HST Scholarship Newsletter #6

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Search for Dallas, NC (Gaston College Test Site)
Register online at www.actstudent.org

Important Information

- Take/Retake the SAT or ACT as soon as possible. - SUPER SCORE!
- Create an Activity Sheet and send a copy to your Counselor.
- Request recommendations from teachers if necessary, giving them as much notice as possible. Also give them a copy of your Activity Sheet AND Brag Sheet. (Activity Sheet and Brag Sheet Templates are on the Counseling Website)
- Check each College’s website for admissions and scholarship/financial aid information.
- Send your transcript electronically through www.cfnc.org for NC Colleges. - How to Send Transcripts
- Get prior approval before any Off Campus College visit.
- Create a FASTWEB account at www.fastweb.com. This is a FREE Scholarship search just for you. (9-12)
- Create a RaiseMe account at https://www.raise.me. This is a FREE way to earn Micro-scholarships to Colleges. (9-12)

Scholarships with March Deadlines

Wells Fargo Academic Leaders Fellowship Program Discipline: General Award: a highly selective, full scholarship for Pell-eligible high school seniors. The scholarship will be awarded to 20 high school seniors in 2018, with the intent of promoting their academic excellence and leadership development through college graduation. All students must complete the Wells Fargo Academic Leaders Fellowship Program application by Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 5:00 PM PST. Finalists will be invited in March to complete the Finalist Supplement. Recipients will be announced in late-April, and they will attend the inaugural Summer Leadership Summit in Charlotte, NC June 27-July 1, 2018. To apply, students must be: A high school senior with a Spring 2018 graduation date; Pell-eligible, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); A US citizen, national, or permanent resident; In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent); Additionally, students must submit either an SAT or ACT score. Information: https://www.wfalfp.org/ Deadline: February 28, 2018 - See a Counselor ASAP if you meet the criteria and want to be nominated.

NC Alpha Delta Kappa Future Educator Scholarships Discipline: Education Award: Varies Requirements: The Alpha Delta Kappa Future Educator Scholarship is awarded to assist education majors in their final two semesters of coursework with tuition, room and board and course materials. This scholarship was developed for students who display potential to be excellent educators. The Future Educator Scholarship will be awarded annually to one recipient from each of the seven Alpha Delta Kappa regions. The scholarship application packet must be postmarked or received electronically on or before March 1. To apply: http://www.alphadeltakappa.org/ADK/Member_Center/Future_Educator_Scholarship.aspx March 1, 2018
American Chemical Society Scholars Program  
**Discipline:** Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Chemical Engineering. **Award:** Up to $3,000 a year  
**Requirements:** To be considered for a scholarship through the ACS Scholars Program, candidates must be African-American, Hispanic/Latino, or American Indian, be a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident, be a full-time student at a high school or accredited college, university, or community college, demonstrate high academic achievement in chemistry or science (Grade Point Average 3.0, "B" or better), demonstrate financial need according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) and the Student Aid Report (SAR) form, be graduating high school senior or college freshman, sophomore or junior intending to or already majoring in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering or a chemically-related science OR intending to or already pursuing a degree in chemical technology, be planning a career in the chemical sciences. **Deadline:** March 1, 2018  
To apply: Visit [http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html](http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html)

Create-A-Greeting Card Scholarship Contest  
**Discipline:** General  
**Award:** $10,000  
**Requirements:** Must be 14 years or older by time of entry. Visit [https://www.gallerycollection.com/ScholarshipOfficialRules.pdf](https://www.gallerycollection.com/ScholarshipOfficialRules.pdf)  
**Deadline:** The Contest begins at 12:01:00 a.m. Eastern Time ("ET") May 30, 2017 and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. ET, March 1, 2018. Applications submitted after March 1, 2018 are not eligible. **Contact:** Visit website: [https://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm](https://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm)

Forgivable Education Loans for Service  
**Discipline:** Varies. Must be committed to working in NC in fields designated as critical employment shortage areas. **Award:** Annual loan amounts vary from $3,000 to $14,000. **Requirements:** NC resident; minimum weighted GPA of 3.0; must register with Selective Service, if required; recipients must not be in default, or does not owe a refund, under any federal or State loan or grant program; must maintain satisfactory academic progress according to the enrolling policy of the institution; must be willing to work in NC in a designated critical employment area. **Deadline:** March 1, 2018  
**Contact:** Visit [www.cfnc.org/FELS](http://www.cfnc.org/FELS) or see school counselor.

