

SENIOR SCOOP

January 2010

DEADLINES

Seniors with a college application **deadline of February 1st** must request a transcript, complete the senior sketch via Naviance and pay \$1.00 per school to the guidance office **no later than January 11th**. Have you requested your formal teacher letters of recommendation? How will the letter be forwarded to the colleges to which you are applying? Please visit the guidance office with any questions. ☺



Share your Good News with Guidance!

We need copies of your college acceptance letters for information used for graduation.

Financial Aid Websites

www.fafsa.ed.gov (FAFSA)
www.collegeboard.org (PROFILE)
www.finaid.org
www.nhheaf.org
www.state.nh.us/postsecondary

The Financial Aid Process: It's Time!

The process starts with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA for short. If you don't submit a FAFSA, you can't receive any federal aid-grants, work-study assistance, or loans. It's really important that you complete and send in your FAFSA on time. To start the financial aid process:

1. Complete and mail the FAFSA as soon as possible after **January 1**. Since many colleges award aid on a first come-first-served basis, it's in your best interest to submit the forms promptly. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for a PIN number and get started.
2. Shortly after your FAFSA is submitted online, you'll receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) by email. The SAR lists your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to college costs, and the data on which the EFC is based. Review it carefully for accuracy. If it's incorrect, log on to your FAFSA account as soon as possible and make any necessary corrections.

When you fill out your FAFSA, you will specify the schools you are interested in attending. Those schools also receive a copy of your SAR. If you don't receive a SAR, or if you need another copy, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 319-337-5665, or visit the FAFSA website.

3. Check with the colleges to which you plan to apply to determine if they require any additional forms.

Each college you listed on your FAFSA may send you an award letter that lists the sources and amount of financial aid you are eligible for if you attend that school. Follow the instructions in the letter to receive your aid.

What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?

Still unsure of what you want to do when you leave ORHS? You are not alone AND you still have time to make a decision! Many students struggle when trying to decide if they want to go to college right away, whether to attend a two or four year university, or what major to choose. So what do you do?

- Meet with your counselor to talk about the options available to you.
- Choose a liberal arts college with a variety of programs allowing you to take courses in your areas of interest. Liberal arts colleges often offer a wide range of majors.
- Find a Gap Year experience in a field of interest.
- Find a summer internship that fits with an area of interest.
- Take a course or two at a community college to explore areas of interest.
- Complete a day-long job shadow to see if a particular job is right for you.

Investing the time now to thoroughly research your options and make an informed decision can lessen the chance you will need to transfer schools—saving you time and money! Make an appointment with your counselor to talk about your plans.

Scholarships in Guidance

Name	Deadline	How to apply
Burger King Scholars	February 1, 2010	Information in Guidance
KFC Colonel's Scholarship	February 10, 2010	http://www.kfcscholars.org
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
Loeb Educational Grant	March 1, 2010	Information in Guidance
Lakes Region Association Scholarship	March 15, 2010	Information in Guidance
The Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund	March 31, 2010	Information in Guidance
NH Retired Education Association Scholarship	May 1, 2010	Information in Guidance
Morgridge Family Opportunity Scholarship for students hoping to attend Plymouth State University	May 15, 2010	http://plymouth.edu/development/docs/MFOSApplication.pdf
Abbott and Fenner Scholarship	June 19, 2010	http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm
BigSun Scholarship	June 24, 2010	http://www.bigsunathletics.com
University of Connecticut Scholarship for students hoping to attend University of Connecticut		Information in Guidance