

Mount Greylock Regional School

Guidance Bulletin

February 2021



JUNIOR & SENIOR AP STUDENTS

AP Exam fees were due January 15th!

The exam form plus the exam fee of \$95 per exam were due to the Guidance Office by January 15th.

All students taking AP courses must take the AP exam in May. If you have not submitted your form or fee please contact Mrs. Balawender.

JUNIORS

Post-Secondary Survey | Have you returned your survey to the Guidance Office? Please do so as soon as possible. If you need a new copy, please contact Mrs. Balawender at bbalawender@mgrhs.org

College Planning Process | In lieu of our annual evening presentation to parents and students regarding the college planning process for Juniors, we have recorded our presentation to be viewed at your convenience. Please click this link for the presentation: <https://youtu.be/iNKaHDm18-U>

College Search Tools | Introduction to Naviance for Juniors. A how-to-video that is helpful to learn the ways to explore Naviance as Juniors. If you still need to register for Naviance please reach out to your counselor.
<https://youtu.be/h0siUaOKJLE>

NACAC Virtual College Fairs are back! | NACAC's upcoming series of **Virtual College Fairs** kicked off on Jan. 31! Common App is thrilled to support these virtual events, designed to help students connect with college admissions officers and ask important questions about the application process. These sessions support all students, including seniors who have not yet applied. Students can prepare ahead of time by tagging the Zoom sessions they want to attend. If your students didn't make it to the first event, there are more opportunities to join this spring:

- ❑ February 28, 1:00 - 7:00 pm ET
- ❑ March 7 (*STEM Fair*), 1:00 - 5:00 pm ET
- ❑ March 16 (*Performing and Visual Arts Fair*), 4:00 - 8:00 ET
- ❑ March 21, 1:00 - 7:00 pm ET
- ❑ April 10 (*Western U.S. Fair*), 12 noon - 4:00 pm ET
- ❑ April 20 (*Southeastern U.S. Fair*), 3:00 - 7:00 pm ET
- ❑ May 2, 1:00 - 7:00 pm ET

SENIORS

College Decisions | Have you been accepted, denied, waitlisted, or deferred? Guidance needs to know! **Report all college decisions, including application withdrawals, to your school counselor.** *Don't forget to change the status in Naviance too.*

Prospective College Athletes | Students who plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at a NCAA Div. I or II institution must register with NCAA prior to playing sports. Access registration materials at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and click on "Prospective Student-Athletes." For more information about NCAA, visit www.NCAA.org pull down the Parent/Prospect page, and click on "Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete."

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Financial Aid | All students should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You may also need to submit a CSS Profile—check your individual college for requirements. Applications can be submitted online at www.cssprofile.org. *Vermont residents can find financial aid information at www.vsac.org

In lieu of a Parent Presentation this year | FAFSA is hosting a number of virtual FAFSA Days for families in English and Spanish now through February, Visit <https://masfaa.org/fafsaday> On the same link there is a pre-recorded video *Understanding the FAFSA* that can be very helpful to families.

Need help writing your college essay or improving your grades? | See attached flyer for a list of individuals from Williams College and other community writing coaches who are willing to assist MG students with the crafting/revising process. This is a free resource for our students.

RESOURCES IN GUIDANCE

The New England Association for College Admission Counseling's College Fair Website is a valuable resource to you as college booths will be available through December 31, 2020. They encourage you to go and visit throughout the fall for new information and presentations. <https://neacac.swoogo.com/NEACACVirtual>

Military Information | There is a designated area in the Guidance Office for students interested in the military, including brochures, catalogs, and magazines. If you're interested in learning about a particular military branch or want to discuss the process of enlisting, see your school counselor.

CAREER READINESS

Mount Greylock counselors support students with exploring career options. Do you want to participate in a job shadow day? An internship experience? If this sounds appealing, see your counselor for more information.

TEST DATES

Save the Date! | **SAT** - May 8th & June 5th (Tentative) Test Dates for Mount Greylock Administrations

Test date: May 8 - **Register by April 8th**

Test date: June 5 - **Register by May 6th**

Register on www.collegeboard.org

See guidance if you qualify for a fee waiver.

