



Senior Newsletter

November 2020

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Dear students and parents:

Most of the Senior "Yellow" folders have been distributed. On Monday, November 9th, any remaining folders will be available for pickup in the front office. Remember these folders contain: How to Complete FAFSA sheet, TOPS info sheet with LA Secure ID to create a [TOPS tracker account](#), Cost of College sheet, Where can I use my TOPS Tech, and Don't Blow Your TOPS sheet. If you are a HBVL or BLP student and are unable to pick up your folder, please contact Mrs. Kim.Aucoin @apsb.org.

Virtual Financial Aid & College Information Night: Tuesday, November 17th - 6:00 PM

TOPICS: How To Complete FAFSA, Pell Grants/Student Loans, Qualifying and Tracking Your TOPS/TOPS Tech, College/School Application Deadlines, Applying for Academic Scholarships/Private Scholarships...

State-Mandated Senior Graduation Requirement:

FAFSA - is your Free Application for Federal Student Aid- your "one stop shop". It is your TOPS application, TOPS Tech Application, Pell Grant application, Student Loan application, and Work Study program application. Many universities, colleges, and technical schools (LSU, Aveda,,,) require you to complete the FAFSA as part of their application process and to be eligible for their academic scholarships and financial need based grants. If you need assistance completing the application contact Mrs. Kim Aucoin. **ALL SENIORS MUST COMPLETE**



If for some reason you are unable to complete the FAFSA application or need assistance, contact Mrs. Kim Aucoin at Kim.Aucoin@apsb.org for another option; either the TOPS Only Application or a Parental OPT-Out form.

****You must email or print and drop off a copy of your FAFSA confirmation page, TOPS application confirmation page, (or) completed Opt-Out form to Attn: Kim Aucoin, kim.aucoin@apsb.org, room 607.

December Graduates Deadline to complete: Nov. 18, 2020

May Graduates Deadline to complete: Feb. 1, 2021

*****Your diploma will not print unless we have you checked off in power school as complete!!! In order to do so, we must have a copy of your confirmation page or a completed Opt-Out form on file**

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 11th - LA Tech - 6:00 pm - Virtual College Night for Ascension Parish High Schools
<https://latech.zoom.us/j/92841645262?pwd=ZHZ5T2I5UFZQR29IOVFjd2IjbXI0dz09>

Nov 13th -EVOLVE U Virtual High School Leadership Conference - hosted by Southeastern - open to 10th-12th graders.
<http://www.southeastern.edu/resources/evolveu/>

Nov 15th -FRAN U & Dillard University - **Priority Application Deadline** - In order to receive scholarship consideration; you must apply by the deadline date!

Nov 16th - ULL - 6:00 pm - Virtual College Night for Ascension Parish High Schools
<https://ullafayette.zoom.us/j/93348507778>

Nov 17th - Virtual Financial Aid & College Information Night - 6:00 pm
<https://apsb.zoom.us/j/3971790209?pwd=UTNGcm13UWZucjdSUHlrV0JkdzBHQT09>

Nov 18th - December Graduates FAFSA deadline. This is a senior graduation requirement. Email Mrs. Kim Aucoin at Kim.Aucoin@apsb.org if you have any questions or need assistance completing the FAFSA application. REMEMBER we must have a copy of the confirmation email page on file in order to print your diploma!!

Nov 23rd – Nov 27th THANKSGIVING BREAK

Dec 1st – McNeese State University & LSU-A - **Priority Application Deadline** - In order to receive scholarship consideration; you must apply by the deadline date!

Dec 1st - Grambling & Xavier University - **Priority Application Deadline** - In order to receive scholarship consideration; you must apply by the deadline date!

Dec 5th – Tulane University - **Priority Application Deadline** - In order to receive scholarship consideration; you must apply by the deadline date!

Dec 15th – LSU, ULL, & Nicholls State - **Priority Application Deadline** - In order to receive scholarship consideration; you must apply by the deadline date!

Dec 15th – Centenary, LA College & University of Holy Cross- **Priority Application Deadline** - In order to receive scholarship consideration; you must apply by the deadline date!

Senior Checklist

Fall 2020



- ❑ **Register to take the ACT or SAT** – only your highest score counts, so start early! Be sure to send your scores to LOSFA for TOPS – use code 1595 for ACT & 9019 for SAT. Remember that you need a 20 (ACT) for TOPS and a 17 for TOPS Tech (or 3 silvers on workkeys). Either exam can be used for college admission and TOPS/scholarship qualification.