Hampden - Sydney College - Various Scholarships  
**Discipline:** General  

Marine Corps Scholarship  
**Discipline:** General  
**Award:** One-year scholarships are awarded annually ranging from $1,000-$10,000. **Requirements:** The son/daughter of one of the following: Active duty or reserve U.S. Marine; U.S. Marine who has received an Honorable Discharge, Medical Discharge, or was killed while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps; Active duty or reserve U.S. Navy Corpsman who is serving or has served with the U.S. Marine Corps; or U.S. Navy Corpsman who has served with the U.S. Marine Corps and has received an Honorable Discharge, Medical Discharge, or was killed while serving in the U.S. Navy AND high school senior AND Scholarships are targeted at eligible applicants from families with a maximum adjusted gross income of $77,000 or less AND Your GPA is at least 2.0 or better. **Deadline:** March 1, 2018  
**Contact:** [https://www.mcsf.org/scholarship/](https://www.mcsf.org/scholarship/)

National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity  
**Discipline:** Journalism  
**Award:** $2,000 one-year scholarship, which can be renewed for up to three years at $2,500 per year. The first-year scholarship includes an additional $500 book stipend, the Ellen Masin Persina Scholarship. **Requirements:** Open to high school seniors who are preparing to enter college and intend to become a journalist and who will bring diversity to U.S. journalism. **Deadline:** March 1, 2018  
**Contact:** Fill and print application at [http://www.press.org/about/scholarships/diversity](http://www.press.org/about/scholarships/diversity) or [http://www.press.org/sites/default/files/journalism_diversity_application_2015.pdf](http://www.press.org/sites/default/files/journalism_diversity_application_2015.pdf)

National Society of Professional Engineers - Maureen L. & Howard N. Blitman, P.E. Scholarship to Promote Diversity in Engineering  
**Discipline:** Engineering  
**Award:** $5,000 for freshman year **Requirements:** Awarded to a high school senior (male or female), from an ethnic minority, who has been accepted into an ABET-accredited engineering program at a four-year college or university. **Deadline:** Applications received at NSPE by March 1, 2018. [http://www.nspe.org/Students/Scholarships/blitman.html](http://www.nspe.org/Students/Scholarships/blitman.html)

UNC - Chapel Hill Academic Merit-Based Scholarships  
**Discipline:** General  
**Award:** Carolina Scholars, Pogue, Colonel Robinson, Old Well and Founders, College Fellows and National Merit awards vary from $2,500 - $8,500. **Requirements:** Top of the class, high standardized test scores, leadership, community service; Financial need is not a consideration. **Deadline:** Apply for aid by March 1, 2018. For more information: [https://admissions.unc.edu/afford/scholarships/](https://admissions.unc.edu/afford/scholarships/) and [https://admissions.unc.edu/afford/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities-for-carolina-students/](https://admissions.unc.edu/afford/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities-for-carolina-students/)
UNC-Pembroke **Discipline:** General  **Award:** $1,000 to $4,000 renewable  **Requirements:** Depends on GPA, Class Rank, & test scores; valedictorians & salutatorians receive full tuition & fees; top 5 - 10% of class and others may receive varying amounts.  **Deadline:** Received by March 1, 2018 -  **Contact:** See School Counselor or [http://www.uncp.edu/fa/scholarships.htm](http://www.uncp.edu/fa/scholarships.htm)

University of NC Charlotte - Merit Scholarships **Discipline:** Merit Scholarship  **Award:** $1,000 to 10,000  **Requirements:** 3.9 Weighted GPA, SAT score of 1200 or above.  **Deadline:** March 1, 2018  **Contact:** Visit [https://admissions.uncc.edu/academics/merit-scholarship-programs](https://admissions.uncc.edu/academics/merit-scholarship-programs)