Mount Greylock School Code: 222415

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our favorite scholarship websites are: fastweb.com, goodcall.com, scholarshipmonkey.com, scholarships.com, wiredscholar.com, scholarshipguidance.com.

The Guidance Office has several books available for students to borrow: *Debt Free Degree* by Anthony O'Neal, *Confessions of a Scholarship Winner* by Kristina Ellis, *How to Graduate Debt Free* by Kristina Ellis, and *The Ultimate Scholarship Book of 2020*. See Mrs. Balawender if you're interested in borrowing from our book selection.

****Applying for a scholarship and need a copy of your transcript? Fill out a **PINK SHEET** and submit it to Mrs. Balawender at least one week prior to the scholarship deadline.**

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SCHOLARSHIP	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINE
Women's Cyber Security Scholarships	<p>To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: Be a senior in high school with a GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale. Be pursuing, or plan to pursue, a degree with a focus on cybersecurity or information assurance. https://iamcybersafe.org/s/womens-scholarships</p>	2/22/2021
Price Chopper / Market 32 Scholarships	<p>The Community AdvantEdge Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to a 2-4 year accredited college/university as a Business major. This scholarship will be awarded to either: an active Price Chopper/Market 32 teammate, or the child/grandchild of an active, retired or deceased Price Chopper/Market 32 teammate, or Price Chopper/Market 32 Trade Partner.</p> <p>The Entrepreneurial AdvantEdge Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to a 2-4 year accredited college/university as a Business major. The candidate should have volunteer/community leadership/ entrepreneurial involvement and be a resident of the marketing areas in which we operate. https://www.pricechopper.com/about-us/scholarships/</p>	2/28/2021
Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship	<p>Submit original photo, artwork, or computer graphics for the front of a greeting card. Contest submissions are accepted from June 10th, 2020 - March 9th, 2021. The winner will be announced on May 17th, 2021. Age Eligibility: Must be 14 years or older at time of entry and be enrolled in High School, College, University, or Homeschool. https://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm</p>	3/9/2021
BMW / SAE Engineering Scholarship	<p>Offers scholarships to seniors intending to study engineering or related studies. Must have 3.7 GPA and rank 90th percentile in math and reading on the SAT I or composite ACT scores. http://students.sae.org/scholarships/bmw/</p>	3/15/2021
Flavorful Futures Scholarship	<p>Flavorful Futures is awarding a \$5,000 scholarship to eligible high school seniors who are creative and unafraid to be themselves. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. To apply, visit www.flavorfulfutures.com</p>	3/16/2021
2021 Girls Inc. of the Berkshires Celebration Evening Scholarship	<p>The purpose of the Girls Inc. of the Berkshires Scholarship Program is to make post-secondary education more accessible to young women, especially those in low-/moderate-income households, by offsetting some costs. http://brighamcenter.org/girls-inc/girls-inc-of-the-berkshires-scholarship-2021/ Please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an application.</p>	3/26/2021
The Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts Memorial Scholarship	<p>A scholarship of \$1000.00 to a qualified senior who plan to further their education by attending a two or four year college program. Please see the Guidance Office for an application.</p>	3/30/2021

