

Marion County R-II Senior Bulletin



SENIORS:

Welcome to your Senior year! There are many exciting things to look forward to during this school year and beyond. You should be making plans and setting goals for what you choose to do after high school graduation.

If you are planning to attend a college, university, technical school or another type of training institution there are many steps to take in order to get there. Post-secondary institutions have deadlines for admission, scholarships and housing that you need to meet as early as this fall.

This Senior Bulletin is designed to provide you and your parents with information you need to make the best decisions about your plans for after graduation. It also contains a list of scholarships available and their deadlines. You can also join the Google Classroom for scholarship updates. **The current code is 08953xd.**

Please take the time to read through this guide. If you have questions, please see me for more information or any help you might need with scholarships.

~ Mrs. Byers

Guidance Center

There are questions you may have this year concerning college, technical schools, work, military, and many other things. Mrs. Clayton is available to help you in making these decisions.

You may be approached by schools or organizations through mail, email, phone calls, etc. offering many things. Unfortunately, some of these offers may not be legitimate or may require things they do not tell you about up front. ***Do not sign anything until you are absolutely sure and have investigated every aspect of what is being offered to you. Please ask for assistance with anything you do not understand.***

Most information regarding post-secondary options can be found online; but if you have any questions, you can ask me and I will try to get the answer for you or you can ask Mrs. Clayton.

To receive information about scholarships and deadlines, you may access Google Classroom and use the code to receive updates. **The current code is 08953xd.**

Post-High School Options

WORK:

Seniors planning to go to work after graduation can get help from:

Missouri Career Center
203 N. Center Street
Hannibal, MO 63401
Phone: 573-221-2520
www.jobs.mo.gov

This office can give you information about job openings in this and other areas of the country as well as offering you aptitude testing. Jobs in government agencies often require Civil Service or State Merit examinations.

The United States Department of Labor's official handbook on the job outlook and average salary for certain professions is the Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh

MILITARY

It is possible to obtain educational credits at a college while in the military or to earn significant funds to use for college after the term of service is finished. It is very difficult to get into the military without a high school diploma. The military can offer tremendous benefits to individuals and is an option to be considered in planning your future. See Mrs. Clayton for more information on local recruiting services.

United States Air Force: www.airforce.com

United States Army: www.goarmy.com

United States Army National Guard: www.nationalguard.com

United States Marines: www.marines.mil

United States Navy: www.navy.mil

United States Coast Guard: www.gocoastguard.com

United States Armed Forces Recruiting Center
5311 Oak St.
Quincy, IL 62301
217-222-2814

College & Technical Schools

In the next several pages of this guide, there is a lot of information regarding choosing a college or technical school to best fit your needs. Listen carefully to the daily bulletin and check the college websites for deadlines to apply for admission as well as scholarships through that institution.

College Admission Test

Most colleges require an admissions test. The two most widely used tests are the ACT and the SAT. Most colleges in Missouri prefer the ACT; most schools will accept either. Some major universities and schools on the East and West coasts may prefer the SAT. If there is a question, check with Mrs. Clayton.

ACT: AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST

This is a three-hour timed exam in English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning. The cost is \$50.50 for the regular test. For test dates and registration information go to: www.act.org

SAT: SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST

This is a three-hour test in verbal and math areas. For test dates and information go to: www.collegeboard.com

College Preparation Checklist

September/October

- Meet with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements.
- If you haven't done so already, register for and take exams such as the ACT or SAT for college admission. Check with the colleges you are interested in to see what tests they require.
- Make a final list of schools that interest you and keep a file of deadlines and required admission items for each school.
- Schedule college/technical school visits and contact schools for financial aid information.
- Apply to colleges you have chosen. Prepare your application carefully. **Follow the instructions, and pay close attention to deadlines!**
- Give any recommendation forms to the appropriate teachers/counselors. Do this well before the application deadline. I recommend they make you several copies to put in your file in my room. You will need them for scholarship applications and it will be easy access in your file.
- Search the web for scholarships
- To prepare for filing your FAFSA form in October, apply for a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov> This will allow you to complete your application and access your information online. One of your parents must also get a FSA ID. (This replaces the PIN used in the past)
- As soon as possible after October 1st, complete and submit your FAFSA. You can complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov You should submit your FAFSA by the earliest financial aid deadline of the schools to which you are applying. Check with your individual school for these deadlines.