Check out these free online prep resources:

1. **ACT Practice Test (from the ACT):** <https://pages.act.org/free-practice-act-test.html?ga=2.268077067.406942252.1568046829-664466279.1549903268>
2. **ACT Vocabulary Games and Tests:** <http://quizlet.com/6991782/act-test-vocabulary-prep-flash-cards/>
3. **ACT and SAT Test Prep (Vocabulary)** <http://www.myvocabulary.com/act-test-prep/>
4. **Practice Tests and Flashcards:** <https://www.march2success.com/main/learnmore/collegeprep>
5. **ACT Reading Comprehension Practice:** https://www.testprepreview.com/act_practice.htm
6. **ACT Resources and Articles:** <https://www.thoughtco.com/act-test-prep-4132572>
7. **ACT and SAT Practice tests:** <https://www.4tests.com/act-practice-test>
8. **ACT and SAT Tips and Practice tests:** <https://www.testpreptoolkit.com/act-practice-test>
9. **ACT Tips and Practice tests:** <https://www.mometrix.com/academy/act-practice-test/>
10. **ACT Prep, Expectations, Practice tests:** <https://magoosh.com/hs/act-practice-test/>
11. **ACT Sample Tests** <http://actstudent.org/sampletests>

- ❑ **Make a list of your top career choices.** This will help you decide which school or work training program will be the best fit for you. If you have not already taken a career interest assessment; go to <https://navigator.kuder.com> and **log in with clever**. (Your username and password are the same as your laptop login)
- ❑ **Research colleges** – take into consideration the program availability, location, size, environment, extra-curricular activities, and cost. Visit their websites for virtual tours and events - many have started taking appointments for private tours. (*go to* <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VLT-eBDVlcFHSE6hKbAZZ50sX12347tNkPSwLY30Es/edit?usp=sharing> *or go to your Class of 2021 google classroom for LA College/School Contact list* -admission recruiter contacts, website links, phone numbers, and campus preview and virtual dates.)

- ❑ **Review college admission requirements** and scholarship levels. (*go to <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bVLwaF9ubnaEk18nLE0KAcvYXpg4qrs5j5UGayrcDCE/edit#gid=0> or go to your Class of 2021 google classroom for Admission Requirements for LA Universities & Schools* (under Important Senior Document post on 9/15); see Mrs. Kim Aucoin if you have questions)

- ❑ **Start the college application process!!** Remember that if you are interested in university academic scholarships, you must meet the **priority application deadline** dates (*go to https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16sChlMOPUqZ4xBSw3nefEwYdJG4F60pC_mqnNJNI N3Y/edit#gid=0 or go to your Class of 2021 google classroom for Academic Scholarship Detail for LA Colleges*). LSU requires the Common Application (*it is a lengthy application that requires a Letter of Recommendation from a teacher -make sure to give them a few weeks to complete the recommendation letter*). Teachers and counselors will be bombarded with requests, so get yours in early!

- ❑ The **2021-2022 FAFSA** application is **open!** It is part of your **senior graduation requirement** and most colleges and schools require this to be completed as part of their application process. Most of you have received your **Senior 'Yellow' Folders** but if you still need to pick up your folder stop by room 607 at lunch or email Mrs. Kim Aucoin at Kim.Aucoin@apsb.org. Remember: College is not FREE!! And TOPS alone will not pay for the entire cost of college and technical schools!!!
 - FAFSA is your application for: (1) TOPS/TOPS Tech, (2) Pell Grants, (3) Student Loans, (4) On campus jobs, and (5) Parent PLUS Loans. Need help?? Contact your Career Coach, Kim.Aucoin@apsb.org if you have any questions or need to schedule a private appointment. We will be updating you as we schedule additional FAFSA virtual and on-campus assistance sessions.

- ❑ **Create a TOPS Award System Account** – this will allow you to track your TOPS status once your ACT scores and transcript information has been reported. It is very important that you create this account and keep your login information in a safe place. If there are any issues with your TOPS award, you will need to check status in your award system account. Instructions and your LA Secure ID can be found in your **Senior "Yellow" Folder** that was handed out on Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st. Contact Kim.Aucoin@apsb.org if you still need to pick up your folder.