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Northern Berkshire County Youth Diversity Scholarship	Scholarships for students of color living in Berkshire County with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an application.	3/31/2021
Superpower Scholarship	Applicant must be a legal resident of the United States and have plans to be enrolled (or is currently enrolled) at an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education by 2024. Submit a 250-word or less response to the following question: Which superhero or villain would you want to change places with for a day and why? Visit https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/superpower-scholarship to apply.	3/31/2021
The William Willeke Memorial Scholarship	A scholarship program to assist string players to continue their training toward a professional career in music. Please see the Guidance Office for an application.	4/1/2021
Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship	Lockheed Martin has established a scholarship program to provide opportunities to students studying engineering or computer science that demonstrate financial need and come from underrepresented or underserved communities. High school senior with a 2.5 or above GPA OR a freshman or a sophomore undergraduate student with a 2.5 or above GPA. https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/lockheedmartin/	4/1/2021
Massachusetts State American Legion Scholarship	The American Legion will grant scholarships to be used towards the expenses of education of the child/grandchild, whose parent, grandparent, or legal guardian is a current member in good standing of an American Legion Post within the Department of Massachusetts. Please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an application.	4/1/2021
Order Sons of Italy Charitable and Educational Trust	A minimum of twenty scholarships at a maximum of \$1000.00 each will be awarded. Visit www.osiama.org to apply. Guidance Office also has applications.	4/15/2021
Mark Bavis Leadership Scholarship	The scholarship is available to any high school student in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is awarded on the basis of need and is not academically based. In addition, the Foundation will give more serious consideration to those students who have made efforts to make a difference in their communities and/or have shown leadership qualities within their school or community. http://www.markbavisleadershipfoundation.org/?page_id=11 You may also stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an application.	4/15/2021
Massachusetts Broadcasters Association Scholarship	Available to students interested in a career in over-the-air broadcasting, who are permanent residents of Massachusetts and are in the process of enrolling in an accredited institution of higher learning offering degrees in radio and television broadcasting. Applications are available online at http://www.massbroadcasters.org/scholarship_program	4/16/2021

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<p>Jewish Federation of the Berkshires The Henry Simkin and Frances Simkin Schiller & Dr. Stanley and Faye Simin Scholarship</p>	<p>The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires will award one or two \$1,000 scholarships a year to a Berkshire County student who has shown achievement in their scholastic lives and involvement in the Berkshire Jewish Community Please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an application.</p>	<p>4/22/2021</p>
<p>The Student-View Scholarship</p>	<p>The Student-View Scholarship is a unique opportunity for high school seniors. It is open to all students regardless of academic achievement or financial need. http://student-view.com/ScholarshipWmap.html</p>	<p>4/22/2021</p>
<p>Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship</p>	<p>To be eligible for the 2021 award: • You will graduate from high school in 2021 and plan to enter your first year of higher education in the fall of 2021, OR: Before applying, please review the scholarship qualifications, listed on the guidelines: https://www.berkshireeagle.com/site/daniel_pearl_berkshire_scholarship.html You may also stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an application.</p>	<p>4/23/2021</p>
<p>The Elevated Boston Leadership Scholarship</p>	<p>The Elevated Boston team is pleased to announce our first-ever Elevated Boston Leadership Scholarship. The Scholarship will consist of two \$2,500 scholarships to students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership within their institutions and communities. Applicants must be enrolled in a Massachusetts College or University in an undergraduate or graduate program for the 2021-2022 school year. https://www.elevatedboston.com/home/elevated-scholarship-opportunity/</p>	<p>4/30/2021</p>
<p>The Lieutenant June T. Murphy Scholarship Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement Scholarship</p>	<p>The Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement (MAWLE) is pleased to offer a scholarship award, in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), to be awarded to a high school senior who is pursuing a career in law enforcement or criminal justice. https://mawlemembership.org/the-lieutenant-june-t-murphy-scholarship/</p>	<p>4/30/2021</p>
<p>Hillside Agricultural Society Cummington, Massachusetts</p>	<p>To all GRADUATING SENIORS residing in Berkshire, Hampshire, Hampden, or Franklin Counties: This is your invitation to apply for one of the four \$500 scholarships awarded by the Hillside Agricultural Society, sponsor of the Cummington Fair. Your acceptance at any accredited two or four-year college makes you eligible to apply. Please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an application.</p>	<p>5/1/2021</p>
<p>American Legion Post 160 (Adams) Scholarship</p>	<p>There are two scholarships awarded, one from the American Legion Post 160 and one from The Sons of the Legion Adams, both are \$500.00 each. There is one major requirement – the students have to have a relative who is a member in good standing (dues paid through 2021) or a Sponsor in good standing. Please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an application.</p>	<p>5/1/2021</p>