November/December

- Search for scholarships
- Continue to narrow college choice
- Re-take the ACT or SAT if necessary

January/February

- Finalize college applications if you have not done so already
- Complete scholarship applications. Apply for as many as you can – you may be eligible for more than you think.

March/April

- Review your college acceptances and compare financial aid packages.
- Make final decision on which college or technical school you will attend
- Submit any required financial deposit to your chosen school. Many schools require this notification and deposit by May 1st
- Continue to complete scholarship applications

May

- Complete “Request for Final Transcript” form from Mrs. Clayton

GLOSSARY OF TERMS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

ACCREDITATION – Recognition of a college or university by any of the regional national accrediting bodies indicating that the institution as a whole has been judged to be meeting its objectives.

ACT ASSESSMENT – The test administered by American College Testing. This is required or recommended by many colleges as part of the admission process. The test measures educational development in English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning. It is given at specified test centers throughout the year.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT – Granting of credit and/or assignment to an advanced course on the basis of evidence that the student has mastered the equivalent of an introductory course.

AWARD LETTER -- An award letter from a school states the type and amount of financial aid the school is willing to provide when the student accepts admission and registers to take classes at that school.

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC) – Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is the number that's used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This number results from the financial information you provided in your FAFSA application. Your EFC is reported to you on your Student Aid Report (SAR).

FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION – Identification number used to sign the FAFSA electronically. Students and parents should each have a FSA ID. The number may be obtained by registering at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. This is very important to the FAFSA application process.

FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE – A combination of financial aid (scholarship, grant, loan, and work) determined by the financial aid office.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) – The application for federal student financial aid used to determine a student's eligibility for federal grant, loan, and work funds. This is processed at no cost.

GRANT – Monetary award based on financial need that does not require repayment. Grants are available through the federal government, state agencies, and educational agencies.

PROMISSORY NOTE – A promissory note is a binding legal document you sign when you get a student loan. It lists the conditions under which you're borrowing and the terms under which you agree to pay back the loan. It will include information on how interest is calculated and what deferment and cancellation provisions are available to the borrower. It's very important to read and save this document because you'll need to refer to it later when you begin repaying your loan or at other times when you need information about provisions of the loan, such as deferments or forbearances.

SAT – The test of verbal and mathematical abilities given by the College Entrance Examination Board at specified test centers throughout the year. Required or recommended by colleges as part of the admission process.

STUDENT AID REPORT – Your Student Aid Report (SAR) summarizes the information you submit on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and provides you with your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

SUBSIDIZED LOAN – A loan for which a borrower is not responsible for the interest while in an in-school, grace, or deferment status. Subsidized loans include Direct Subsidized, Direct Subsidized Consolidation Loans, Federal Subsidized Stafford Loans and Federal Subsidized Consolidation Loans.

UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN – A loan for which the borrower is fully responsible for paying the interest regardless of the loan status. Interest on unsubsidized loans accrues from the date of disbursement and continues throughout the life of the loan. Unsubsidized loans include: Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Direct PLUS Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Consolidation Loans, Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Federal PLUS Loans, and Federal Unsubsidized Consolidation Loans.

WAIT LIST – A term used by institutions to describe a process in which they may initially delay offering admission. Colleges offer admission to wait list candidates if insufficient number of regularly admitted candidates accept their offers of admission.

CHOOSING A SCHOOL

Your choice of a school is important. Considerable money is usually involved, but more importantly, your future will be greatly affected. Here are some things to consider:

1. **Choose a career/trade that is right for you.** Can you fulfill the requirements of the career? Will you willingly do the work and study what is necessary to be successful? Will it allow you to live the way you wish? Will you enjoy work?
2. **Investigate the colleges and technical schools that have programs which interest you.** Choose the college/trade school that offers the best program, not necessarily the one all of your friends are planning to attend. Narrow the choices to two or three in which you have the most interest.
3. **Visit the school.** It is very important to take a first-hand look at the campus and the school while it is in session. Weekend visits are nice, but they do not always show the true academic setting of the school. Visit with the students who are already enrolled. Ask their opinions about the school and community. Professors and instructors are usually happy to answer questions about their departments.
4. **Check to see if the school is accredited and approved for the training it offers.** What accrediting agencies check the school at regular intervals to determine if it is offering the training it claims to be? Don't be afraid to ask questions about accreditation. If it is accredited, they will be happy to tell you. If not, you should look very closely at their program.
5. **Transcripts.** Most schools will not take high school records directly from students. Once you have decided upon a college or trade school, fill out an application online. Inform your counselor so she can forward a copy of your transcripts to the college. Your college application will not be complete without an official transcript.

