

Needville High School Senior Newsletter/Scholarship Bulletin

February, 2024

Graduation Status

We are getting very close to finishing your senior year. Thirteen weeks to graduation and counting down. If you are concerned about your grades or credits, please come by and see me. If you are in danger on any second semester classes, please come by and let me know. There are several options we can look at to get you graduated. You have worked for 12 ½ long years to get to this point. Don't mess up now with just a few weeks to go.

College Admissions Tests

Remember your deadlines when registering for the SAT and ACT. Don't put off taking or retaking these tests. Remember, the new SAT and ACT both have a writing section. The ACT writing test is optional, but most 4 year colleges require a writing sample. You should take the writing part of the ACT.

SAT

Test Date

March 9, 2024

May 4, 2024

June 1, 2024

Regular Registration Deadline

Register at www.sat.org/register

ACT

Test Date

April 13, 2024

June 8, 2024

July 13, 2024

Regular Registration Deadline

March 8, 2024

May 3, 2024

June 7, 2024

Register at www.actstudent.org/start

Announcements

Don't Forget About Your FAFSA!!!!

Priority deadline for many scholarships is March 1st or sooner. Please make sure that you get your application submitted on time. Check with your college about their deadlines for FAFSA as well.

Selective Service Registration – When you turn 18 all men must register with the Selective Service. By not registering you can miss out on many important opportunities like student loans, government jobs, and a driver's license in most states. You can register on-line at www.sss.gov or at any post office.

MeritAid.com – MeritAid.com is the first comprehensive Web site dedicated to helping students with the college search by matching them to merit-based scholarships from colleges across the country. Check out this web site and let MeritAid.com show you the money.

Frost National Bank – The Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation is a zero-interest educational loan program available through Frost National Bank in Galveston, TX. Qualified applicants must: be US Citizens and Texas Residents, graduate from a Texas high school, enroll full-time at a Texas college or university, working toward a degree. Graduating high school seniors entering as college freshmen are reviewed by high school class rank in relation to SAT/ACT scores. Eligible students must be either in the top 10% of their high school graduating class OR have a minimum 1100 SAT or 23 ACT score. There are approximately 800 loans available per year with a maximum loan of \$8,000 per year. The application deadline is February 28th. For more information, please contact 409-770-5665. More information is available at www.everychanceeverytexan.org. You can contact the office after November 1st to obtain an application.

Free College for Children of Texas Veterans

If your parent was living in Texas when they joined the military, you may be eligible to get a free college education at a Texas public university. A recent change to the Hazlewood Act provides the option for veterans to pass their Hazlewood benefits to their children. To see if you are eligible, go to www.tvc.state.tx.us/Hazlewood.html.

Cappex.com – This website has scholarship opportunities available to you. They also have information on many colleges. Check it out.

StudentScholarships.org – Many scholarships are available at www.StudentScholarships.org. Be sure to check it out.

Invitations

- **Texas State University** – BobCat Days will be held on campus February 17th and April 20th. Make plans to attend if you are interested in attending Texas State.
- **Stephen F. Austin State University** – Showcase Saturday will be held on February 17th, March 23rd, and June 22nd. Check out the campus website for more information.
- **Houston Christian University** – HCU Husky Preview will be held on February 17th. More information is available on the school website.
- **Texas A&M Corpus Christi** – Island Day will be held April 20th. Check out what A&M Corpus has to offer to you.
- **University of Texas at San Antonio** – UTSA Day will be held on February 17th and April 6th. Check out the website for more details and information.
- **Baylor University** – Baylor campus visits are being held in-person. Check out the website for more information.
- **University of Texas at Austin** – Information is listed on their website concerning campus visits.

Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society Memorial Foundation

TAAIS will award a \$3,000 scholarship to a Texas high school graduate that suffers from Asthma and plans to go to college after graduation. Applications are available at www.taais.org/scholarship/. Applications must be submitted by March 1st.

Texas Farm Bureau

Several scholarship opportunities are provided by Texas Farm Bureau. High school students whose family is a member of Texas Farm Bureau may apply for: TFB District Scholarship, TFB Young Farmer & Rancher High School Scholarship, and TFB Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship. Applications can be accessed through a new portal called MyTFB. Scholarship information can be found the website under the Youth Opportunities page. More information can be found at www.texasfarmbureau.org. **All applications must be submitted by March 1st.**

Society of Women Engineers – Houston Area

This scholarship is for female students at a Houston area school who plan to major in an engineering or engineering-related discipline at a four-year university. Applications are available at: www.houstonswe.org/scholarships.html. **Deadline to apply is March 1st.**

Fort Bend Friends and Neighbors Scholarship

This scholarship is for students who are graduates of Fort Bend County Schools to be used for tuition and fees at a Fort Bend County campus of Houston Community College, Wharton County Junior College, or Texas State Technical Institute. This means you need to attend the WCJC Campus in Richmond or Sugar Land. This scholarship is based on need, academics, activities, recommendations, and the student's personal letter. Applications are available at: www.fbfoundation.org/scholarshipapplication. **Applications should be received by noon on March 13th.**

Texas Association of Community Schools

The Texas Association of Community Schools will award the following scholarships for the 23-24 school year. You may apply for all scholarships if you meet the criteria: Bargas and Associates, A+ Food Service, Live Oak Public Finance, MWM Architects, Pearson Legal, Proximity Learning, Walsh Gallegos Trevion Russo & Kyle, Texas Association of Community Schools. Applications are available at: www.tacsnet.org. **Applications must be submitted by March 16th.**

