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Scholarships & Opportunities

If you are interested in an advertised scholarship or other opportunity, come to the counseling office and see Mrs. Brogan, the counselor's secretary. You will need to ask for the scholarship by the number assigned to it in the Bulletin. The deadline to be returned to the counselor may be earlier than what is printed on the application, so pay close attention! Sometimes we can only send a certain number of applications and so we must have time to evaluate all of them before the submission deadline.

There are more scholarship opportunities available than are sent to the schools, so you may do your own searches through some of the following websites: www.collegeboard.com, www.fastweb.com, www.collegenet.com, www.collegefortexans.com, www.adventuresineducation.org, www.finaid.com, and www.srnexpress.co, www.meritaid.com.



Important Dates

- Dec. 6—SAT
- Dec. 19—Early Dismissal
- Dec. 22-Jan.2—Holidays
- Dec. 26—Deadline for Jan. SAT registration
- Jan. 5—Return to school
- Jan. 8—Academic Excellence, 8:30 a.m.
- Jan. 15—End of 1st semester
- Jan. 19—Holiday
- Jan. 20—2nd Semester begins
- Jan. 24—SAT



Scholarships:

1. AXA Achievement Scholarship—This scholarship will award 42 state winners \$10,000. Students will be asked to describe in detail an outstanding achievement they have accomplished in a non-academic activity or project. Consideration will also be given to extracurricular activities, work experience, and the applicant's academic record. Applications (pages 1-6) and required attachments (including either an official or unofficial transcript and a grading scale) must be post-marked no later than December 15th. Therefore, all completed applications are due to Ms. Alsdorf by December 8th. All materials must be submitted in one envelope. You may also choose to apply online at www.axa-achievement.com. Same deadlines apply.
9. CollegeWeekLive.com \$3500 Scholarship—One \$3500 scholarship will be awarded to the student who best responds to the following question: "Going to college is a big, important step in one's life. What are you looking forward to the most about going to college, and why?" Students must be in grades 9-12 and must login and participate in the free CollegeWeekLive.com virtual college fair being held online Nov. 12 & 13. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 9. Applications are being accepted online now at: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/showApphtx?appId=10440>.
11. DAR Good Citizens Scholarship-Essay Contest—This program is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. Applicants must exhibit the following qualities: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. If you believe this describes you, please come by the counseling office and pick up the information. You could be selected to participate in this program. SHHS can only select one DAR representative. Interested students must submit the required information by November 10th to qualify for selection.
12. Hispanic Scholarship Fund—In general, the requirements are that a student must be of Hispanic heritage, be a US citizen or legal permanent resident, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and must apply for the FAFSA when it becomes available in late December. Specific requirements depend upon if a student is applying for a college scholarship program or a community college scholarship program. Interested students must visit www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx and scroll down to "High School Students" to apply and/or for more information.
13. Burger King Scholarship—This \$1,000 scholarship is open to all eligible seniors. Eligible students must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, work part time an average of 15 hours per week, be actively involved in community service activities, demonstrate financial need, and plan to enroll in an accredited two/or four year college or university or vocational/technical school by the fall of 2009. Eligible student need to apply online at www.bk.com/scholars by the February 15th deadline.



