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BLACKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS NEWSLETTER

Making postsecondary plans a reality!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

27

WIN Testing

APRIL

15

ASVAB

APRIL

16

Clemson Trip

APRIL

26

Class Day

MAY

7

Decision Day

MAY

8

Senior Exams

MAY

9

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MAY

20

*Graduation
Practice*

MAY

21

Graduation

WHAT IS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS?

Students **MUST** be college or career ready in order to receive early dismissal from school during their senior year. Below is a list of ways you can accomplish that.

College Ready	Career Ready
3 or Higher on an AP Test	CTE Completer with a National Certification Test
6 Dual Enrollment Credit Hours	Earn a Silver or higher on WIN
20 or High on ACT	31 or Higher on ASVAB
1020 or Higher on SAT	Obtain 40 hours in a state-approved work-based learning program

Key Message:

- #1: A high school diploma is important, but students need to be prepared for what's next.
College? Military? A Career?
- #2: There are many ways for our students to achieve success after graduation. A college degree is not the only path.

How to create your FSA ID?

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Help Center', 'Submit a Complaint', and 'English | Español'. Below this is the 'Federal Student Aid' logo and a menu with 'FAFSA® Form', 'Loans and Grants', 'Loan Repayment', and 'Loan Forgiveness'. The main content area features a large graphic with the text 'FAFSA form' and a red button that says 'CLICK HERE' with a hand cursor icon. To the left of this button, there are two blue buttons: 'Start New Form' and 'Access Existing Form'. A large white mouse cursor with a black outline is pointing at the 'Start New Form' button. Below the main graphic, there is a section titled 'Check FAFSA® Deadlines' with a 'Find Deadlines' button and a link to 'View All FAFSA Deadlines'. The website also includes a search bar and a footer with the text 'An official website of the United States government.'

What's an FSA ID?

The FSA ID is a username and password combination you use to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems. The FSA ID is your legal signature and shouldn't be created or used by anyone other than you - not even your parent, your child, a school official, or a loan company representative. You'll use your FSA ID every year you fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form and for the lifetime of your federal student loans.

Click the image above to access the studentaid.gov webpage or go to:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>

What is Work-Based Learning?

Apprenticeship

An earn-while-you-learn training model that combines on-the-job training, job-related education, and a scalable wage progression.

Co-Op

A structured training program for high school level students requiring a written contract and training plan between the high school and sponsored worksite.

Internship

A progressive, school-sponsored experience that places students in real worksite environment setting to develop, and practice career-related knowledge and skills needed for a specific level job role.

Job Shadowing

A method of short-term, school-coordinated career exploration in which the student is introduced to a particular job role or career by being paired, one-on-one, with an employee at the worksite.



Mentoring

An experience that engages a student with a particular worksite employee who possesses workplace skills and knowledge to be mastered by the student.

School-Based Enterprise

A program focused on the development of a simulated business created, managed, and operated by students in a school setting.

Service Learning

A method in which the student engages in community-service work for a specified number of hours to gain developmental experience.

Structured Field Study

A front-loaded experience with a purpose sponsored by a school representative providing opportunities for students to explore different workplaces.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER?



FBI

COLUMBIA TEEN ACADEMY

The FBI Columbia Teen Academy is a two-day interactive program that allows high school students a look into today's FBI through blocks of instruction and demonstrations.

Students are provided with several presentations on topics including terrorism, cyber, evidence response, SWAT, and the day-to-day operations of a typical FBI office.

HOW TO APPLY:

Students will be required to type a 500-word essay on why they would like to attend the Teen Academy and how they would apply what they will learn to their futures.

APPLICATION:

<https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/columbia-teen-academy-2024-1.pdf/view>

LOCATION: FBI COLUMBIA FIELD OFFICE

DATES: JUNE 26-27, 2024

TIME: 8:00AM - 4:00PM

COST: FREE

DEADLINE: MARCH 19, 2024

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

QUESTIONS: COLUMBIA_OUTREACH@FBI.GOV



CLICK THE FLYER TO ACCESS THE FBI COLUMBIA TEEN ACADEMY APPLICATION!!

High School to Healthcare Summer Program



GET AHEAD OF THE GAME

For one week this summer, get ahead of the game with hands-on experience at Spartanburg Regional. Sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in a healthcare career are invited to apply.

Date: **June 10-14, 2024**

Apply Now



**Application
will open
February 1st**

APPLICATION DETAILS

Your school career development facilitator is your contact and will work with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System to choose participants.

Students applying for the summer program must:

- Provide a 250-word essay on why you wish to participate in the program.
- Have a 3.0 GPA and provide a copy of your high school transcript.
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from your high school principal, teacher or counselor. Recommendations from family members will not be accepted.

Questions? Visit Go.SRHS.com/HS-to-HC



SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS
WEEK

JULY 14-19, 2024



DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S BUSINESS LEADERS TODAY!

