

# CB College Bulletin

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COUNSELOR  
COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL

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**SENIORS:** THINGS CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS CHANGE, COST OF ATTENDANCE AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS. Please contact me or the college you are planning on attending to make sure that you have the correct information to make your transition from high school to college successful. REMEMBER: Always go to the source, they are the ones who have the final work about your admission to their college and program of study.

Mrs. Megyese

**\*COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS: If you are interested in giving the commencement address please see Mrs. Megyese for more information. The address should deal with your class.**

## **NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE REGULATIONS:**

Here are the NEW NCAA regulations for students enrolling in a Division I college in 2008 or later and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletic scholarship during their first year. You must...

1. Graduate in June of 2010
2. Complete these 16 core courses:
  - 4 years if English
  - 3 years if Math (Algebra I and higher)
  - 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science)
  - 1 extra year of English, math or natural physical science
  - 2 years if social science
  - 4 years of extra CORE courses (from any category above or foreign language, or non-doctrinal religion.
3. Earn a minimum required grade point average in your core courses.
4. Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course grade point average and test score sliding scale.

To register go to the clearinghouse web site at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) From this home page go to Prospective Student-Athletes which will have all the information you need. If you need further info contact Mrs. Megyese.

## **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS**

If you are planning on attending U of M, MSU, GVS, CMU etc. apply by November 1st, other colleges by December 1st. If you do apply later you may get accepted but your odds may be greater that you will be put on a waiting list according to my college mailings.

Almost all colleges are asking that you go online and download their admission application. You can either do it directly on line or down load a paper copy. If you do it online make sure you down load a counselor page and give it to Mrs. Megyese so I can complete your application and mail your official transcript. If you do a paper application you can give me the completed application and I will mail it along with a transcript and the counselor section that same day or the next morning. You should hear from the admissions office about your status in about 3 to 4 weeks. If not, please see me and we will call the college to find out the reason for your delay.

## **FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS**

Often you hear about someone promoting “Millions and Billions of Dollars in Aid Went Unclaimed”. Fast web searched this financial aid MYTH and found the only aid that has ever gone unclaimed is aid that can’t be claimed. This myth is based on a 1976-77 academic year study that estimated that 7 billion dollars of employer tuition assistance was potentially available to employees i.e., if every eligible employee were to go to college, but that only about \$300 to \$400 million was being used each year. Subtract one from the other and misreport it, and you get the infamous “\$6.6 billion in scholarships went unclaimed last year.

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS**

If the scholarship was listed in the “College Bulletin” (C.B.) or heard during the daily announcements, see Mrs. Megyese for an application form if stated before the deadline date.

### **WATCH THE DEADLINE DATES.**

Many applications require at least “3” letters of recommendation. Keep copies of these letters so they can be used again for other scholarships. Have them addressed to “WHOM IT MAY CONCERN” and be general about the scholarship you will be applying for.

Several scholarships require that you write a 300 to 500 word essay on “What Is Your Career Goal”, or others may ask you to site any experiences you may have had in that area. By doing this ahead it will be easy to complete several applications.

**The best source for scholarship search (FREE) is FAST WEB [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).**

## **SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID SCAMS: NEVER PAY \*\*\*\***

If you have to pay any type of fee, if they offer a money back guarantee, ask for a credit card number , bank account number, or a social security number, or that their scholarship Is exclusive.....THESE ARE ALL WARNING SIGNS OF A SCAM.....RUN.

COMMON SCAMS: PHONY SCHOLARSHIPS...PROMISES CASH IF YOU PAY A REGISTRATION FEE...PHONY SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING SERVICE...PAY A FEE AND THEY WILL GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL WIN A SCHOLARSHIP... PHONY EDUCATIONAL LOAN...PAY A FEE AND RECEIVE A LOW INTEREST RATE...PHONY FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR...HIGH PRESSURE, POORLY CONCEALED SALES PITCH. YOU CAN GO ON LINE AT [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams) or call 877-382-4357. If you receive anything in the mail that you are questioning you can contact me (Mrs. Megyese) to check out your concerns.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS (Several Local Spring Scholarships)**

