

Senior Bulletin

December 18, 2018

Also available at <http://www.uhsguidance.com/senior-bulletinresources.html>

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"**.

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.

ACT Testing Register for the ACT online at 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.

2018-2019 ACT National Test Dates:

Saturday, February 9, 2019	Registration Deadline January 11 Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee Required) January 18
Saturday, April 13, 2019	Registration Deadline March 8 Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee Required) March 25
Saturday, June 8, 2019	Registration Deadline May 3 Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee Required) May 20
Saturday, July 13, 2019	Registration Deadline June 14 Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee Required) June 24

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. 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.

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.

None scheduled at this time.

Scholarships

December Deadlines

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. **Entry deadline is December 31, 2018.**

Huntington Learning Center offers a \$4,000 College Scholarship Sweepstakes. To enter, text 4000 to 84444. For official rules go to <http://huntingtonhelps.com/contest>. Sweepstakes ends **on December 31, 2018.**

January Deadlines

ClaimAid, in coordination with Iowa Association of School Boards is offering two \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who will be continuing their education at a college or university: 1) The Star Student Scholarship of Iowa – to a Special Education graduating senior student, and 2) The Special Education Teacher Scholarship of Iowa – to a graduating senior student who plans to study education, specifically Special Education. Applications are online at <http://www.claimaid.com/iowa-scholarships/>. Application deadline is **January 15, 2019.**

The Des Moines Women’s Club will award 21 various scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Go to <https://www.desmoineswomensclub.com/scholarships/> for a complete list and links to applications. Applications must be postmarked no later than **January 18, 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) **January 31, 2019.**

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 31, 2019.**

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, 2019.**

February Deadlines

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. Scholarship Selection Committee is pleased to announce that scholarships will be awarded to a number of students that will graduate this academic year from Iowa public high schools. Applications and information are available online at <http://grandlodgeofiowa.org/grand-lodge/awards/> or in the Scholarship Drawer in the Counseling Office. Completed applications must be postmarked by **February 1, 2019.**

The Elks National Foundation offers **Legacy Awards** to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Legacy Awards applications are available online only at <http://www.elks.org/scholars/>, and must be submitted by noon on **February 1, 2019, at 11:59 a.m. Central Time.**

Veridian Credit Union Incoming Freshman Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a high school senior graduating in 2019 and planning to attend an accredited undergraduate or vocational program in the 2019-2020 academic year. Apply online at <http://www.veridiancu.org/scholarship>. Contact Julie Gage at (319) 236-5694 or JulieAG@veridianCU.org with questions. All entries must be submitted online by **11:59 p.m., February 3, 2019**.

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is offering \$1,500 scholarships to students in rural communities who are looking to continue their education in an ag-related field of study. Go to AmericasFarmers.com for information and official rules. Apply at <http://ffa.org/Scholarships>. Applications are due on **February 6, 2019**.

The Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarship Program awards 80 - \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors working for Hy-Vee or subsidiary who began employment on or before September 15, 2018 or a high school senior son and/or daughter of a full-, regular-, or part-time Hy-Vee or subsidiary employee who has a minimum of six months employment as of September 15, 2018. Detailed information and application is posted online at <https://www.hy-vee.com/corporate/our-company/community/scholarships/> Applications must be postmarked by **February 8, 2019**.

Marine Credit Union (MCU) offers eight \$1,000 scholarships to their members and/or their children. Application form is available at MCU offices or on the MCU website (www.marinecu.com). Completed applications must be **received by February 10, 2019**.

The Iowa Engineering Society Central Iowa Chapter offers a scholarship of \$500 or \$1000 to graduating high school seniors who enroll in the College of Engineering at either Iowa State University or the University of Iowa. Information and application requests are available in the Scholarship Drawer in the Counseling Office. The Application Request Form must be completed and returned no later than **February 12, 2019**.

Mediacom Communications, through its **World Class Scholarship Program**, is offering \$1,000 non-renewable scholarships to senior high school students in areas of 15 states where it conducts business. Information and applications are available at www.mediacomworldclass.com. Application deadline is **February 15, 2019**.

Conservation Districts of Iowa sponsors conservation and agriculture scholarships to graduating Iowa seniors for their first year of college education pursuing study in any field of agriculture or conservation. Information and online applications are available at <http://cdiowa.org/get-involved/scholarships/>. Applications must be submitted to the SWCD Office in the county in which they reside by **February 15, 2019**.