LA College & School Admission Requirements

COLLEGE	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	PRIORITY DEADLINE
BRCC	No specific GPA or ACT/SAT	NA
Centenary College	Based on GPA, strength of schedule, and ACT/SAT; English ACT=18/SAT=500 + Math ACT=19/SAT=510 required	15-Dec
Dillard University	ACT=18/SAT=960; GPA 2.5+	15-Nov
Fran U	2.5+ GPA, ACT=20/SAT=950; English ACT=18/SAT=500, Math ACT=19/SAT=510	15-Nov
Grambling State	2.0+ GPA or ACT=20/SAT=950; Must meet 1: Math ACT=19/SAT=510 or English ACT=18/SAT=500	1-Dec
LA Tech	Core GPA of 2.5+ and ACT=18/SAT=810 or Overall GPA 2.0+ with ACT=23/SAT=1130; Math ACT=19/SAT=510 + English ACT=18/SAT=500	5-Jan
Louisiana College	2.5+ GPA + ACT=17/SAT=900 or 2.0+ GPA + ACT=20/SAT=1030	15-Dec
Loyola	Holistic admissions - average ACT of students = 24-29; English ACT=18/SAT=500 and Math ACT=19/SAT=510	15-Feb
LSU	Holistic admissions - average ACT of students = 23-28; English ACT=18/SAT=500 and Math ACT=19/SAT=510	15-Dec
LSU - A	2.0+ Core GPA + English ACT=18/SAT=500 or Math ACT=19/SAT=510	1-Dec
LSU - E	Open admissions - no specific GPA or ACT/SAT required	1-Feb
LSU-S	GPA=2.0+ and Core GPA=2.0+ or ACT=20+ and English ACT=18/SAT=500 and Math ACT=19/SAT=510	1-Jul
McNeese State University	GPA=2.35+ and English ACT=18/SAT=500 and Math ACT=19/SAT=510	1-Dec
Nicholls State	GPA=2.0+ and either GPA=2.35+ or ACT=21+ and Math ACT=19/SAT=510 and English ACT=18/SAT=500	15-Dec
Northwestern (NSULA)	GPA=2.5+ and English ACT=18/SAT=500 and Math ACT=19/SAT=510	31-Oct
RPCC	Open admissions - no specific GPA or ACT/SAT required	15-Jun
Southeastern (SELU)	GPA=2.35+ and either Core GPA=2.0+ or ACT=21+ and meet 1: English ACT=18/SAT=500 or Math ACT = 19/SAT=510	15-Jan
Southern University	GPA=2.0+ and English ACT=18/SAT=500 & Math ACT=19/SAT=510	1-Feb
Tulane	Holistic admissions - median ACT 31-33; Tulane is test optional for 2021 - students choose whether to submit scores	5-Dec
University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL)	GPA=2.0+ and either Core GPA=2.5+ or ACT=23; and English ACT=18/SAT=500 and Math ACT=19/SAT=510	15-Dec
University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM)	GPA=2.35+ and meet 1: English ACT=18/SAT=500 or Math ACT=19/SAT=510	31-Jan
University of Holy Cross	GPA=2.5+, ACT=20+, and meet 1: English ACT=18/SAT=500 or Math ACT=19/SAT=510	15-Dec
University of New Orleans (UNO)	GPA=2.0+ and English ACT=18/SAT=500 and Math ACT=19/SAT=510; and either Core GPA=2.5+ or ACT=23+	1-Feb
Xavier	Holistic admissions Xavier is test optional - students choose whether to submit scores	1-Dec

*Make sure to pay attention to priority application deadline dates, for academic scholarship consideration.

Don't Wait...Apply Now!!!

LA Tech University - NO College Application Fee through November 15th

Southeastern University – NO College Application Fee through Jan.15, 2021



ACT & SAT Dates 2020-21



- **ACT Test Dates 2020-21**
- Online registration: <https://my.act.org/account/signin?location=https://my.act.org>
- Cost: (NOTE: All fees are subject to change. Please check the ACT website to confirm fees)
 - Full test with writing = \$70
 - Full test without writing = \$55
 - Section Testing: 1 Section = \$44; 2 Sections = \$48; 3 Sections = \$52
 - Late fee = \$30
 - Section retesting will be available in 2021. Check the ACT website for exact dates.
- *Fee Waivers* – students are allowed up to 4 fee waivers total (Juniors & Seniors only). Students requesting a waiver must have applied and qualify for free or reduced lunch for 2020-21.
- *LOSFA Code* (to send your scores for TOPS qualification) = 1595