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Lanesborough-New Ashford Dollars For Scholars	In order to apply for this scholarship a student must be: 1) A resident of Lanesborough or New Ashford, 2) Be a graduating senior who has applied to college or post-secondary school, 3) has participated in at least one LNADS fundraiser during their high school career. To apply, visit https://lanesborough-newashford.dollarsforscholars.org	5/2/2021
Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship	The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers renewable, four-year scholarships to students with financial need who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others (in school, their community, or at home), a strong work ethic, and leadership qualities. https://phillips-scholarship.org/	5/3/2021
ADAMS FRIENDS OF ANIMALS Roy Thompson Scholarship Fund	Roy Thompson of the Berkshire County Roy Thompson Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors going into Animal Medicine. Please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an application.	5/15/2021
B.Davis Scholarship	This Scholarship is available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any post-secondary institution. Be sure to include your name and the school you are attending this year and next. This is not an academic scholarship but we would like to know where you are going to school now and what your future academic plans are. Application Procedure To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay of fewer than 1000 words on the topic below: Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed in an individual. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at awards@studentawardsearch.com	5/22/2021
Abbott and Fenner Scholarship	To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the following topic: describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at scholarships@abbottandfenner.com For more information, visit: http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php	6/12/2021
BigSun Scholarship	The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student-athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. Visit http://www.bigsunathletics.com to learn how to apply.	6/19/2021
BCC Foundation Scholarships	Seniors must be admitted to a certificate or degree program at BCC. Applications are available online at https://www.berkshirecc.edu/about-bcc/bcc-foundation/scholarship/index.php	3/11/2021

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THE BERKSHIRE TACONIC FOUNDATION

Exclusive scholarships for Berkshire County residents

<https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships.aspx>

SCHOLARSHIP	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINE
Guido's Fresh Marketplace Scholarship Fund	<p>Graduating high school students who are residents of Berkshire County who are entering their first year of a two- or four-year college or university to pursue studies in physical education, health, and wellness, or business studies.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/GuidoMasieroScholarshipFund.aspx</p>	3/15/2021
James E. Bugley Scholarship - The Jamie Fund	<p>Scholarship for Berkshire County, Mass., high school seniors going on to study music or vocational arts.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/TheJamieFund.aspx</p>	03/15/21
Rhoda Rubin Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund	<p>Resident(s) of Berkshire County who is/are pursuing a degree of any kind in nursing at Berkshire Community College. Applicants must be accepted into the nursing program at BCC having met all registration requirements and prerequisites. must have a GPA of 3.0 or better, and have been a resident of Berkshire County for five years prior to application. Visit http://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/RhodaRubinMemorialNursingScholarshipFund.aspx for more information.</p>	03/15/21
Ben Paley Scholarship Fund	<p>The Ben Paley Scholarship Fund supports seniors graduating from a public high school in Berkshire County and northwest Litchfield County who wish to study music at a two- or four-year college or university. Awards of \$1,000 will be granted.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/BenjaminLucasPaleyMemorialScholarshipFund.aspx</p>	3/15/2021
Cella Family Scholarship Fund	<p>The Cella Family Scholarship Fund awards \$1,000 to an academically eligible graduating high school senior who has been employed in good standing at a Berkshire County Pro Shop, or as a caddie, for a minimum of 150 hours since April of the previous year. Eligibility depends on a GPA of 2.5 or higher.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/CellaFamilyScholarshipFund.aspx</p>	3/15/2021
The Jamie Fund	<p>The Jamie Fund awards \$1,500 or more annually to one graduating high school senior of Berkshire County who is planning to attend an accredited college, university, vocational-technical or professional institute in the United States to study music or the vocational arts.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/TheJamieFund.aspx</p>	3/15/2021