The Iowa Newspaper Foundation (INF) offers college scholarships for students preparing for a newspaper career. Visit <https://inaneews.com/foundation/scholarships/> for information and to apply online. Application deadline is **February 15, 2019**.

March Deadlines

The Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education will award scholarships of \$2,500 each to selected students in the spring of 2019. Applicants must be committed to the pursuit of automotive-related studies, such as technician training, body shop/collision repair, diesel, new vehicle sales, parts sales, accounting, or business administration. They reserve the right to rescind a scholarship award if the student fails to maintain enrollment in these types of studies prior to receiving the scholarship. Details and applications are available in the Scholarship Drawer in the Counseling Office. Applications are due at IADA headquarters by **5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2019**.

Iowa's 2019 Matthew Shepard Scholarship program is offered to openly LGBTQ Iowa high school seniors. More information is available at <http://matthewshepardscholarship.com/>. Applications are due by 11:59 CST, **March 1, 2019**.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. Masonic Charitable Education Corporation is pleased to offer the **MCEC Technical Scholarships**. The scholarships, known as the "**Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarships**", will be awarded to a number of graduating Iowa public high school seniors who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa community college. Applications and information are available online at <https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/grand-lodge/awards/> or in the Scholarship Drawer in the Counseling Office. Completed applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2019**.

The First Friday Breakfast Club (FFBC) awards scholarships of \$3,000 to Iowa high school seniors committed to reducing homophobia and increasing awareness and tolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues and reduce homophobia in their schools and/or communities. Applications are available online at <http://www.ffbciaowa.org/index.php> or in the Scholarship Drawer in the Counseling Office. Applications and transcripts must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2019**.

April Deadlines

Prairie Meadows offers two \$2,500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Urbandale High School. Applicants must enroll full-time at an Iowa college/university/trade/technical institution, be a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident for a least the past two consecutive years, and earn a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale while in high school. Applications are available online at www.prairiemeadows.com, click on Community, then Scholarship Program for more information and an online application. Completed applications are due to Mrs. Gibson in the Counseling Office by Friday, **April 5, 2019**.

Veridian Credit Union ArtShare Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship to be awarded to a student who excels in the arts and plans to pursue educational programs leading to a career in the arts. Information and application may be found at <http://www.veridiancu.org/scholarship>. Contact Julie Gage at (319) 236-5694 or JulieAG@veridianCU.org with questions. Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on **April 14, 2019**.

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 <https://americancollegefoundation.org/by> **May 1, 2019**.

The Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship, administered by MidWestOne Bank, awards \$800 scholarships each year to needy and worthy students attending the University of Iowa. Recipients must be: 1) of the Protestant faith, 2) a resident of the State of Iowa, and 3) a full-time student at the University of Iowa. At least one of the recipients must be a member of an Episcopal Church, and at least one must be a young man who shows interest in and promise for a career in banking. Applications are available in the Scholarship Drawer in the Counseling Office and must be submitted no later than **May 1, 2019**.

June Deadlines

The Iowa Section PGA of America offer the Charlie Burkart Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of their interest and activity in golf and the potential for future contributions to the game, leadership skills/community involvement, then on academic/professional ability and financial need. Applications available in the Scholarship Drawer in the counseling office or apply online at <https://www.iowapgajuniorgolf.com/charlie-burkart/>. Applications must be submitted prior to **June 14, 2019**.

Various Deadlines

Waldorf University, will award up to full tuition Pillars scholarships to incoming residential students with passions in scholastic, leadership or service areas. To apply, complete the Waldorf University free application at <http://waldorf.edu/apply>. Choose Pillars as the program of interest. You will be contacted by one of their academic representatives to continue the application process. For more information, please visit <https://www.waldorf.edu/pillars>.

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 now 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 directly from high school.

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

Websites

Search for outside scholarships - these sites are updated regularly:

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarshipguidance.com

www.finaid.org

www.ScholarshipExperts.com

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

www.scholarships.com

www.studentscholarships.org

College Information

MyMajors.com is a site with information to assist you in selecting a college major. 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

Help in completing the FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/completing_fafsa/index.html