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Power of Life

The Blood Center awards eleven local area high school students a scholarship. The program focuses on the excellence of high school students and the importance of volunteering. For requirements, the application procedure, on-line application, and scholarship award criteria, go to www.giveblood.org/scholarship. **Application deadline is March 17th.**

Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union

To be eligible for this scholarship, students must: be a current member of BVSCU in good standing or join by March 22, 2024, be a high school senior, have a 3.0 or better

GPA, and be a US citizen or permanent legal resident. Applications are available in the counselor's office. Applications are also available at www.bvscu.org. **Applications must be submitted by March 22nd.**

\$\$ Needville Youth Fair Scholarship

Application forms for the Needville Youth Fair, Paul Wenzel, Pete Wieghat, Helen and Hugo Ley Memorial Scholarships, and the Freedom Festival Scholarship are now available in the Counselor's office or on the Needville Youth Fair website www.needvilleyouthfair.com. To be eligible, a student must meet the following requirements: be a student in good standing at NHS, have been an active member of the 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA each of the 4 years in high school, two years being in NISD, and attend an institution of higher education after graduation. **Applications must be postmarked by March 29th.**

\$\$ Texas Telephone Association Scholarship

Six \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students. Applicants must: be U.S. Citizens, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and plan to attend a Texas college or university. Special consideration will be given to students pursuing a college degree in fields of student which are of particular interest to telecommunications (math, business, education, technology, engineering, and computer science). Applications are available in the Counselor's Office. **Deadline to apply is March 31st.**

MLK Scholarship Rodeo Fund

Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, must be accepted as a full time student at a college, university or junior college/technical school, and must be active members of their church. Applications are available in the counselor's office. **Application deadline is March 31st.**

SAE Engineering Scholarships

Seniors who will enter an engineering or related science major (math, chemistry, physics, biology, technologies, or computer science), have a minimum 3.75 unweighted GPA, and are U.S. residents are eligible to apply. Applications are available at www.sae.org/participate/scholarships. Scholarships become available February 1st. **The deadline for applying is March 31st.**

\$\$ Saylor Grace Boutique Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who plans to attend a College/University/Technical School. Applicant must be a US Citizen with a home address zoned to Needville High School. Applications are available in the Counselor's Office. **Deadline to apply is April 1st.**

Denny's Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship is available in the Counselor's office. The application must include two letters of recommendation and a short essay on why education is important to you. **Deadline to apply is April 1st.**

San Bernard Watershed Scholarship Program

Applicants for this scholarship must demonstrate a direct connection between the career they intend to pursue and the betterment of the environment. Possible career paths might include environmental sciences, environmental law, agriculture, certain engineering disciplines, science education, and scientific research. Applications are available in the Counselor's office or at <https://www.sanbernardriver.com/>. **Applications must be returned by April 1st.**

Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship

Up to 200 renewable scholarships of \$10,000 each will be awarded. Awards are open to individuals studying aerospace engineering, computer engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, industrial engineering, mathematics, mechanical engineering or physics who demonstrate financial need and come from underrepresented or underserved communities. Applicants must: be high school seniors, freshmen or sophomore undergraduate students, be US citizens, plan to enroll in at a four-year college or university in the US, be majoring in a STEM program, have a minimum 2.5 GPA, and demonstrate financial need. Applications are available at <https://lockheedmartin.com/scholarship>. **Deadline to apply is April 1st.**

\$\$ Fort Bend County Retired Educators Association

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage qualified students to enter the teaching profession and maintain high levels of achievement in their chosen field of study. Four scholarships for \$1,000 each will be awarded to students in Fort Bend County. Eligibility requirements include: plan to complete a teacher education degree, be a U.S. citizen, and be a graduating senior. Applications are available in the counselor's office.

Applications must be received by April 5th.

\$\$ Wharton County Junior College Foundation

The Foundation is looking to help students enrolling at WCJC who are in financial need. Applications will be judged based on school activities, community activities, volunteer experience, and need. Applications are available in the Counselor's Office. **Deadline to apply in April 12th.**

\$\$ Fort Bend Medical Society

5 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors from Fort Bend County planning to pursue a career in medicine. Applicants must be Fort Bend County Residents, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and be accepted for Fall 2024 attendance at a U.S. College or University. Applications are available at www.fbms.org. **Deadline to apply is April 14th.**

\$\$ Blue Jay Athletic Booster Club

To be eligible for this scholarship, students must have: participated in athletics during high school, be a senior in good standing with the athletic department and administration, have a parent who is a current member of the Booster Club and has been a member the prior three years, and plan to attend an institution of higher education. Applications are

available in the counselor's office. **Applications must be returned to Mrs. Orsak by April 17th.**

\$\$ Roland and Carolyn Conrad Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a Needville graduate who has been actively involved in athletics with an opportunity to further their education. To be eligible, students must: have participated in athletics during high school, be a senior in good standing with the athletic department and administration, parent must be a current member of the Booster Club and have been a member for the prior three years, and plan to attend an institution of higher education. Applications are available in the Counselor's Office. **Completed applications should be returned to the counselor's office by April 17th.**

\$\$ Needville Harvest Festival Scholarship

This scholarship is based on the following criteria: high school academic record, extra-curricular participation, leadership in school organizations, participation in community activities, and financial need. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available in the counselor's office. **Completed applications should be received by April 26th.**

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship

This scholarship is available at www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm. Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of the site. **Applications must be submitted by June 7th.**

AES Engineers Scholarship

This scholarship is committed to continuing support of higher education regardless of the chosen field of study. Applications are available at www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm. **Deadline to apply is October 8th.**