14. Naval Helicopter Association Scholarship Fund—This scholarship ranges from \$2000 to \$3000 and is open to all students. Special consideration is given to students with military affiliation such as prior service or a relative who has served in any military branch. Eligible students need to apply online at <http://ismene.unarmania.com/~nhasc0/nhascholarshipfund/> by the February 15th deadline.
16. Gates Millennium Scholars—This scholarship was established to provide outstanding, low income African American, American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education. Eligible students must also be US citizen or legal permanent resident, have at least a 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale (unweighted), plan to enroll in a college or university as a full-time student in the fall of 2009, have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities, meet the federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (this will be determined through you FAFSA that you will file in late December), have completed and submitted all three required forms by the January 12th postmark deadline for paper applications or the January 12th submission deadline for online applications. Online submissions will be accepted at www.gmsp.org. **NOTE* You may choose Ms. Alsdorf to be your Nominator, but you need to select someone who knows you more personally to be your Recommender.**
17. Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship—This program is a 4-year scholarship worth up to \$180,000 covering full tuition, books, fees, uniforms, and a monthly stipend of \$300. After college, the student enters the Navy as a commissioned officer in occupations such as Engineering, Pilot, Naval Flight Officer, or Surface Warfare Officer. There is no obligation on the part of the student by applying for this scholarship. Students may meet requirements for Immediate Selection if they are in the top 20% AND score a 1250 (Math and Verbal) on the SAT. Students may also qualify if they are in the top 10% and score 1050 SAT (Math and Verbal). For more information, contact Andrew Warren at Andrew.warren@navy.mil or go to <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/>.
20. University of Texas in San Antonio Honor's College Scholarships—There are several opportunities available for scholarships through the honor's college, including Presidential Honors Scholarships and Terry Foundation Scholars, which average \$55,000 over four years. Students applying to the college to receive these scholarships must be ranked in the top 20% of their class and have a minimum SAT of 1100 (Verbal and Math) or a minimum ACT of 24. Students MUST complete the www.applytexas.org application for UTSA, then go to www.utsa.edu/honors to apply for the Presidential Honors Scholarship. For the Terry Foundation Scholarship, students must also have a record of strong leadership as well as have financial need. To apply for the Terry Foundation Scholarship, go to www.utsa.edu/terryscholars. Deadlines are February 1st.
21. Texas Student Housing Scholarship—Students accepted to a Texas college or university located in Austin, College Station, Denton, or San Marcos may apply for a housing scholarship worth \$2,500 per year for OFF-CAMPUS housing. Interested student may pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office. The application must be postmarked by the January 31st deadline.
22. Baylor University Carr P. Collins Scholarship—Baylor annually awards this scholarship to students who demonstrate leadership through service. Collins Scholars are awarded \$4,150 each year, renewable up to three years. Eligible applicants must be admitted to Baylor University, have a minimum combined Critical Reading and Math SAT score of 1250 or minimum of 28 on the ACT, be in the top quarter of their graduating class, and be a Texas resident. Applicants need to go to www.baylor.edu/admissions/CarrPCollins to apply. Completed applications must be POST-MARKED by January 31st.
23. Terry Foundation Scholarship— This is an up-to-full ride scholarship for outstanding Texas high school graduates for attendance at Texas public colleges and universities. Applicants must meet the following criteria: financial need, as determined by the FAFSA; possess a record of leadership in school or community; have strong academic abilities as evidenced by grades and SAT scores; be admitted as a full-time entering freshman to one of the following Terry Foundation schools for the Fall of 2009: Texas A&M University, University of Texas at Austin, University of Houston, Texas State University –San Marcos, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Texas at Dallas. Application links to these colleges are available online at www.terryfoundation.org/about_foundation/how_to_apply.php or by going to http://www.uh.edu/honors/scholarships/terry_scholars.html for University of Houston only. Deadlines could vary for each university, but U of H Terry Foundation applications must be postmarked by January 31st.



Scholarships Continued:

