

# Senior Bulletin

November 1, 2019

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## COMING EVENTS AT UHS

**ASVAB Test** - Wednesday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 237. Get to know your strengths, yourself and your options. You can learn more about the ASVAB Career Exploration Program at <http://www.asvabprogram.com/>. This program, sponsored by the Department of Defense, is offered at no cost and no commitment. Sign up in the counseling office.

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Completion Night at UHS** – Wednesday, November 13, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., in the UHS Counseling Office. Receive free help completing the FAFSA. Go to <http://uhsguidance.com/> to sign up for an appointment time and find out what information you will need to complete the FAFSA .

**College Visits** Admissions counselors from these schools come to UHS to visit with interested junior and senior students in the Counseling Office. These are small personal meetings where you can get an overview of the school and talk personally with the admissions counselor.

<b>Northwest Missouri State University</b>	<b>Monday, November 4</b>	<b>8:50 a.m.</b>
<b>Kirkwood Community College</b>	<b>Monday, November 11</b>	<b>12:55 p.m.</b>

**College Application Workshops** Representatives from these schools will come to the counseling office at UHS to answer questions and help students complete/continue the application process for their schools/programs.

<b>Iowa State University</b>	<b>Monday, November 4</b>	<b>1:00-3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>DMACC</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 6</b>	<b>1:00-3:00 p.m.</b>

**Resources** A variety of test preparation, financial aid, and post-secondary materials are available for check out. Please see Mrs. Gibson in the Counseling Office.

**Transcript Information** Transcripts should be requested from Mrs. Gibson, by completing the gold “Request for Transcript” form available in the Counseling Office or downloading the Transcript Request form from the website. There is a one-time \$2 fee for seniors requesting transcripts. This covers all transcripts needed during your senior year and must be paid with your first transcript request. **Allow 2 days for transcript requests to be processed. Please check due dates CAREFULLY, and plan ahead!**

**College and Scholarship Application Documents** that must be completed by a school counselor must be submitted to Mrs. Gibson and/or your counselor at least five (5)\* school days before postmark deadline. The Counseling Office needs at least 5 days to make sure that all materials are completed and signed, a transcript is printed, and item is mailed by the due date. **Please check due dates CAREFULLY, and plan ahead!**

*\*Any college or scholarship application document, due less than five (5) school days from the day that you submit it to the Counseling Office and request a transcript, is not guaranteed to be prepared on time.*

**Letters of Recommendation** are not entitlements; *they are earned*. **They should be politely requested**, in person, **at least two weeks** before the deadline, from someone who knows you. It takes time to craft a well-written recommendation that reflects the uniqueness of the student. Please provide, in writing, 1) to whom it is written, 2) for what purpose it is being written, 3) does the reader of the recommendation provide any instructions? If so, include them, 4) provide the deadline, 5) provide an envelope with the reader’s name/address, etc., 6) if the writer is to comment on your participation, honors, awards, etc., provide a list of your participation, honors, awards, etc. **Say “Thank you”.**

**ACT Testing** Register for the ACT online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). When registering you will need the Urbandale High School Code: 161220. You may choose to take the test at any available test site. UHS will offer the test on all national test dates except February.

#### **Upcoming 2019-2020 ACT National Test Dates:**

Saturday, December 14, 2019	Registration Deadline November 8 Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee Required) November 22
Saturday, February 8, 2020	Registration Deadline January 10 Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee Required) January 17
Saturday, April 4, 2020	Registration Deadline February 28 Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee Required) March 13
Saturday, June 13, 2020	Registration Deadline May 8 Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee Required) May 22
Saturday, July 18, 2020	Registration Deadline June 18 Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee Required) June 26

**Standby Testing** If you miss the registration deadline for a test date, you can try to test standby. Instructions for standby testing are available online at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org). If you are already registered for a previous or future test date, try to make a Test Date Change instead. Standby testing may be available at test sites on a first come first served basis for each test date.