COLLEGE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

COMPARISON CRITERIA	COLLEGE 1	COLLEGE 2	COLLEGE 3
LOCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance from home • Location of nearest city 			
TOTAL COST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition/room & board 			
ENROLLMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size of campus • Total enrollment • 2 yr or 4 yr school • Urban/Rural 			
ENVIRONMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ed; male; female • Religious affiliation 			
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class rank • Tests required • Application deadline • GPA • Other requirements 			
APPLICATION FEE			
ACADEMIC MAJORS OFFERED			
FACULTY/STUDENT RATIO			
ACCREDITATION			
HOUSING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence halls • Availability • Food plans • Deposits 			
FINANCIAL AID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms required • % students receiving • Types of packages 			
FACILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic • Recreational 			
ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/organizations • Athletics/intramurals 			
PARENT OPINION OF COLLEGE			
YOUR PERSONAL IMPRESSION			

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Many college applications and scholarship applications ask for letters of recommendations. Choose the teacher or other person who will best be able to highlight your success and who is willing and able to write a full and descriptive recommendation. Choose one who has recent experiences with you to draw on.

- Ask someone who knows you well
- Ask early
- Ask personally
- Provide all necessary materials
- Waive your right to read the letter
- Send a thank-you note

SOURCES: Peterson's College Quick Find and Peterson's Application Organizer

When asking someone to write a recommendation:

- Give the person you are asking plenty of notice.
- Complete the form on the next page and give to the person writing a recommendation to use as a guideline.
- Make sure the person writing the recommendation is clear on what to do with it when it is completed.

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

This letter is for: _____

Class Rank: _____ GPA: _____ ACT Score: _____

College Major(s) interested in:

School Activities/Athletics:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Years Participated</u>	<u>Honors</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Community Activities:

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Years Participated</u>	<u>Role</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Work Experience:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length of Employment</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

FINANCIAL AID

Most students need some form of financial aid to attend college or trade school today. In recent years, tuition costs have risen rapidly and will probably continue to do so. This makes it increasingly important to pursue all available sources of aid.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

SCHOLARSHIPS – Most scholarships are granted by the college. They offer athletic, talent, and academic scholarships to eligible students. You can find information on these by checking with your counselor, the college catalog, the web site, and/or representatives. Many schools have early deadlines, so don't delay.

LOCAL/COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS are available from local sources and usually based on financial need or academic standing or both. These will be published in the daily and weekly bulletin, as well as Google Classroom when available. Many companies, unions, and church groups offer scholarships to employees and children of employees. Have your parents check with their employers.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY The FWS Program provides part time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay educational expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the recipient's course of study.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS are always based on financial need of the student and the family. To receive grants, you and your family are required to complete a family financial statement based on the previous year's taxes. Also included is value of property, outstanding debts, the number of people dependent on this income, and the number in college. Early figuring of income taxes is extremely important. Grants available are PELL, SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants), and Missouri (Gallagher) Student Grants. Grants do not have to be paid back.

LOANS are available directly through the college or from banks and other lending institutions. Many loans are guaranteed by the government and have a lower rate of interest than others. There are also a few local sources for loans.

Perkins Loan

A federal Perkins Loan is a low interest (5% capped) loan for both undergraduate and graduate students with exceptional financial need. Federal Perkins loans are made through a school's financial aid office. You can borrow up to \$4000.

Stafford Loans

If you have financial need remaining after you EFC, Federal Pell Grant eligibility, and aid from other sources are subtracted from your cost of attendance, you can borrow a Stafford Loan to cover all or some of that remaining need. The government will pay the interest on your loan

while you're in school, for the first six months after you leave school, and when you qualify to have your payments deferred. This type of loan is a **subsidized loan**.