24. Sam Houston State University Honor's College Scholarships—This program provides various scholarship opportunities to students who apply and are accepted into the SHSU honor's college. Visit www.shsu.edu/honors for more information and an application or obtain one from Ms. Brogan in the counseling office.. Students must first apply to the university at www.applytexas.org. To review available scholarships, visit the SHSU Scholarship website found at www.shsu.edu/~sfa_www/scholarship.html. Most have a FEBRUARY 15th deadline!
25. The National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship—The Houston chapter of the NWTFF announces its Academic Scholarship Program for 2009. Applicants must be graduating seniors with a minimum of a 3.75 GPA, plan to pursue a college degree, support the preservation of the hunting tradition and actively participate in hunting activities, provide a copy of a current Texas hunting license, be involved in school activities, demonstrate leadership abilities, and show community involvement. Applications and all supporting materials must be received at the Houston Chapter before Christmas Break (Dec. 17th) in order to meet the January 1st deadline.
26. Sam Walton Community Scholarship—The WalMart corporation announces this non-renewable \$3,000 scholarship opportunity for use at an approved accredited college or university. Eligible students must be a senior in high school, have an SAT or ACT score, have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA on an unweighted 4.0 scale, be a US citizen, and not be related to a WalMart employee nor be an employee themselves. Interested students should go to www.applyists.net and click "APPLY or update a new application" to apply. The access key is SWCS. The online submission as well as all mailed required documents must be postmarked by the January 31st deadline.
27. John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest—This essay contest is open to students in grades 9-12. In 1000 words or less, describe and analyze the decisions, actions, and risks of an elected public official in the US since 1956 who has courageously addressed a political issue at the local, state, national, or international level. To enter the contest and for detailed guidelines, visit to www.jfklibrary.org. Applications must be postmarked or submitted by January 10th. Awards range from \$500 to \$5,000.
28. McKelvey Foundation Scholarship—This is a \$40,000 scholarship opportunity for seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit by owning and operating their own businesses while in high school. Applicants must also be planning to attend a 4 year college upon graduation from high school. Online applications must be completed by January 25th. Go to www.mckelveyfoundation.org to apply.
29. Dell Scholars Program Scholarship—This \$20,000 scholarship opportunity is for seniors involved in the Advanced Placement (AP) Strategies Program the last two years. Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.4 GPA, demonstrate financial need, be US citizen or permanent resident, and be planning to enter a bachelor's degree program at an accredited higher education institution in the fall of 2009. Applications must be completed online at www.dellscholars.org/public/howtoapply.aspx and submitted by the January 15th deadline.
30. Ruby Sue Clifton Scholarship Program—provides ten \$1,000 scholarships to qualified, graduating high school seniors. The applicant and/or parent/legal guardian must be a member in good standing of the Smart Financial Credit Union. Applicants will be judged on GPA, class rank, SAT/ACT scores, character, leadership, community involvement, letters of recommendation, and an essay response. Eligible students may pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office. All applications and materials must be postmarked by January 16th.
31. Angelo State University Carr Academic Scholarship—Seniors must apply to the university as well as rank in the top 15% of their class and score a minimum of an 1140(Math and Verbal) on the SAT or a minimum of a 25 on the ACT. Eligible students may apply online at www.angelo.edu and have all applications and supporting material arrive by the February 1st deadline.
32. Texas A&M Foundation of Excellence Award—The university offers this \$2000-\$2500 per year scholarship opportunity to students from traditionally underrepresented groups, minorities, and students from economically disadvantaged areas and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. All students must be admitted to Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Applications are available from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office; completed applications must be postmarked by the February 13th deadline.