## **Scholarships**

### **Various Deadlines**

**Iowa College Aid** compiles information on all State of Iowa grants and scholarships and provides lots of financial aid information for students and parents. Go to <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/> for more information.

**The OppU Achievers Scholarship** provides \$2,500 to high-achieving students for tuition costs. To apply, submit a short response at <http://opploans.com/scholarship>. To be eligible, a student must be a U.S. citizen and have a GPA of at least 3.0/4.0. The scholarship is awarded four times a year, with submission deadlines on **September 30, December 31, March 31 and June 30**.

**The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program** is available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need. This highly competitive scholarship includes up to 40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school. For more information and to apply go to <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/>.

**Iowa State University:** Go to [www.financialaid.iastate.edu](http://www.financialaid.iastate.edu) for additional information on scholarships at Iowa State University.

**The University of Iowa:** Go to <https://admissions.uiowa.edu/finances/scholarships-first-year-students> to review all scholarships available to full-time first-year students entering the University of Iowa directly from high school.

**University of Northern Iowa:** Go to <https://uni.edu/finaid/scholarship> for information regarding scholarships available to UNI students.

**Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship** is designed to work with other state and federal programs to completely cover the cost of tuition toward a certificate, diploma, or associate degree in a high-need field. It can be used at Iowa community colleges or accredited private colleges in Iowa that offer eligible programs of study. See website for more information and list of eligible programs <http://iowacollegeaid.gov/LastDollar>. Priority deadline is TBD.

**Iowa Tuition Grant** Up to \$6,000 in grant money awarded to Iowa residents enrolled at one of Iowa's eligible private colleges and universities. Priority is given to applicants with the greatest financial need. Recipients can receive grants for up to four years of full-time, undergraduate study (part-time students may be eligible for adjusted amounts). For more information visit <http://iowatuitiongrant.org/>.

**College Board Opportunity Scholarships** A program that guides you through the college application process. No essay, application, or minimum GPA required. Students are rewarded for effort and initiative by completing key steps along the path to college for a chance to earn scholarships. The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Complete all six steps, and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action. Go to <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>.

**Bright Scholars of Iowa Award** Funded by the [Bright Foundation](#), this award is a need and merit based grant designed to help ensure a selected number of outstanding Iowa high school seniors have the financial means to complete a two-year or four-year college education without debt. The amount of the scholarship is equal to the cost of attendance, less other gift aid (including Pell Grants, institutional grants and scholarships, and private scholarships). This award is renewable for up to three additional years, providing the student maintains a 2.50 cumulative GPA and full-time enrollment. Bright Scholars of Iowa Awards are granted by Iowa State University, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, Southwest Community College, and Indian Hills Community College. For more information visit <http://www.brightscholarsofiowa.org/>. Deadlines vary by college.

**Mount Mercy University Catherine McAuley Scholarship (Cedar Rapids, IA)** Eligible students are Iowa residents who graduated from an Iowa high school, and whose family income is \$45,000 or less annually. Students are expected to reside on campus all four years, participate in the College Success Program during their first year, and file FAFSA. More info at <http://mtmercy.edu/free-tuition>. No due date.

**Guardian Scholars Program** - providing scholarships intended for students who have spent time in Foster Care in Iowa, or lived without the support of parents, between the ages of 14-18. Up to \$8,000 year to help fund education at an Iowa college or university. Info at <http://www.guardianscholarsfoundation.com/>. Application period is ongoing.