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William J. Newton Scholarship Fund	<p>The William J. Newton Scholarship Fund provides \$1,000 awards to individuals who are pursuing training in trade and industrial fields. Residents of Berkshire County who are enrolled or planning to enroll in a two-year program at a community college or a technology curriculum in a community college, technical, vocational or trade school are eligible.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/WilliamJNewtonScholarshipFund.aspx</p>	3/15/2021
William Stanley Scholarship Fund	<p>The William Stanley Scholarship Fund awards a \$12,000 scholarship (\$3,000 per year up to four years) to a Berkshire County resident based on academic achievement, community service, and financial need. Applicants must be planning to attend a two- or four-year college.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/WilliamStanleyScholarshipFund.aspx</p>	3/15/2021
Women's Club of the Berkshires Scholarship Fund	<p>The Women's Club of the Berkshires Scholarship Fund provides support to females living in Berkshire County. There is one award of \$1,200 given each year to a high school senior going to college, and one \$1,200 award to a returning, non-traditional, or transfer student. Preference is given to applicants who demonstrate a commitment to pursue a career that will benefit girls and women in Berkshire County.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/WomensCluboftheBerkshiresScholarshipFund.aspx</p>	3/15/2021
Andrea Wagner Women in Science Scholarship Fund	<p>Andrea Wagner Women in Science Scholarship Fund provides an award of \$1,150 each year to a female resident of the Berkshire Taconic region who is currently enrolled at a four-year college and majoring in natural or physical sciences or engineering. Applicants should carry a minimum overall GPA of 3.3.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/AndreaWagnerWomeninScienceScholarshipFund.aspx</p>	3/15/2021
Simple Gifts Fund	<p>The Simple Gifts Fund awards grants to young people ages 13 - 19 for participation in cultural or creative summer programs. Grants range from \$200 - \$800.</p> <p>https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships/SimpleGiftsFund.aspx</p>	3/15/2021

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Student Academic Support Opportunities @ The Williams Center at Mt. Greylock

Program Director, [Kaatje White](#)
Williams Fellows Program Consultant, [Jessica Dils](#)
MG School-Based Coordinator and Librarian, [Liza Barrett](#)

Since 2008, the **Williams Center at Mt. Greylock** (WC) has engaged college students, professors and resources throughout the Mt. Greylock curriculum and beyond alongside our faculty partners at MG. During this COVID period of distance learning, we will continue to provide free academic support both during and after the school day for those students in the most need of extra assistance.

The MGRS Library Media Center is now the official home of the **Williams Center**. Our School-Based Coordinator and Librarian, **Liza Barrett**, will facilitate and schedule these programs; inquiries should be directed to her. **All Williams Center programs are free, but many require a one-time completion of the '20-21 WC @ MG Remote Learning Contract available from lbarrett@mgrhs.org.**

- **After-school Homework Help@MG:** After-school homework help is available for students in grades 7-9. Williams Fellows work one-on-one or in small subject groups with students on homework and study skills in all academic areas. This program is supervised by Mrs. Barrett and is offered on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. It requires a signed contract and advance registration and [sign-up](#).**
- **Free High School Evening Tutoring for Grades 10-12:** Williams Fellows will run remote weekly one-on-one or small group sessions with Mt. Greylock students in subject-specific areas. **This program also requires the contract, and advance registration and [sign-up](#), but is not supervised on-line**
- **Writing Fellows Program/College Essay Coaching:** Williams students provide free, one-on-one, online feedback and coaching to Mt. Greylock seniors on their personal college essays or ANY essay. The Williams Fellows support our high school students through one-on-one dialogue and revision-based editing. **We encourage all MG students to email one of these four talented and dedicated Writing Fellows ANYTIME for essay support! College and/or essay Coaching appointments will be self scheduled by MG students and will not be monitored on-line. Contact [Liza Barrett](#) for more information.**
 - Quincy Powers: grp1@williams.edu
 - Mae Erzini Vernoit: mee2@williams.edu
 - Julia Friedberg: jmf8@williams.edu
 - Kristen Altman: kaa4@williams.edu
- **MORE opportunities from the Writing Fellows Program:** Additionally, every day (except Wednesdays) Mrs. Barrett and one of the four Williams Writing Fellows will be available from 11am -12pm to support students with their writing face to face via ZOOM. The 11:00-11:30 is for anyone at home during the lunch block, and 11:30-12:00 during Directed Study is for everyone. Questions? Contact [Mrs. Barrett](#).
 - Meeting ID: 935 8328 6679 Passcode: support [ZOOM LINK](#)