If you don't have financial need remaining, you may borrow a Stafford Loan for the amount of your EFC or the annual Stafford Loan borrowing limit. You will be responsible for paying all of the interest on the loan. This type of loan is called an **unsubsidized loan**. Because an unsubsidized loan is not awarded on the basis of need, your EFC isn't taken into account. If you don't receive enough need-based aid to meet your cost of attendance, you can pay for some of your remaining costs with an unsubsidized loan. You'll be charged interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full. Freshmen may borrow up to \$3500.

Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students

PLUS loans to meet student's education costs are available. Parents who do not have a bad credit history can borrow a PLUS loan to pay the education expenses of a child who is a dependent student. The yearly limit on a PLUS loan is equal to your cost of attendance minus any other financial aid you get.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID
(U.S. Dept of Education's Funding Your Education)

- To apply for federal student aid, you must fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is the application for federal student financial aid used to determine a student's eligibility for federal grant, loan, and work funds. This is processed at no cost and applications are accepted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

- For 2020-2021, you should apply **as soon as possible after October 1, 2019, using your 2018 tax information**. Your eligibility is determined one award year at a time. The results from your 2020-2021 application are good only for the 2020-2021 award year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021). Because your circumstances can change greatly from one year to the next, you must complete an application each award year.

- If you are dependent and your parents are divorced or separated, you'll need to complete the FAFSA using information about the parent you lived with more during the 12 months preceding the date of application. If you did not live with either parent, or you lived with each parent an equal number of days, use information about the parent who provided the greater amount (51% or higher) of support during the 12 month preceding the date of application.

If the parent you receive support from was a single parent who is now married or if the parent you receive support from is divorced or widowed and has remarried, your step parent's financial information is required on the FAFSA. This does not mean that your step parent is obligated to give financial assistance to you, but his or her income and assets represent significant information on the family's resources.

FSA IDENTIFICATION

- If this is your first time filling out the FAFSA online, you will need to apply for a federal Student Aid Identification. This is used to make online corrections to your FAFSA and to electronically sign the application. Both students and parents can have a FSA ID. This may be obtained by registering at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>

Estimated Family Contribution

- When your FAFSA is processed, a formula is applied to the information you provided. The formula takes into account your family's income, some assets, and certain expenses that are required, necessary, and related to earning income.

The formula result is the EFC, which indicates how much money you and your family are expected to contribute toward your cost of attendance for the school year. If your EFC is below a certain amount, you'll be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, assuming you meet all other eligibility requirements. The amount of your Pell Grant depends on your EFC, your cost of attendance (which the financial aid administrator at your college will figure out) and your enrollment status.

- For other aid programs, the financial aid administrator at your college takes your cost of attendance and then subtracts your EFC, the amount of a Federal Pell Grant you are eligible for, and aid you will get from other sources. The result is your remaining financial need:

Cost of attendance
- EFC
- Pell Grant Eligibility
- Aid from Other Sources
Financial Need

**Your cost of attendance is the sum of:

- Your actual tuition and fees,
- The cost of room and board (or living expenses for off campus),
- The cost of books and supplies,
- An allowance for transportation, and
- An allowance for miscellaneous expenses.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The best source of scholarships is the college, university, or trade school the student is planning to attend. Individual colleges and university catalogs are a good source to begin with for financial aid or by writing to their financial aid officers. The Missouri Connections website has a scholarship search feature as well.

I will publish a list of local scholarships as they are available. This will be on the daily/weekly bulletins and Google Classroom. It is very important to watch for application deadlines. Google Classroom code is 08953xd.

FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES:

www.finaid.org

www.dhe.mo.gov

www.collegeboard.org

www.fastweb.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.collegeview.org

www.fafsa.gov

www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov

Scholarships

All students should take advantage of the opportunity to apply for scholarships that will help them further their education. The following scholarships listed have been made known to me. This is not an exhaustive list. The scholarships below are based on the previous year of scholarships. Amounts may change from year to year. Students should research scholarships on their prospective college/university/technical school website as well. Parents should also check with their employers to see if they offer scholarships for children of employees. If anyone knows of any other scholarships, please let me know.

For scholarships that are specific to a college/university (institutional scholarships), visit the college admissions/financial aid site as soon as possible or see me and we can call your college.