African American Network-Carolinas Scholarship Fund **Discipline:** major in engineering, math, science, computer science, accounting, finance, or business administration  **Award:** varies up to $2,000  **Requirements:** Graduating senior from NC or SC, attend a four year college/university in NC or SC, major in engineering, math, science, computer science, accounting, finance, or business administration  **Deadline:** March 2, 2018  **Contact:** or contact Qiana Austin, qaustin@fftc.org [https://qcitymetro.com/2017/11/30/fftc-scholarship-funds-help-college-bound-students-defray-costs/](https://qcitymetro.com/2017/11/30/fftc-scholarship-funds-help-college-bound-students-defray-costs/)

Clyde and Dezaree Brackett Family Scholarship **Discipline:** Seeking college or technical education.  **Award:** Up to $1,000 - Renewable for 4-yrs  **Requirements:** Must be a resident of a Gaston County for at least one year & graduating from a Gaston County High School OR be a graduate who is a resident of Baptist Children's Home of NC or Boys & Girls Homes of NC; financial need, character, academic achievement  **Deadline:** March 2, 2018  **To apply:** [http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60968-clyde--dezaree-brackett-family-scholarship](http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60968-clyde--dezaree-brackett-family-scholarship)

Girl Scouts Sylvia L. Holmes Scholarship **Discipline:** General  **Award:** $500.00 (Renewal not automatic but previous year's winner shall be eligible to reapply)  **Requirements:** Female high school senior and resident of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Polk, and Rutherford counties. Young woman does not have to be a Girl Scout to apply, but participation in the Pioneer Council will be looked upon with favor. Attendance at a N.C. college or university will also be looked upon with favor.  **Deadline:** March 2, 2018 by 11:59pm.  **Contact:** [https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/47256-Community-Foundation-Of-Gaston-County](https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/47256-Community-Foundation-Of-Gaston-County)

United Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Programs **Discipline:** For all United Methodists  **Award:** Scholarship amounts vary. Loan program: may borrow up to $5000 per year at 5%.  **Requirements:** Applicants must be an ACTIVE, full member of The United Methodist Church for at least ONE year. Membership is determined by the date the applicant was confirmed and took membership vows with a United Methodist church. (Members of other Methodist denominations are not eligible); must be pursuing a degree program at an accredited college or university WITHIN the United States; must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. required to be full-time students according to their schools standards for the program for which they are enrolled.  **Deadline:** March 7, 2018 - [https://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships](https://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships)

Kettering University **Discipline:** General  **Award:** Up to two $5,000 scholarships awarded. Supplemental co-op work during the five-year program provides an average yearly income of $12,800.  **Requirements:** High school senior that is seeking any undergraduate degree program at Kettering. An essay on current business problems. Meets academic admissions requirements. Demonstrates community and school involvement. Complete admission application and financial aid form.  **To apply:** [https://www.kettering.edu/undergraduate-admissions/affordability/scholarships](https://www.kettering.edu/undergraduate-admissions/affordability/scholarships)  **Deadline:** March 10, 2018 -

Noon Optimist Oratorical Contest 9-12 **Discipline:** General  **Award:** $2,500  **Requirements:**Oratorical Contest - Topic - Where are My Roots of Optimism? Write and give a speech on the topic according to the contest rules.  **Deadline:** March 12, 2018  **Let School Counselor know if you plan to apply.** Students will perform their speech in front of the Gastonia Noon Optimist Club and they will select a winner to go on to the next level. Contact Beverly Bradshaw if you have any questions or if you would like to practice your speech. BBradshaw@bbandt.com or 704-868-5024 Application and contest information found here. [https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9Q0nVPajhEkR2NGSkhHckhXdxEpSVIFXMrIUC1fR280c2pr](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9Q0nVPajhEkR2NGSkhHckhXdxEpSVIFXMrIUC1fR280c2pr)

National Peace Essay Contest **Discipline:** General  **Award:** 1st place - $10,000, 2nd place - $5,000, 3rd place - $2,500 (national winners) $1,000 (state winner)  **Requirements:** Open to students in grades 9-12, write essay on " Choose two cases from the past twenty years of countries in transition from war to peace, one successful and the other unsuccessful. Analyze how third parties handled issues of potential and actual corruption.  **Deadline:** March 15, 2018 -  **Contact:** [https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/national-peace-essay-contest/1511](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/national-peace-essay-contest/1511)
Pilot International Scholarship - NC District  
**Discipline:** General  
**Award:** Undetermined  
**Requirements:** Financial need; academic record, character, & application content; must be a senior; must attend four-year accredited college or university in NC.  
**Deadline:** Received by March 15, 2018  

Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarships (multiple scholarships)  
[The Eunice Riggins Memorial Scholarship] is open to any young woman who is currently graduating from an accredited high school in North Carolina and who expects to enroll in a four-year college or university in North Carolina next fall, and who meets eligibility requirements. This is a one-year (nonrenewable) scholarship in the amount of two thousand dollars ($2000). Eligibility Requirements: A) Application submitted to college of choice; B) Academic rank in top 10% of class; C) Minimum SAT score of 1220 or ACT composite score of 25; D) Good character; E) Participation in extra-curricular activities (school and community); F) Financial need( not a primary consideration)  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2018  
**Contact:** Gail White  
[www.GastonCountyScholarships.com](http://www.GastonCountyScholarships.com)

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[The Mary Rose Mills – Linda Rankin Memorial Scholarship] is open to any student who is currently graduating from an accredited high school in North Carolina and who expects to enroll in a four-year college or university next fall, and who meets eligibility requirements. This is a one-year (nonrenewable) scholarship in the amount of two thousand dollars ($2000). Eligibility Requirements: A) Application submitted to college of choice; B) Academic rank in top 10% of class; C) Minimum SAT score of 1290 or ACT composite score of 27; D) Good character; E) Participation in extra-curricular activities (school and community); F) Financial need(not the primary consideration.)  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2018  
**Contact:** Gail White  
[www.GastonCountyScholarships.com](http://www.GastonCountyScholarships.com)

Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarships (multiple scholarships)  
[The Clare Johnson Marley – Mary Earle Berger Fine Arts Scholarship] is open to any student who is currently graduating from an accredited high school in North Carolina and who expects to enroll in a four-year college or university next fall, and who is declaring as his/her major an area of the fine arts. This is a one-year (non-renewable) scholarship in the amount of two thousand dollars ($2000). Eligibility Requirements: A) Application submitted to college of choice; B) Academic rank in top 20% of class; C) Minimum SAT score of 1220 or ACT composite score of 25; D) Good character; E) Participation in extra-curricular activities (school and community); F) Financial aid (not the primary consideration.)  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2018  
**Contact:** Gail White  
[www.GastonCountyScholarships.com](http://www.GastonCountyScholarships.com)

National High School Essay Contest  
**Discipline:** Foreign Policy  
**Award:** The winning prize is $2,500 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC for the winner and parents. Also this year, the Semester at Sea program will provide an all-expense paid educational voyage to the winner (to be used once the winner enters an accredited university).  
**Requirements:** Open to all U.S. citizen high school students whose parents are NOT in the Foreign Service; children of employees at AFSA, Booz Allen Hamilton, and Semester at Sea are also ineligible  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2018  
**Contact:** Visit [www.GastonCountyScholarships.com](http://www.GastonCountyScholarships.com)

SAE Engineering Scholarship Program  
- **Discipline:** Society of Automotive Engineers  
- **Award:** Engineering or related Science  
- **Award:** $400-$10,000  
**Requirements:** Intention to earn degree in engineering or a related science; U.S. citizen; meet minimum GPA, SAT or ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship.  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2018  
**Visit:** [http://students.sae.org/scholarships/bmw/](http://students.sae.org/scholarships/bmw/)

Jarman Family Scholarship  
**Discipline:** General  
**Award:** up to $5,000 may reapply each year  
**Requirements:** This program is designed to help deserving children of full time religious ministers in North or South Carolina to obtain an undergraduate or graduate degree. Scholarship is based upon character, academic achievement, and need.  
**Deadline:** March 16th, 2018  
**Contact:** Visit [http://www.cf gaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60969-jarman-family--scholarship](http://www.cf gaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60969-jarman-family--scholarship)