33. Texas Tech University College of Engineering Koh Family Scholarship—This \$10,000/year for four years scholarship is open to Texas Tech engineering students with a minimum SAT of 1400 (Verbal and Math) or ACT of 32. Online applications are available at www.coe.ttu.edu/koh and must be RECEIVED by January 15th.
34. Texas Engineering Foundatin 2008-2009 Scholarship—Students must attend an ABET accredited engineering program, be a US citizen, score at least 600 on SAT Math, 550 in Critical Reading, and 500 in Writing, or score 29 on the ACT Math and 25 on the ACT English. To obtain a complete listing of ABET engineering schools, visit www.abet.org/accrediteac.asp. Scholarship applications are available from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office and must be postmarked by January 16th.
35. Lamar University College of Engineering Scholarship—This opportunity is open to engineering students at Lamar University. Applications are available from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office or online at www.lamar.edu/engineering. Completed applications must be received by February 1st.
36. Lamar University Mirabeau Scholars Program—This \$60,000 scholarship is open to students with at least a 1250 SAT (Critical Reading and Math) or a 28 ACT. To apply, students must submit a letter of interest with a personal statement on academic goals and intended major, along with a current resume, a copy of the original Lamar University application for admission from ApplyTexas.org, three letters of recommendation, and a transcript. The deadline is January 15th.
37. The School of Visual Arts in New York City—This art school offers programs in Advertising, Animation, Art History, Cartooning, Computer Art, Computer Animation and Visual Effects, Film and Video, Graphic Design, Humanities, Illustration, Interior Design, Photography, and Visual and Critical Studies. All admission and scholarship materials must be submitted by February 1st and information is available at www.sva.edu.
38. St. Edward's University Holy Cross Scholar Award—This full tuition for four years scholarship to this Austin university is open to students in the top 10% of the class who score at least a 1250 (math and critical reading) or 28 ACT. Applications are available at www.gotostedwards.com/meritawards.xml and must be received by February 1st.
39. St. Edward;s University Trustees Scholar Award—This scholarship is for \$9000 per year for four years. It is open to students in the top 20% of the class who score at least 1200 on the SAT (critical reading and math) or 27 on the ACT. No separate application is necessary. The admission application is available at www.gotostedwards.com and must be postmarked by February 1st.
40. Texas Lutheran University Pacesetter Award—This \$18,000 a year award is open to students who have been accepted to TLU, have a 3.5/4.0 GPA, and either score 1250/28 on the SAT (critical reading and math)/ACT OR rank in the top 10% with a score of 1100/24 SAT/ACT. Students may apply for admission at www.tlu.edu/apply before February 6th.
41. Art Institute Best Teen Chef Scholarship—This scholarship award is for tuition at the Art Institute schools and is open to students interested in culinary arts. Entries must be RECEIVED by February 6th; for official rules, visit www.ArtInstitutes.edu/BTC.
42. KFC Colonel's Scholars—KFC is looking for outstanding seniors with financial need and entrepreneurial spirit to qualify for this program, which awards up to \$5,000 per year. Interested seniors must be enrolling in a public college or university within the state of Texas, be a US citizen or permanent resident, have a minimum GPA of 2.75, be planning to pursue a bachelor's degree, and demonstrate financial need. Eligible students must apply online at www.kfcscholars.org before the February 10th deadline.
43. Anne Ford Scholarship—This \$2500 scholarship is open to students of high merit with an identified learning disability. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent), be a US citizen, and be a senior in high school. For the purposes of this scholarship, ADD/ADHD alone is not considered a learning disability. Eligible applicants can download an application at www.ncl.org/content/view/871/456074/ or pick up a copy from Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office. All materials must be submitted to the Anne Ford Scholarship committee in ONE packet by the December 31st postmark deadline.



44. National High School Essay Contest on the United Nations—This essay contest will focus on “What can the U.S. do to help ensure environmental sustainability?” To enter the contest, go to www.unausa.org/essay2009. Essays must be submitted online by January 5th. Awards range from \$250 to \$2,000.
45. Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Scholarship Program—This organization offers scholarships of at least \$1,000 to students from communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. Currently enrolled high school seniors who are eligible to attend a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school with a complete course of study may apply for ONE of the following scholarship programs: RMHC/Asia = applicant must have at least one parent of Asian-Pacific heritage. RMHC/Future Achievers = applicant must have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage. RMHC/HACER = applicant must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage. RMHC/Scholars = all students are eligible to apply, but a student may only apply for ONE category. Interested students may download an application at www.rmhc.org or pick one up in the counseling office. Applications and all supporting materials must be postmarked by the February 15th deadline.
46. Houston Hispanic Forum Career and Education Day Scholarship—Pick up the application TODAY because it is due to Ms. Alsdorf by December 10th in order to meet the December 12th postmark deadline!!! This scholarship is designed for students who are NOT in the top 10% but have a B or better GPA, have exhibited leadership in school activities, volunteered, and plan to attend college next year. Applications are available from Mrs. Brogan; for more information, visit www.hispanicforum.org.



Opportunities:

