



## Pisgah High School Counseling Center SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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### February 2010

**FAFSA Day: Saturday, February 13, 9:00-noon**  
(Get FREE help completing your federal financial aid form!)

1. Call 452-3570 to schedule an appointment at your local State Employees Credit Union!
2. Register online at [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) to make an appointment with a financial aid officer at Southwestern Community College or the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

#### **SAT Dates:**

-Register for March 13 test by **Feb. 4.**  
(Late registration until Feb. 18.)

#### **ACT Dates:**

-Register for the **April 10** test by **March 5.**  
(Late registration until March 19.)

#### **Tips for Completing those Scholarship Applications**

1. Read all instructions carefully. Make sure you meet all eligibility requirements (eg. two-year or four-year school, minimum GPA, college major / career plans, etc.) before you begin.
2. Make a photocopy of the application. Complete a "draft" in pencil on the copy BEFORE you type or write (in black ink!) your final copy.
3. Ask someone to read over your draft to make sure it answers all required questions. Spelling and grammatical errors are NOT impressive.
4. Most applications from this point of the year forward will ask whether you have completed the FAFSA (and may ask for the EFC the FAFSA produces). Please get this document completed as soon as possible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the financial aid office of a school of interest for assistance.
5. Have a "resume" of work experience, volunteer experience, extracurricular activities, and awards/honors handy. It's best to save a copy on your computer: You'll probably need it several times.
6. Most applications require at least one letter of reference. Don't wait until the last minute to ask someone! Do ask them to save a copy in case you need another later on. Do send them a thank-you note for their assistance.
7. Put all scholarship deadlines on a calendar somewhere you look regularly.  
*Note if the deadline is for actual receipt of the application or a postmark deadline. Note whether you return the application to your school's counseling center or you mail it yourself.* If you have any questions about the application, see your counselor or contact the scholarship sponsor well before the deadline.
8. Ask Ms. Hardin for the required transcript BEFORE the deadline!
9. **Follow all directions to the letter!**

When completing your FAFSA, have on hand:  
**\*2009 federal tax returns** (for student and parents); if not available, W-2 forms  
**\*FAFSA pin numbers** (which student and parent can obtain at **[www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)**)

It is also helpful to have :  
**\*2010-11 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet** (available at **[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)**)  
**\*social security card** (or alien registration/permanent resident card)  
**\*your driver's license** (if applicable)  
**\*current financial statements** and business/investment records

from *College Foundation of North Carolina*

Character Trait for the Month of January:

#### **Honesty**

"Honesty is the best policy. If I lose mine honor, I lose myself."  
William Shakespeare

## **Scholarships: Always see your counselor for more information!**

*Ione M. Allen Music Scholarship:* Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, personal character and leadership, and musical talent. Please note that Federal Tax Form 1040 and W-2 Forms are required.

Application available at [www.wachoviascholars.com](http://www.wachoviascholars.com) or call (866)608-0001. Must be postmarked by **February 6, 2010**.

*KFC Colonel's Scholars:* Up to \$5000 for students with GPA of 2.75 or higher; available at [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org). Deadline **February 10, 2010**.

*Jagannathan Scholarship:* For students planning to attend a college in the UNC system.

Please note that applicants must also complete a CSS Profile, available for \$25 at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

Applications in the counseling center; Deadline **February 12, 2010**.

*Best buy @ 15 Scholarship Program:* One thousand \$1000 scholarships; consideration given for grades, service, and work experience.

Application available at [www.bestbuy.com/scholarships](http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships). Deadline **February 15, 2010**.

*Children of Disabled, Deceased, Combat, or POW/MIA War Veterans:*

Information in Counseling Center or call 274-5559. Deadline **March 1, 2010**.

*Student Athlete Milk Moustache of the Year (SAMMY) Award:* Twenty-five \$7500 scholarships awarded nationally to student athletes.

Apply at [bodybymilk.com](http://bodybymilk.com) by **March 5, 2010**.

*MaxPreps Citizen Athlete:* Ten \$25,000 scholarships awarded nationally. Go to [www.MaxPreps.com/CitizenAthlete](http://www.MaxPreps.com/CitizenAthlete) or call 1-800-329-7324.

Deadline **March 12, 2010**.

### **Haywood County Schools Foundation:**

**Pick up fact sheets in the counseling center or review online at <http://www.hcsf.haywood.k12.nc.us/>**

**One application for over 35 different scholarships! Deadline March 22, 2010.**

*WNC Communities: The Journey Scholarship:*

Students must live in Beaverdam, Bethel, Crabtree/IronDuff/ Hyder Mountain, Cruso, Fines Creek, North Hominy, or Pigeon communities and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications in the counseling center. Deadline **March 29, 2010**.

*Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund:*

For students with 2.5 GPA or higher with community service and extracurricular involvement; Should be postmarked by **March 31, 2010**.

*2010 Carrols LLC/ Burger King Scholarship:* Application in the counseling center. Deadline **April 1, 2010**

*North Carolina Baptist Scholarship:* Students planning to attend one of the five North Carolina Baptist colleges may pick up information in the counseling center, but applications can be done only online. Deadline **April 1, 2010**

*Haywood EMC/ Touchstone Energy Cooperative:* Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2500 will be awarded to students whose families are members of HEMC, who are accepted to an accredited university, and who are planning to study electrical engineering or a business affiliated major. Activities, scores, grades, and an essay are all considered. Available online at [www.haywoodemc.com](http://www.haywoodemc.com) and in our office; Deadline **April 9, 2010**.

*GANAS Scholarship / Loan* for students who are migrants or are formerly migrants. Application in counseling center; Deadline **April 10, 2010**

*State Employees Association of North Carolina:*

20 awards for 4-year schools and 4 awards for 2-year schools. Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of SEANC.

Applications are available at [www.seanc.org](http://www.seanc.org) and must be postmarked by **April 15, 2010**.

*North Carolina Society of Accountants:* \$500 Scholarship for students planning to study accounting.

Application in the counseling center. Deadline **April 15, 2010**.

*People Helping People Scholarship* (Sponsored by State Employees Credit Union): Each traditional high school in North Carolina will have a recipient of \$10,000. Applicants must demonstrate commitment to serving their community. (More information will follow in next month's newsletter.)