George & Patricia Barnard "We Believe In You" Scholarship  
**Discipline:** General  
**Award:** $4000 per year renewable  
**Requirements:** Must be a Gaston County public high school student; must have at least a 3.0 GPA; must be pursuing a college preparatory course of study; must have strong evidence of financial need, participation in extra-curricular activities, leadership, motivation, & initiative. Preference will be given to student showing perseverance in face of adversity. One student per school will be nominated.  
**Deadline:** March 16, 2018  
(To School Counselor)  
**Contact:** Visit [www.GastonCountyScholarships.com](http://www.GastonCountyScholarships.com). For questions, see School Counselor.
Nicholas A. Virgilio Memorial Haiku Competition (9-12) Sponsor: Haiku Society of America Amount: $50 Deadline: March 25, 2018 Description: Contest is open to students in grades 7 through 12. Student can submit up to three haiku poems. [http://www.hsa-haiku.org/virgilioawards/Virgilio-contest-guidelines.htm](http://www.hsa-haiku.org/virgilioawards/Virgilio-contest-guidelines.htm)


Create Real Impact Contest (9-12) Sponsor: Impact Teen Drivers Amount: Up to $1,500 Deadline: March 22, 2018 Description: Contest is open to legal residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia between the ages of 14 and 22 years of age. Student must submit an original work (video, music, creative writing, or artwork) showcasing their idea for a solution to the very real problem of reckless and distracted driving. [http://createrealimpact.com/contestrules/](http://createrealimpact.com/contestrules/)

Quest Bridge - College Prep Scholars Program (Juniors) - The College Prep Scholars Program prepares high-achieving, low-income 11th graders to be admitted to the nation’s best colleges, and possibly attend for free. College Prep Scholars could receive special awards, such as full scholarships to summer programs, invitations to exclusive college admissions conferences, all-expense-paid campus visits, and more. College Prep Scholars are uniquely prepared to gain admission and full scholarships to top-tier colleges through QuestBridge. The majority are also selected as Finalists for the National College Match. Being selected as a College Prep Scholar is a notable distinction that celebrates your achievements and gives you an early start in applying to college. See a school counselor if you stand out academically, despite facing financial challenges. The free application is now open, and it is due on March 22, 2017. [https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars](https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars)

Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship Discipline: General Award: Fifteen $2,500 scholarships will be awarded, chosen by the DeMayo selection committee Requirements: Must have a cumulative 3.0 or better GPA, Must send the following to DeMayo's office: typewritten or neatly printed application, a presentation (video, powerpoint, brochure, website, essay) that encourages teens to abstain from underage drinking or highlights the dangers of underage drinking and driving; transcript, SAT scores, two letters of recommendation; must be a graduating senior who must have applied for acceptance to will attend a 4-year college or university; must live in Mecklenburg, Gaston, Catawba, Union, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rowan, Caldwell, York, Stanley, Iredell, Alexander or Burke counties to apply. Deadline: March 26, 2018 (Received by 5 pm) Email entries are NOT accepted. Contact: Visit [www.GastonCountyScholarships.com](http://www.GastonCountyScholarships.com), Scholarships will be awarded based on the student’s video PSA presentation on the dangers of underage drinking and driving, as well as their application, SAT scores, transcripts and letters of recommendation. Please visit [www.demayolaw.com/scholarship-program/](http://www.demayolaw.com/scholarship-program/) for program details.

John E. Willoughby Evening Lions Club Scholarship Discipline: General - must attend college in North Carolina Award: Unspecified Requirements: Eligible students are blind and/or hearing impaired or have a parent who is blind and/or hearing impaired. Deadline: March 29, 2018 Contact: Visit [http://www.cfgaston.org/grantseekers/scholarships](http://www.cfgaston.org/grantseekers/scholarships) to download the application.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Discipline: General Award: Amount varies per scholarship Requirements: Be of Hispanic Heritage; Have a minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for High School Students; Plan to enroll Full-Time in an accredited not-for-profit 4-year university or graduate school during FALL of scholarship cycle year; Be a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA); Complete FAFSA; Complete state based financial aid application (if applicable) Deadline: March 30th each year Contact: Visit [https://www.hsf.net/scholarship](https://www.hsf.net/scholarship)