**Horatio Alger National Career & Technical Scholarship Program** - Receive up to \$2,500 to pursue a career or technical certificate/degree. Must complete high school (or earn a GED), exhibit commitment to pursue and complete a career or technical program, demonstrate critical financial need, demonstrate perseverance in overcoming adversity, and be under the age of 30 and a US citizen. Application will be open with a rolling deadline until all awards have been given out. <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/>

### **November Deadlines**

**The Elks National Foundation** offers the **2019 Most Valuable Student Scholarship** to any high school senior who is a US citizen, based on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Visit <https://www.elks.org/scholars/> for information. **Deadline is November 5, 2019.**

**Iowa Women in Natural Resources (IWNR)** encourages young adults to pursue careers in the natural resources fields. IWNR sponsors a nongender-based \$500 scholarship for a student who is enrolled or plans to pursuing a career in a natural resources field and plans to enroll in an Iowa university, college or community college. Information and applications are available in the Counseling Office in the Scholarship Drawer. **Deadline is November 15, 2019.**

**James Cox Student Photography Scholarships** -Eleven \$2,500 scholarships honor the life of Television Photojournalist James Cox. Info at <https://www.jamesalancoxfoundation.org/>. **Deadline is midnight November 15, 2019.**

### **December Deadlines**

**H.S. Ostlin Memorial Scholarship** - Eligible students reside in six Iowa counties, including Polk and Dallas. Students must file FAFSA and have an offer of admission from Iowa State University by December 1, 2019 \* To apply for this and other ISU scholarships visit [.](#) **Deadline December 1, 2019.**

**The Frerichs Booster Club \$500 Scholarship** is awarded annually to one senior male and one senior female, based on their academic profile, involvement in high school athletics, involvement in community activities and the recommendation of others. Find applications online at [j-hawks.com](http://j-hawks.com) under the Booster Club tab, or in the Scholarship Drawer in the Counseling Office. Deliver completed applications to Mr. Andrew Olson in the Activities Office by **3:00 p.m., December 4, 2019.**

**Science Ambassador Scholarship** - Full tuition scholarship (coverage up to four years) for a woman seeking an undergraduate degree in science, engineering, or math, funded by Cards Against Humanity. Apply at <http://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/> . **Deadline is December 12, 2019.**

**Annual CGTrader** - \$2,000 award for winner, two \$500 awards for runners-up. CGTrader is a 3D model marketplace backed by the strong designer community of more than 500k members. CGTrader challenges students to dig into the field of technology writing a 500-1,000 word essay on "The Future of the Real-World Environment with Augmented Reality". Go to <https://www.cgtrader.com/scholarships> to apply. Deadline is **December 2, 2019**.

**Iowa State University Hixson Opportunity Award** - \$16,000 grant to Iowa State University. Eligible students must be residents of Iowa who have faced challenges of personal and/or financial hardship. Financial need must be demonstrated. This award is considered separate from Iowa State's OneApp scholarships. For more information, go to <http://www.hixson.dso.iastate.edu/>. Deadline is **December 15, 2019**

**Burger King Scholars Program** - Scholarship grants range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 \* Eligible students will attend college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. Recipients selected based on their grade point average (GPA), work experience, extracurricular activities and community service. Info at <https://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/programs/burger-king-scholars-program/>. Deadline is **December 15, 2019**.

**The AXA Achievement<sup>SM</sup> Scholarship** provides annual scholarships to young people throughout the nation. Learn more and apply at <https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>. **Applications accepted until 10,000 applications are submitted or 11:59 pm on December 15, 2019, whichever comes first.**

The **Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)** offers scholarships through their "Free Speech" essay contest. High school juniors and seniors are eligible to participate. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. For specific instructions and online application go to [www.thefire.org/contest](http://www.thefire.org/contest). **Entry deadline is December 31, 2019.**

**The Navy ROTC 2018 Scholarship** application is open. It provides tuition, money for books and other fees, tax-free spending money of \$250-\$400 per month, 100% employment upon graduation, unlimited travel opportunities, and 30 days paid vacation annually. Go to: <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/>. Application submission deadline is midnight (CST) **December 31, 2019**.

### **January Deadlines**

**National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's (NIAAA) Student Scholarship** - Up to \$2,500 scholarships. Scholarships will recognize the distinguished scholastic, leadership and sportsmanship attributes of high school student-athletes. Winners at the state level receive a plaque and are entered into section, and possibly national competition. More information in the Scholarship Drawer in the Counseling Office. Deadline is **January 3, 2020**.