I also receive notification of scholarships on a national level through various websites and emails. I will post these in Google Classroom as they become available. The class code to join is **08953xd**. Some require essays, some require videos, and some are simply fill in the blank. These scholarships are worth it if you are willing to put in the extra effort. Take advantage of these!

➡ = Local Scholarship

★ = Will be awarded to an MCR-II Graduate

- ➡ ★ **American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship** -- \$500 -- Anyone is eligible to apply; however, preference is given to the (grand)son/(grand)daughter of a veteran.
- ➡ ★ **American Legion** -- \$1000 -- Must type a few questions about yourself. Preference is given first to a child or grandchild of a veteran with financial need, but others will be considered. See me for an application or visit the school website.

American Soybean Association -- \$5000 (\$2500 increments) - presented to a current, eligible high school senior who is planning to pursue a degree in agriculture at an accredited college or university. The scholarship is managed by the American Soybean Association (ASA) and is made possible through a grant by BASF Corporation. Parent or Grandparent must be a current ASA member. They must remain a member throughout the tenure of student's scholarship. Student needs current ACT scores, letters of recommendation and an essay.

Conservation Foundation of Missouri Scholarship -- CFMO offers 5 - \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors or undergraduates in different natural resources areas.

- ➡ **FCS Financial** -- \$1500 scholarship to area Seniors whose parent or grandparent is a customer of Farm Credit Services.

➔ ★ **Farmers Mutual Insurance Company** -- \$1000 scholarship to one of our graduating Seniors. Children or grandchildren of Farmers Mutual Directors or employees may not apply for this scholarship. Neither the class Valedictorian nor the Salutatorian may apply for this scholarship.

➔ **Foundation for Rural Service (Mark Twain Telephone Company)** – Application will go to a bigger scholarship pool. If none of our area students are recipients, then Mark Twain Telephone Company will give away a scholarship.

➔ **George & Hazel Barber** -- Amount Varies each year -- This scholarship is based largely on financial need. You need lots of financial information for this application and it needs to be notarized before you turn in to me.

Grinnell Mutual -- \$1000 Scholarship -- Students must have an auto insurance policy through a Grinnell Mutual agent. Check with your agent, your insurance may be through this company and you don't know it. Some Independent agents in our area that write through this company include: B & S Insurance, Palmyra; Farmers Mutual, Palmyra; Palmyra Insurance Agency; FMFI, Shelbina; Robert Burghart, Quincy; Benson Insurance, Hannibal.

➔ ★ **HomeBank** -- \$1000 and possible job opportunity with HomeBank. **One of our students will receive this scholarship**

➔ **Josh Houchins Memorial Student Athlete Scholarship** -- \$500 -- Any student having participated in one or more sports (as defined by MSHSAA) and remain academically eligible to play may apply.

➔ ★ **Lt. Gen. Philip C. Gast Memorial Scholarship** -- \$1000 -- **One of our Seniors will receive this scholarship** Philip C. Gast grew up on a farm outside Philadelphia, Mo. Gen. Gast wanted others in his community to pursue their passions and he appreciated an individual's demonstration of leadership, tenacity and integrity. This scholarship is intended for Marion County R-II seniors wishing to continue their education at an accredited college, university or vocational (trade) school.

➔ ★ **MFA Scholarship** -- \$2000 – **One of our graduating Seniors will receive this scholarship.

➔ ★ **MCR-II Common Application** -- There is an application available for various scholarships made possible by different families in the community. These scholarships include:

- Finley May Tillett – \$250 - For students attending Hannibal-LaGrange University
- Jamie Banks -- \$250
- Lindsey Bock Memorial -- \$100
- Foehringer & Critchlow -- \$100
- Kathleen Smoot – \$100 For students majoring in Business

➔ **Marion/Ralls Retired School Personnel** -- \$250 -- Anyone enrolling as a full time student in a fully accredited college or university planning to work in some form of public or private education may apply.

McKay Charitable Trust Scholarship -- Amount: To be determined later -- Students you are interested in majoring in education or a seminary degree in the ministry. This is open to students in Ralls, Pike, and Marion County.

Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarship -- Several scholarships available for 4-H members. Go to the website for more info or see me for an application.

