

SENIOR SCOOP

February 2010

DEADLINES

YES, there is still time to apply to college! Seniors with college application deadlines must submit their transcript release forms, \$1.00 and senior sketch (if a letter of recommendation is needed) to the Guidance Office. Have you requested your formal teacher letters of recommendation? Remember to provide your teachers with plenty of time to write your letter. Don't forget to provide addressed, stamped envelopes!

NOT YET!!!

As your final semester begins and the application process nears the end, you may think it's finally time to sit back and relax. However, as many admissions counselors would agree, it's just as important now as over the past three and a half years to maintain the quality of your grades and not take the "easy way out" for the remainder of your senior year. Many students have had offers of admission revoked because they have not continued to maintain a strong course load, and also not earned quality grades in the last months of senior year. Don't let all your hard work and efforts go to waste! Maintain your grades and work hard during the short period of time you have left at Oyster River High School.



Remember to stop by the Guidance Office with your acceptance letters to share your exciting news, and while you're here, check out the scholarship binder in the career center!

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

Each year the Guidance Office receives a small number of letters from colleges revoking the admission of a graduating senior. The reasons range from failing grades in the spring semester, to dropping core courses to lighten a senior schedule, to disciplinary issues involving "senior pranks." At this point in the admissions process, it is essential that seniors maintain their grades as well as call the admissions office of the colleges and universities prior to dropping any courses. Below is a sample of a letter received from an admissions representative revoking admission.

Dear Student,

The admissions committee has reviewed your final high school transcript, and as you know, there was a significant decline in your achievement. Often, students with a downward trend in their senior year of high school experience difficulty with the academic transition to college level studies. In this light, your admission has been suspended for the fall semester at this time.

*Sincerely,
Admissions Counselor*

Senior Reminders

- ✓ Seniors must pay \$21 for caps and gowns. Checks should be made payable to: University Cap and Gown. This covers the cost of a cap, gown, and tassel and also four announcements.
- ✓ Monday, 2/15 is the last day to be guaranteed a yearbook. Order online at www.ybpay.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

A List of Your Responsibilities

1. As they come in to the guidance office, local scholarships are advertised in the scholarship binder and are also posted on the guidance website. The office is open to students and parents to review criteria, deadlines, and applications.
2. Read each application carefully. Instructions, qualifications, deadlines and supporting materials vary from scholarship to scholarship.
3. If the scholarship application requires a transcript, counselor letter of recommendation or counselor signature, please bring completed materials to Guidance. Expect completed materials to be ready in the office in two school days. Remember to leave plenty of time to meet all your deadlines, including time for materials to be mailed.
4. It is your responsibility to collect supporting materials (teacher letters of recommendation, activity resumes, college acceptance letters, financial award letters) to complete the scholarship applications.
5. Once you have completed the application and collected all supporting materials mail your materials to the proper mailing address, making sure your envelopes are post-marked prior to any deadline. These dates are not flexible!

Scholarships in Guidance

Dr. Seuss's Oh, the Places You'll Go! College Scholarship	February 15, 2010	Information in Guidance
University of Dayton Leadership in Service Scholarship for students hoping to attend University of Dayton	February 15, 2010	Information in Guidance
Scholarships for Military Children	February 17, 2010	Information in Guidance
Keep Sound Minds Scholarship	February 28, 2010	www.keepsoundminds.org
NAACP Seacoast Branch Nathaniel Holloway Community Scholarship	March 1, 2010	Information in Guidance
John B. Andrews Scholarship	March 1, 2010	www.nhlgc.org
Skrungloo Farm, Inc.	March 1, 2010	Information in Guidance
Loeb Educational Grant	March 1, 2010	Information in Guidance
Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year	March 5, 2010	www.bodybymilk.com
NHIAA - Preston R. Clark, M.D. Scholarship	March 15, 2010	Information in Guidance
Lakes Region Association Scholarship	March 15, 2010	Information in Guidance
NH Water Pollution Control Association Student Scholarship	March 19, 2010	Information in Guidance
Great Bay Stewards Scholarship	March 30, 2010	Information in Guidance
Sunningdale Ladies league 2010 Golf Scholarship	March 31, 2010	Information in Guidance
The Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund	March 31, 2010	Information in Guidance
NH Fisher Cats Scholar Athletes	March 31, 2010	Information in Guidance
The Dottie Lourie Memorial Scholarship	March 31, 2010	Information in Guidance
National Kidney Foundation Academic Award	March 31, 2010	Information in Guidance
National Kidney Foundation 2010 Future Achievers Award **For HS Juniors**	March 31, 2010	Information in Guidance
League of NH Craftsmen	April 1, 2010	Information in Guidance
Rehap 3 Scholarship	April 1, 2010	Information in Guidance
The Rotary Club of Durham/Great Bay Scholarship	April 1, 2010	Information in Guidance