1. University of Texas in Austin— UT encourages all interested applicants to visit www.bealonghorn.utexas.edu as soon as possible to explore admissions, housing, scholarship, and financial aid procedures. They also encourage students to sign up for a UT EID, a secure user name for all UT Austin online services. Students will then be able to check their application status, visit the campus, register for opportunities, and contact Myra Fuentes, the admissions representative located at the Houston office.
2. University of Houston - Students can apply to the Honors College. These students will enjoy smaller class sizes, priority registration, personalized academic advising, and the opportunity to live on campus in Honor’s housing. There is the potential for additional scholarship opportunities as well. Students will complete a separate application for both the Honor’s College and the University of Houston. Students can apply online to the Honors College at www.uh.edu/honors.
3. Texas A&M University Aggieland Saturday—This event will be held at the College Station campus on Saturday, February 21st. Students can explore opportunities at Texas A&M, attend a campus tour, attend an Aggie baseball game, visit a Flight Simulator Lab, learn more about admissions, financial aid, and academic majors. Interested students can register and download the schedule and directions at www.tamu.edu/aggiesaturday.
4. The Oklahoma State University Honors College invites you to apply for admission by February 1st at www.okstate.edu/honors. Students must have scored 27 on the ACT or 1220 (critical reading and math) on the SAT.
5. The National College Fair is a program that helps students and families explore postsecondary options and meet one-on-one with admissions representatives from a wide range of national public, private, 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities. The 2009 College Fair will be held Sunday, April 5th at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Students must pre-register at www.gotomyncf.com and print an Admittance Pass for entry into this event.
6. Texas Lutheran University is located in Seguin, TX. Students may apply online at www.tlu.edu/apply. Alicia McKee is the admissions representative in our area and she may be reached at 1-800-771-8521 or by cell at 830-305-7356.
7. Career and Education Day is sponsored by the Houston Hispanic Forum and will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center on Saturday, February 7th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission and lunch are FREE!!! This event is open to students in grades 6-12 and their parents. It is an opportunity to complete your FAFSA form and apply for Texas colleges online, get the facts about financial aid, and speak with professionals about exciting careers. Winners of the Houston Hispanic Forum Scholarship MUST be present at this event.



Opportunities Cont.:

8. The Welch Summer Scholar Program (WSSP) is one of the nation's premier chemistry research programs for high school students. Applications for the Summer 2009 program are currently being accepted and the WSSP is held at The University of Texas at Austin, The University of Houston, The University of Texas at Arlington, The University of Texas at Dallas, and Texas Tech University. Visit <http://www.utexas.edu/research/chemed/lagowski/WSSP/> to learn more about this opportunity or pick up an application from Mrs. Brogan. Applications are due to Ms. Alsdorf by February 20th.
9. Texas A & M's Corps of Cadets invites interested students to participate in Spend the Night with the Corps to learn more about scholarship opportunities through this organization. Interested students may visit www.AggieCorps.org for a list of all applicable programs and dates.
10. Admissions.com is a new website that offers useful tools, tips and information about the college admissions process.
11. Texas State University now offers a Nursing program where students earn their BSN and an Electrical Engineering program. Texas State is located in beautiful San Marcos and students should apply at www.applytexas.org.
12. St. John's University is New York City's premier Catholic university. Students may apply at <http://www.stjohns.edu/apply>.
13. University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) - announces that it will automatically admit the entire top quarter of a senior class instead of just the top 10 %. That currently includes numbers 1 –90 at SHHS. Go to www.utsa.edu/admissions for more information To apply for housing at UTSA, visit www.campushousing.com/utsa.
14. Hardin Simmons University is accepting applications at www.hsutx.edu/admissions/undergraduate. This private, Christian university is located in Abilene and offers a unique degree in Computer Forensics among others.
15. Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN will meet 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students. For more information and to apply, visit www.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships.
16. Texas Tech University's Houston Regional Center wants you to know that your admissions representative is Dre Melendres. Dre may be contacted at Drew.melendres@ttu.edu.

FAFSA: You and your parent or guardian should go to www.pin.ed.gov to obtain your FAFSA pin number. Then, beginning January 1st, you may access the actual FAFSA for 2009-2010 at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You will complete this process EVERY Jan/Feb of college!!!

Congratulations to the following students on their college admissions!!!

Rebecca Berry—Baylor University

Laura Cardiel—Angelo State University, Tiffin University, Sul Ross University, and Sam Houston State

Yesenia Guzman—Houston Baptist University

David Laguna—Western Michigan University

Please bring Ms. Alsdorf or Mrs. Brogan your acceptance letter so that a copy can be made and you can be added to the list of students being admitted to college. If you receive a scholarship, please bring that information to the counseling office as well.