Missouri Association of Rural Educators (MARE) -- This is a \$500 scholarship available for students interested in majoring in education.

Missouri Bankers Foundation -- \$1000 -- This is a regional scholarship designed for graduating Missouri high school seniors who plan to pursue college studies in banking-related degree programs.

➔ **MO Cattlemen's Scholarship** -- \$1000 -- Seniors or Senior Parents must be a current member of the Cattlemen's Association. Three letters of recommendation are needed with one being from a current Cattlemen's Member.

MO Insurance Education Foundation -- \$1500 -- They are providing scholarships to four (4) deserving Missouri high school graduating seniors interested in or intending to pursue an insurance, risk management or actuarial science course of study in a Missouri college or university.

Missouri Pork Industry Ambassador Scholarship -- \$1000 -- applicants must be a senior in high school up to a sophomore in college as of January 1st of the year they will begin the program. Applications and three letters of recommendation are required.

Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture -- Students must have participated in the Missouri State Fair as a youth exhibitor in the FFA or 4-H Divisions.

➔ **National Wild Turkey Federation** -- Amount varies each year -- must have a valid hunting license.

➔ ★ **North River Old Iron Club** -- \$250 -- Any Senior is eligible to apply. **One of our Seniors will receive this scholarship.

➔ **Northeast Missouri County Medical Society** -- \$500 -- Any student that will be pursuing a career in medicine (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) may apply.

- ➔ **Northeast Missouri Old Threshers** -- \$250 -- Family must be a member of NEMO Old Threshers for the past two years to be considered.
- ➔ ★ **Shelter Insurance** -- Kyle Mack with Shelter Insurance in Palmyra is awarding a \$2000 scholarship to one of our MCR-II Seniors.
- ➔ ★ **Tasty Freeze** -- Tasty Freeze in Palmyra offers a scholarship to one of our graduating Seniors. Amount varies each year.
- ➔ ★ **Tri-County Buffalo Rangers Saddle Club Scholarship** -- You will need a transcript, a typed statement of your educational plans, and two letters of recommendation.

United Community Credit Union -- One \$1000 and two \$500 scholarships. Must be a member of the credit union to apply.

Various American Legion Scholarships -- These are on the State level, not the local American Legion. You must be a descendant of a veteran and provide a copy of their discharge papers. All applications are available on the American Legion website <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships>

- Charles L. Bacon \$750
- Erman W. Taylor \$750 (For students majoring in Education)
- Joseph J. Frank \$750 (For students who attended Girls/Boys State)
- Lillie Lois Ford \$1000 (For Girls/Boys State or MO Cadet Patrol Academy)
- M.D. "Jack" Murphy \$1000 (For students majoring in Nursing)
- William Basey Memorial \$500 (must be a Jr. Member of Am. Legion or Sons of Am. Leg.)
- Shane Dean Voyles \$750 (Our school will choose one student from the applications to represent our school)

Westlake Scholarship -- Scholarship awards will cover the cost of tuition, plus approximately \$2,000 additional to cover the cost of fees, books, and supplies. Your family gross income must be \$60,000 or less.

Women Legislators of Missouri -- \$500 -- Any female student interested in continuing her education may apply. Requires a 500-word essay.

**Many other scholarships will be posted in classroom that I find online with a much larger pool of students competing.

~ **Scholarship Reminders** ~

- 1) Write neatly! Always use black or blue ink. If possible, typing your information is preferred.
- 2) Double check grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- 3) If you need counselor or teacher letters of recommendation, give **plenty** of advanced notice - *at least two weeks is customary*.
- 4) If you need a transcript for a scholarship, fill out the transcript request form in Mrs. Byers' room.
- 5) If you have an essay to write, ask someone to proofread the essay for you.
- 6) Don't leave anything out of the application, fill in all areas, and submit all required documents.
- 7) Watch deadlines and submit applications on time!
- 8) If you receive a scholarship, write a thank-you note to the selection committee.
- 9) Let Mrs. Byers know if you received a scholarship.

We caution students and parents to be aware that personal information submitted on the paper applications or over the Internet has no guarantee of privacy. Read each website's privacy statement before submitting any personal information, including your email address. It is important for every applicant to research all pertinent information regarding the scholarship application and requirements in this file or on the scholarship sponsor's website.