### **DEADLINE DATES**

- Varies                      **The American Legion** has several scholarships with different deadline dates. They have a 152 page book that lists scholarships, grants and loans for students that may qualify. "NEED A LIFT" contains extensive information on scholarships for veteran's dependents. It is available on the world-wide web at: [www.needalift.org](http://www.needalift.org).
- February 1<sup>st</sup>                **Burger King Scholars** program requires a minimum of a 2.5 overall GPA, work part time for a minimum of 10 hours per week. Be actively involved in community service activities. Demonstrate financial need. Visit [bdorado@whopper.com](mailto:bdorado@whopper.com) or [www.haveyourwayfoundation.org](http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org) for an application.
- February 10<sup>th</sup>              **Michigan Society of Professional Engineers** are offering scholarships to seniors who are pursuing an engineering degree at an accredited Michigan college or university. See Mrs. Megyese or go online to download an application at [www.michiganspe.org](http://www.michiganspe.org).
- February 10<sup>th</sup>              **KFC Colonel's Scholars-** is offering a scholarship to an outstanding senior with financial need and entrepreneurial spirit to qualify for this program. Awards are up to \$20,000. Must have a minimum overall grade point average of a 2.75, enrolled in a public college or university within your state of legal residence, pursuing a bachelor's degree and demonstrate financial need. The online application will be available from December 1, 2009 to February 10<sup>th</sup> at [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org). For questions, visit the website or call toll-free 1-866-KFC-7240.
- February 12                **Best Buy Scholarships** are available to students with good grades and outstanding community service. Go on line to apply at [www.bestbuy.com/scholarships](http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships) or [www.at15.com](http://www.at15.com).

- February 12      **Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship Program** is offering scholarships to students from communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. Please go to [RMHC.org](http://RMHC.org) to confirm which scholarship programs are offered in our county. You will need a personal statement, letter of recommendation dealing with your leadership abilities and community involvement. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- February 12th      **MEA Scholarship** is available to a senior who will attend a Michigan college/university or community college. You should have a minimum of a 3.0 overall grade point average, be active in extra-curricular activities, and involved in school/community service. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- February 15      **Dr. Seuss's Oh, the Places You'll Go! College Scholarship** recognizes a high school senior who understands and values the limitless possibilities that education can offer with a \$5,000 award. You can obtain an application from Mrs. Megyese or visit [www.ohtheplaces.org](http://www.ohtheplaces.org).
- February 15<sup>th</sup>      **National Commission for Cooperative Education** will award 170 Coop Scholarships of \$6,000 each. Complete an on-line application at [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu). Any questions call Frank Schettiro at 617-373-3406.
- February 27<sup>th</sup>      **Leo Krziza & Ester Krziza-Condry Endowed Healthcare Scholarship**  
Amounts range from \$250 to \$5,000 for students who plan to enroll in a healthcare program leading to an approved degree or certification. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- February 27<sup>th</sup>      **Lake Michigan College** has several scholarships available. See Mrs. Megyese for an application or go online to Lake Michigan College.
- March 1<sup>st</sup>      **Michigan Community Blood Centers Scholarship** will offer each high school one \$500 scholarship to a student who has written a 250 word essay. See Mrs. Megyese for the subject of your essay.
- March 1st      **USA TODAY "GOT MILK"** scholarship program is for student athletes. Based on Academic Performance (35%), Athletic Excellence (35%), Leadership (15%), and Community Service (15%). See Mrs. Megyese if you have questions. You can ONLY apply on line at [www.bodybymilk.com/sammy](http://www.bodybymilk.com/sammy).
- March 1st      **Rosa Parks Scholarship** offers a \$2,000 scholarship. Winners are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, financial need, and

dedication to the civil rights principles. Must have a 2.5 GPA, financial need, document of community activities, essay, and three letters of recommendation. See Mrs. Megyese for an application or go to their web site: [rosaparksscholarshipfoundation.org](http://rosaparksscholarshipfoundation.org).

- March 1<sup>st</sup>                    **Southwestern Michigan College** has several scholarships available for Music, Sports, Academic and Fine Arts students. See Mrs. Megyese for an application or call 1-800-456-8675 x1313, or go online at [www.swmich.edu/financialaid](http://www.swmich.edu/financialaid)
- March 1<sup>st</sup>                    **The Heart of Cook Scholarship** is available to seniors who are interested in majoring in engineering or a technical discipline and have a strong background in Math and Science. Have a 3.0 or better overall grade point average. See Mrs. Megyese for an application or apply on line at [www.berriencommunity.org](http://www.berriencommunity.org).
- March 10<sup>th</sup>                **Jon Jollay Memorial Scholarship** is available to a student with a minimum of a 2.0 or better overall GPA. You can attend a technical school, junior college, or university. See Mrs. Megyese for an application or go on line at [www.berriencommunity.org](http://www.berriencommunity.org)
- March 10<sup>th</sup>                **Michigan Retailers Association** is offering scholarships up to \$1000 to a senior who's parent is employed at a business that is a member of MRA. You may call MRA at 1-800-366-3699 for application or apply on line at [www.retailers.com](http://www.retailers.com) (the access code is MIRA).
- March 12                    **Amanda L. Starner Gilliam Memorial Scholarship** is available to any senior who has a 3.0 or better overall grade point average. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 12                    **Sarah Cayo Memorial Art Scholarship** is available to a senior who will be majoring in Art or Architecture in the fall of 2009. You must have an overall grade point average of 3.0. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 15                    **Coloma Lions Club "John McCrery Jr" Memorial Scholarship** is available to a senior who has an overall grade point average of a 2.5 or better. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 15                    **Coloma Lioness "Brenda Nitz" Memorial Scholarship** is available to two seniors with a minimum grade point average of 2.75. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.