ABA YLD Law Day Art Contest (9-12) Amount: Up to $750 Deadline: March 31, 2018 Description: Contest is open to students, student groups, and classes in grades 912 (or the equivalent) in the United States. Contestants must submit an art piece on the topic of the 14th Amendment. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/initiatives/law_day_art_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/initiatives/law_day_art_contest.html)

Presbyterian College Fellows Award (Juniors) Amount: $4,000 and consideration for larger scholarships at PC Nomination Deadline: March 31, 2018 Description: Any Junior meeting the criteria may be nominated. PSAT or SAT 1100 or higher, Ranked in top 10% of junior class, weighted 3.5 GPA or more. If you would like to be nominated email a School Counselor by March 26th.
Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship  Discipline: General  Award: Between three and five $2,500 scholarships will be awarded. This scholarship will be offered on a one-time basis. A check for the amount of the scholarship will be mailed directly to the college or university of the recipient for posting to his/her student account. Requirements: US Citizen or permanent resident of the US; GPA of 3.0 or higher (out of a 4.0 scale); high school senior entering a US accredited four-year college or university within the 50 states or District of Columbia starting at the beginning of the fall semester of 2012; have demonstrated leadership abilities through participating in community services or other extra curricular activities; combined adjusted income of parents cannot exceed $100,000. Deadline: March 31 each year  Contact: Visit https://mscottmemorialfund.org/apply/

Scholarships for students with Disabilities - Students with disabilities and health conditions have barriers that other students do not have. Luckily, many scholarship providers want to help students with disabilities and health conditions (and sometimes their loved ones and caretakers) by offering scholarships open specifically to students like them. Some scholarships are open to all disabilities, while others are specific about their disability or health condition requirement. https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/disability/

Chegg Monthly Scholarship
This textbook company gives away $1,000 to a senior each month. Award: $1,000  To apply: https://www.chegg.com/scholarships

Scholarship Resources for Children of Military Veterans - If you are the dependent of a Military Veteran please check out our resources list we created for our students - http://bit.ly/Scholarships4VeteranDependents

UNC Charlotte Scholarships (NinerScholars Portal) - Once a student applies for admission, they can begin building their scholarship profile in the NinerScholars Portal before receiving their decision. The NinerScholars Portal gives students access to more than 1,000 scholarships awarded by UNCC with one application, through one online system. https://scholarships.uncc.edu/

RaiseMe (9-12) - FREE way to earn Micro-Scholarships to over 230 Colleges. Students create a FREE account and earn scholarships for their good grades, their involvement in sports and clubs, community service hours, and taking tests like the PSAT. Students can build a Portfolio of their achievements, Follow Colleges, and watch their scholarship earnings pile up! List of Colleges here - https://www.raise.me/colleges  Create your FREE account here - https://www.raise.me

FASTWEB (9-12) - Provides a FREE college and scholarship search. Students create a FREE account and have access to over 1.5 million scholarships. www.fastweb.com

Important Senior Info
If you have already applied to the College(s) of your choice, make sure all of your applications are complete. Complete Application = application submitted, test scores sent from testing agency, transcript sent, fee paid, and any other additional requirements the school may require.

All Seniors planning to attend College should complete the FAFSA - FAFSA became available on - October 1, 2017 - https://fafsa.ed.gov/  Create a FSA ID -https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid - Both student & Parent must have an ID. After you submit a FAFSA you should double check to make sure your FAFSA is complete. Some students need to submit additional documentation or correct errors. - Students should check his/her Student Aid Report (SAR), which was sent as a link to the student’s email after the FAFSA was submitted. The SAR also provides instructions on correcting errors.

RDS - Residency Determination - Before you APPLY! Everyone applying to a NC college (this includes Community College) will need to complete RDS to get in state tuition or state grants at private colleges. You will use your CFNC username and password to login to RDS. This process is important because a student’s residency status determines their cost of tuition and eligibility for North Carolina-supported financial aid. Contact 844-319-3640 or 919-835-2290 for troubleshooting.

When you receive a Scholarship or Grant - Please provide your School Counselor with a copy of ANY scholarship or grant you receive, even if it is to a school you don’t plan to attend. You can bring in a copy of your award letter or fwd us a copy of the email you received. We want to keep track of all scholarship and grant money our students receive this year. Thanks for your help!