11: P.A.W.S. Awards Day – 1:00

May 14: Seniors' last full day; Fines must be cleared; Spring Athletic Awards – 6:00

May 15: Senior T4 Exams 8:00-12:00; Senior Dinner and a Movie – 6:00

May 16: Senior T4 Exams 8:00-10:00

May 17: Required Senior Meeting/Practice – 1:00

May 18: Senior Tea – 8:30; Senior Awards Day – 10:00

May 24: Required Senior Meeting/Practice – 10:00;

Commencement Exercises – 7:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation Attire

For Commencement Exercises: Guys – you will need a white button-up shirt, long dark colored tie (not a bow tie), dark pants, and dark brown or black shoes. Girls – With your gown, you will need a light colored dress without a high neckline (so as not to interfere with robe collars) and the FHS traditional white shoes. Please be conservative and modest in your selections – Senior Awards Day and Commencement are school-sponsored events and you will not participate if dressed inappropriately.

This is it...your LAST MONTH of high school!

Work hard – we want you to look back on your senior year with pride in everything that you accomplished.

Scholarship Announcement at Awards Day

See the attached Senior Scholarship Information form (orange sheet). If you want to be recognized at Senior Awards Day as the recipient of any scholarships, you must return this form to Mrs. Kenna before picking up your cap and gown on Monday, May 14.

Transcripts

See attached for your final transcript request form (yellow sheet). These must be completely filled out and turned into Mrs. Kenna on Monday, May 14, before picking up your cap and gown.

College Information

Excused College Days: Seniors may visit any college on their own twice during their senior year to conduct college visits/tryouts, etc. The visits must be validated by a note from a college official. Seniors taking their college day must secure a form from Ms. Kenna, complete the form with teacher and administrative signatures indicating the date the senior will be absent, and return the form to Ms. Kenna at least two working days before the planned college day.

East Central Community College: eccc.edu

- The next orientation is June 6.
- Interested in the cosmetology program? Pick up a packet from Mrs. Kenna's office. Due July 6.

Mississippi University for Women: muw.edu

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is May 1.

William Carey University: wmcarey.edu

- Campus tours available M-F 8:00-4:00.

University of West Alabama: uwa.edu

- Priority Housing Deadline is May 1.

COLLEGE/CAREER WEBSITES & APPS

App - Job Scout www.NextStepU.com collegescorecard.ed.gov
www.collegeappmap.org www.fastweb.com www.knowhow2go.org
www.get2college.org www.scholarships.com www.mymajors.com