

The FHS Senior Newsletter – November 2018

We are Diligence. We are Integrity. We are Citizenship. We are FOREST.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

*NOTE: Federal (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and State (www.msfinancialaid.org) financial aid applications are open. If you missed our FAFSA Day, Get2College is also hosting a FAFSA Saturday at their office in Jackson on Nov. 17. Call 601-321-5533 for an appointment.

REMINDER – The Citizens Bank Win ‘A’ Scholarship: Every “A” earned on your report card qualifies you for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship! The more “A’s” earned, the better your chances of winning! Winners will be announced at the end of the school year. Just take in your report card to register *after each nine weeks*.

REMINDER – Hagan Scholarship Foundation: The Hagan scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship for rural students (that’s us!). 300 scholarships of \$48,000 will be awarded! Recipients selected based on character, leadership, academics, achievement, and future promise. For more info and to apply, visit www.hsfmo.org by *Nov. 15*.

***NEW – Burger King Scholarship:** High school seniors, BURGER KING® employees, and their dependent children can apply to receive up to \$50,000 in scholarship awards for the 2019-2020 school year! High school seniors must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible, and must be active in their community through volunteering, sports, clubs and/or religious organizations. Apply at www.burgerkingscholars.com by *Dec. 15*.

REMINDER - GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship: The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute awards more than \$1 million in college scholarships to exceptional student leaders each year. Seniors who demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are invited to apply. This program provides college-bound students with \$10,000 renewable scholarships – up to \$40,000 total per recipient – and supports them as they lead and serve in college and beyond. Additional information, eligibility requirements, and a link to the application are available at www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs. Applications are accepted *until Jan. 4*.

REMINDER – JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest: First place winner receives \$10,000! Must describe and analyze an act of political courage by a US elected official who served during or after 1917. For more information, visit www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest by *Jan. 18*.

***NEW – MAS County Employee Scholarship Program:** MAS will award up to two \$500 scholarships per county. Applicants must have an immediate family member currently working for or retired from a Mississippi county. Pick up an application from Mrs. Kenna’s office... must be submitted to the MAS office no later than *March 1*.

***NEW - David G. Hall, MD Memorial Scholarship:** The 2019 scholarship application is open to all high school seniors in Mississippi who have an aptitude in the sciences and an interest in pursuing a career in the field of medicine. Must write an essay about “The Family Physician: Providing Your Medical Home”. Pick up an application in Mrs. Kenna’s office. The deadline is *March 1*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention 18-Year-Old Men

Under federal law, all men (including non-citizen immigrant males 18-25 residing in the U.S.) must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of your 18th birthday. To register, go to the post office or visit www.sss.gov.

STAR Student

The FHS STAR Student will be the senior with the highest ACT score (minimum 25) and an overall grade average of 93 or above in core subjects. The ACT must be taken before Dec. 31.

Transcripts

As you apply to colleges and scholarship organizations, you will often need to send in your official partial transcript (it’s not a “final” transcript until you graduate). To send transcripts, give Ms. Kenna the letter or computer print-out requesting your transcript with the address of where to send it. Sign and date the request.

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COLLEGE/CAREER WEBSITES

www.NextStepU.com www.fastweb.com www.mymajors.com
www.collegeappmap.org www.get2college.org collegescorecard.ed.gov
www.scholarships.com www.knowhow2go.org bigfuture.collegeboard.org

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

November 19-23: Thanksgiving Holidays

November 30: Overall Prize Drawing for Oct./Nov. Attendance

December 6: AR Deadline for Dual Credit English students

December 14: AR Deadline for all other students

ACT INFORMATION

- Register online at www.actstudent.org.
- See Ms. Kenna (*see Mr. Scott while Ms. Kenna is out*) to apply for an ACT fee waiver.
- FREE ACT prep at academy.act.org.
- 2018-2019 National ACT Test Dates and Deadlines:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee)
December 8	November 2, 2018	November 3-19
February 9	January 11, 2019	January 12-18
April 13	March 8, 2019	March 9-25
June 8	May 3, 2019	May 4-20
July 13	June 14, 2019	June 15-24

College Information

Excused College Days: Seniors may use two days 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 school days before the planned college day.

East Central Community College: ecc.edu

- Admissions (free) and Housing (\$50) applications are open!

Mississippi State University: www.msstate.edu

- Scholarship application deadline is Dec. 1.

University of Mississippi: www.olemiss.edu

- Submit Special Programs & Scholarships Application at olemiss.edu/applynow/supplemental.html by Jan. 5.

University of Southern Mississippi: www.usm.edu

- Scholarship Application deadline is Jan. 5. Any student seeking freshman scholarship consideration must be offered admission on or before Dec 1. Academic scholarships are available to students with a 21 ACT or higher with a 3.0 core GPA.
- The priority deadline to submit an ACES application is Jan. 25. These communities – Academic Connections to Enhance Success (ACES) – give students the chance to: Live with fellow freshmen with similar interests and backgrounds, Take a set of three classes together with these same students, Gain skills in time management, study skills, and other important areas, and Benefit from additional mentoring from faculty and staff.

William Carey University: www.wmcarey.edu

- Scholarship Awards Day: Nov. 30 (24+ ACT)
- Careers in Healthcare: Jan. 23
- Super Saturday: March 2