- March 19            **Coloma Education Association (CEA)** is offering a scholarship to a high school senior who plans on majoring in education. You must have an overall grade point average of 3.0. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 19            **Michiana Two-Cylinder Club** is offering a scholarship to a high school senior who plans on pursuing a degree in agricultural education, or a related agricultural field. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 19            **Lane Automotive Scholarship** is available to a senior who plans on majoring in the automotive field at a Junior College or Technical School. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 19            **Coloma National Honor Society** is offering a \$300 scholarship to one of its members. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 19            **Paul Ravitch Memorial Scholarship** of \$300 is available to a senior who has a 3.0 or better GPA. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 26            **Noack Scholarship** of \$500 will be given to a senior who is in good standing and who has been accepted into a 2 or 4 year college or trade school program. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 30            **Twin City Players Brian Swiger Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a high school senior in recognition of their past, current and potential future contributions to the theater community. Scholarship can be used for any college field of study. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- March 30            **Michigan Oil & Gas Producers** sponsor a scholarship program for Mich. high school senior students accepted at a college or university, having a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrating financial need. A qualified applicant must also be pursuing a degree in an energy related field of study.
- March 30            **Michigan State Troopers Assistance Fund** awards scholarships to Michigan high school seniors who are actively involved in extra-curricular activities, community service, and jobs that make them productive members of their communities. For an application, see Mrs. Megyese.
- March 30            **Lakeland Auxiliary, St Joseph**, annually awards a scholarship for those who are volunteering with the Lakeland Regional Medical Center. You must be a current active Lakeland volunteer pursuing a

career in the human health care field. You can call 983-8102 to receive an application to volunteer. See Mrs. Megyese for a scholarship application form.

- March 31<sup>st</sup>      **Berrien Teachers Credit Union** is offering several scholarships to for \$500 to a Coloma High School Senior. Student will need to become a member of BTCU (all students qualify), accepted in a college and demonstrate academic achievement & community/extracurricular involvement. Obtain an application from Mrs. Megyese or a Berrien Teachers Cr Union office.
- April 1st      **The AAA Michigan School Safety Patrol Program** is offering a scholarship to a participant who is in good academic standing and a strong record of involvement in the community and/or extra-curricular activities. The high school is only allowed one applicant. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- April 10      **The Lester Tiscornia Scholarship** is available to a high school senior who meets all of the requirements, has three letters of recommendation, and an essay of 200 words max describing what community service means to you. The value is usually \$4,000 min. See Mrs. Megyese for an application.
- April 12      **Coloma Senior Center Scholarship** will be available in March. The form can be obtained from the Senior Center or Mrs. Megyese.
- May 14      **U of M Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarships** of \$1,000 and \$500 is available to any male attending U of M in the Fall of 2010. You do not have to join Sigma Phi Epsilon to receive this scholarship Applications available on line at <http://uofmsigep.com/> or see Mrs. Megyese.

**\*\*\*NEW SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE ADDED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH OF 2010. CHECK THIS WEB SITE FOR UPDATES. SENIORS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A PAPER COPY OF THE NEW UPDATES**

### **SCHOLARSHIP WEB SITES**

The best on line scholarship search site is: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) with over 1.3 million scholarships available. Another site which has been recently publicized is [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov).

### **FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

To receive federal student aid, students must complete the FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA).

Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible after January 1. There are three ways that a student can complete the FAFSA:

1. Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
2. Download and complete a PDF version of the FAFSA at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov) (Note: PDF FAFSA's must be mailed for processing).
3. Request a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243 or 1-319-337-5665).

**Financial Aid Workshops:**

Monday, January 18 – At Lake Michigan College Bertrand Crossing Campus in Niles

**Tuesday, January 19 – At Lake Michigan College Napier Campus-Brown Lecture Hall**

Wednesday, January 20 – At Lake Michigan College South Haven Campus

**TIP (TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM):** To meet the financial eligibility requirement, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36 consecutive month period.

If you think that you may qualify and have not already received your letter from the Michigan Dept. of Treasury you must contact the Michigan Dept of Treasury at 1-888-447-2687 before you graduate from high school. You can also fax your information to 517-241-5835.