ABOUT BUSINESS WEEK

- Held at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC
- Designed to educate students on entrepreneurship, leadership, and the American free enterprise system
- The program is FREE to attend thanks to business community sponsors (\$75 application fee only)

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Students form mock companies complete with executive leadership roles
- Companies are led by Company Advisors - leaders from companies across South Carolina
- Comprehensive workshops are conducted teaching business and leadership skills
- Competitions to increase company profitability are done through the application of workshop takeaways

REQUIREMENTS

- 3.0 GPA or higher (Other GPA's will be considered by your recommendation letter)
- Completion of 10th, 11th, or 12th grade by June 2024
- Demonstrated leadership skills in school and community activities

HOW TO APPLY

- Full application details are available on the SC Business Week Website
- The application must be submitted in full in order to be considered

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: APRIL 30, 2024

30+

NUMBER OF LEADERS IN BUSINESS, EDUCATION, AND GOVERNMENT THAT PROVIDE EXPERTISE TO STUDENTS



MOVIES, A TALENT SHOW, GAME NIGHTS, AND MORE HELP STUDENTS CONNECT AND MAKE FRIENDS



MEALS, HOUSING, AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COVERED BY BUSINESS COMMUNITY SPONSORS



SPEAKERS ARE EXPERTS IN ECONOMICS, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, R&D, DIVERSITY, AND COMMUNICATIONS



TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY, VISIT WWW.SCBUSINESSWEEK.COM



Career Readiness
Courseware &
Credentials

Work Ready Credential

Validate the academic skills that matter to employers

work ready credential

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The Work Ready Credential is a workforce education and development tool comprised of three proctored assessments: Work Ready Math, Work Ready Reading, and Work Ready Data. It brings employers, learners and job seekers, and education and workforce partners together in building a skilled workforce while keeping and attracting businesses with high-wage jobs.

Why were these assessments selected?

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Work Ready Reading measures ability to read, understand, and interpret written workplace text such as memos, schedules, company policies, and technical manuals. The assessment evaluates reading skills including obtaining information and applying new knowledge; following instructions in procedural documents; and understanding regulations, policies, and procedures.

Work Ready Data measures ability to understand and interpret workplace data presented in forms, workflows, diagrams, charts, and graphs. The assessment evaluates data analysis skills including identifying trends and relationships among variables; interpreting research and operational data; and reviewing technical drawings and specifications.

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You still have time to apply.

Click the logo to apply to that college.



Scholarships and Grants for SC Residents



General Eligibility requirements for all programs:

- US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident*
- SC Resident*
- No felony convictions**
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default on any state or federal loans
- Enroll in a degree-seeking program at an eligible SC institution

*This must be determined at the time of high school graduation & college enrollment.
 **Excluding Lottery Tuition Assistance.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

SC HOPE
\$2,800

- Attend an eligible four-year institution
- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

- 3.0 LIFE GPA; and
- Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year*

If a SC HOPE recipient satisfies the above criteria, they move into the LIFE scholarship program beginning in their 2nd academic year

LIFE
\$5,000

- Two-Year Institution**
- 3.0 SC UGP GPA
- Four-year Institution (Meet 2 out of 3)**
- 3.0 SC UGP GPA
 - 1100 SAT or 22 ACT
 - Rank in top 30% of graduating class*

- 3.0 LIFE GPA; and
- Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year*

Up to eight terms of eligibility towards first Bachelors degree

*Cannot use rank if graduating mid-year

*Academic year: Fall, Spring, Summer
 ** Can use AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, and CLEP hours towards credit hour requirement

Palmetto Fellows

\$6,700 year 1
\$7,500 year 2-4

- 3.5 SC UGP GPA; and
 - 1200 SAT or 25 ACT; and
 - Top 6% rank in either 10, 11, 12
- Without regard to rank (Alternative Criteria)
- 4.0 SC UGP GPA; and
 - 1400 SAT or 31 ACT

- 3.0 Institutional GPA; and
- Earn 30 credit hours each academic year

Up to eight terms of eligibility towards first Bachelors degree

*Mid-year graduates MUST apply prior to mid-year graduation date

*Academic year: Fall, Spring, Summer
 **Cannot use AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, or CLEP hours towards credit hour requirement

Lottery Tuition Assistance

- 2-Year institutions only**
- Complete the FAFSA or FAFSA waiver;
 - Enroll in at least six credit hours

- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- After attempting 24 hours, earn a minimum 2.0 GPA; and
- Complete the FAFSA annually

Students are not eligible to receive Lottery Tuition Assistance for more than one certificate, diploma, or degree earned within any five-year period unless the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study.

SC Need-based Grant
\$3,500 (Full-time)

- Determined 'in need' by completing the FAFSA

- 2.0 GPA; and
- Earn 24 credit hours; and
- Complete the FAFSA annually, so 'in need' status can be confirmed.

Scholarships Available at BHS

Hammett/Coyle Methodist - 3/26

Cherokee Co. Recreation Department - 3/27

McDowell/Spencer Cheer - 3/29

Iris Education Scholarship (online) - 4/5

Cherokee Soil and Water - 4/11

Elks - 4/11

Martin Elks - 4/11

Ginger Horton Memorial - 4/12

Ola Copeland Memorial - 4/15

BHS Band - 4/19

BHS Ken Holmes Band - 4/19

BHS Sheila Falls Band - 4/19

Hope after Grief (online) - 4/26

Rotary - 4/26

Upstate Workforce - 5/1

**Flyers with descriptions are sent to
students emails, posted in guidance, and
listed on website**



ATTENTION

If your business would be willing to accept student interns or allow job shadowing, please complete the link below.

We are always looking for local business for career development.

[**CLICK HERE**](#)

This will secure your partnership for the 2024-2025 school year!