**Timberline Billing Service LLC offers the TBS Scholarship**, five \$2,000 awards, to graduating seniors who are currently, or have been on an IEP during high school, and have applied to an educational institution for the 2020-2021 school year. More information and application are available in the Scholarship Drawer in the Counseling office. (The Urbandale School District contracts with Timberline Billing Service LLC.) Applications will be accepted until **January 15, 2020**.

**The Air force ROTC High School Scholarship Program** offers scholarships to be used at any of the 1,200 colleges with Air Force ROTC programs. For more information, go to <https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships>. The deadline to apply is **January 17, 2020**.

**College Covered by Discover Student Loan** sponsors the **2019 Discover Student Loans Scholarship Sweepstakes**. Throughout the year, 12 eligible students or parents will be randomly selected to win a \$5,000 Discover Student Loans Scholarship Award to help cover college expenses. Go to <https://scholarship.collegecovered.com/> for more information. Enter by **January 31, 2020**.

**The University of Iowa Department of Physics and Astronomy** awards the **Strayer-Rairden Scholarship in Physics**, a \$1,000 grant, renewable for up to three (3) successive years, to an entering freshman from the state of Iowa. This person is selected by the Department as the state's best-qualified applicant who has declared physics or astronomy as their major. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic merit, not financial need. Please go to <http://www.physics.uiowa.edu/undergraduate-program/undergraduate-scholarships-and-awards/strayer-rairden-scholarship-physics> to view guidelines and obtain a copy of the application form. Application deadline is **January 31, 2020**.

**The Elks National Foundation** offers **Legacy Awards** to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Legacy Awards applications are available online only at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/legacy.cfm> and must be submitted by noon on **January 31, 2020, at 11:59 a.m. Central Time**.

## **February Deadlines**

**The Iowa National Guard Officers Auxilliary** has three scholarships available for graduating seniors. Applicant must be a dependent of a currently serving or retired Iowa National Guard service member. Go to <https://ingoaux.com/scholarships> for more information. **Deadline is February 1, 2020.**

**The Iowa Newspaper Foundation (INF)** offers college scholarships for students preparing for a newspaper career. Visit <https://inanews.com/foundation/scholarships/> for information and to apply online. Application deadline is **February 14, 2020.**

**Mediacom Communications**, through its **World Class Scholarship Program**, is offering 55 \$1,000 non-renewable scholarships to senior high school students in areas of 21 states where it conducts business. Information and applications are available at [www.mediacomworldclass.com](http://www.mediacomworldclass.com). Application deadline is **February 15, 2020.**

**Iowa Student Loan's Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge: Senior Scholarship** will award 30 Iowa high school seniors each \$2,000 to use for their fall 2020 college expenses. Interested seniors should go to <http://www.iowastudentloan.org/SeniorScholarship> to register and read complete rules. All steps must be completed by Friday, **February 21, 2020.**

## **May Deadlines**

**The American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship Program** awards multiple scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Freshman, sophomore, junior and senior students are eligible. Apply at <http://www.americancollegefoundation.org/> by **May 1, 2020**

## **Websites**

**Search for outside scholarships** - these sites are updated regularly:

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.scholarshipguidance.com](http://www.scholarshipguidance.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.ScholarshipExperts.com](http://www.ScholarshipExperts.com)

<https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/>

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

**Help in completing the FAFSA:**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

**College Information:**

MyMajors.com is a site with information to assist you in selecting a college major. [www.MyMajors.com](http://www.MyMajors.com)

- Recommends 5 majors appropriate to a student's background from among 100 of the most commonly found majors (40 more than previously)
- Improves the logic used to make recommendations, including the asking of questions about a student's extracurricular activities and high school electives
- Contains more helpful content about majors and college planning
- Offers links to colleges offering the various majors