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (extra \$30 fee)
September 12, 2020	August 14, 2020	
September 19, 2020	August 31, 2020	No
October 10, 2020	September 25, 2020	Late
October 17, 2020	September 25, 2020	Fees
October 24, 2020	September 25, 2020	
October 25, 2020 (Sunday)	September 25, 2020	
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 20, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 25, 2021

SAT Test Dates 2020-21

- Online registration: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>
- Cost: (NOTE: All fees are subject to change. Please check the SAT website to confirm fees)
 - Without writing = \$52, With Writing = \$68, Late fee = +\$30
- *Fee Waivers* – a limited number of fee waivers are available. Students requesting a fee waiver must have applied and qualify for free or reduced lunch for 2020-21.
- *LOSFA Code* (to send your scores for TOPS qualification) = 9019

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (extra \$30 fee)
August 29, 2020	July 31, 2020	August 18, 2020
September 26, 2020	August 26, 2020	September 15, 2020
October 3, 2020	September 4, 2020	September 22, 2020
November 7, 2020	October 7, 2020	October 27, 2020
December 5, 2020	November 5, 2020	November 24, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	March 2, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021

TOPS Information – 2020-21

Requirements

Requirements	Opportunity Award	Performance Award	Honors Award	TOPS Tech
TOPS GPA	2.5	3.00	3.0	2.5 (TOPS Tech GPA)
ACT Score (Superscore not accepted)	20*	23	27	17 or <u>WorkKeys Silver</u>
SAT Score	1020	1130	1280	900
Award Amount	TOPS Tuition amt.**	TOPS Tuition + \$400	TOPS Tuition + \$800	TOPS Tech tuition amt.
Can be used for	CC or 4-year program	CC or 4-year program	CC or 4-yr program	2-year technical programs only

Required ACT score may change each year based on the State average. Actual required score is released in October. **TOPS and TOPS Tech tuition amounts are set each year and are subject to change. Amounts vary based on college/university. TOPS Tech eligible programs are subject to change each year (see TOPS Tech information sheet for eligible programs).

Applying for TOPS:

To apply for TOPS, students must:

1. Complete and submit the** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA www.fafsa.gov) **or** the TOPS Online Application (<https://www.osfa.la.gov/AwardSystem/faces/jsf/onlineApp/onlineAppFAFSA.jspx>). **Students in need of grants, loans or work study have to complete the FAFSA, not the TOPS Online Application. **Many colleges and technical schools (such as LSU, AVEDA, etc.) require students to complete the FAFSA application as part of their application process.**

Please note that if you complete the TOPS Online Application, you may NOT submit the FAFSA. You can only complete one or the other, not both.

2. Send qualifying ACT (<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/sending-your-scores.html>) or SAT (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/sending-scores/how-to-send>) scores to LOSFA. The codes for sending scores to LOSFA are: 1595 (ACT) and 9019 (SAT). Please review your TOPS Tracker account (see below) to determine if your scores have been reported to LOSFA.

Tracking your TOPS Eligibility

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid (LOSFA) has created a system which allows students to track their TOPS eligibility. Students must create a LOSFA Student Hub account to access this system. Students should check their information to ensure it is correct and contact LOSFA at 1-800-259-5626 with questions. Final eligibility information will not be posted for a student until qualifying ACT/SAT scores have been received by LOSFA **and** the student submits a FAFSA or TOPS online application. All Seniors will pick up their “Senior ‘Yellow’ Folder” on Oct. 1st which will have instructions on how to create their LOSFA Student Hub account. Questions?? For information about TOPS/TOPS Tech, program eligibility, and award amounts, contact Mrs. Aucoin (Kim.Aucoin@apsb.org).

Scholarships

Deadline	Name	Description
Nov 12th	Real Impact Scholarship	\$500 - \$1500 -Create an original work (Video, Music, Creative Writing, Graphic Design) showcasing your idea for a SOLUTION or STRATEGY to fix the very real problem of reckless and distracted driving. Focus on reckless and distracted driving choices such as eating while driving, speeding, reaching for an object, talking to passengers, etc. While mentioning the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol is permitted, this should not be the sole focus of the entry. https://createrealimpact.com/contestrules/
Nov 15th	Elks Most Valuable Student	\$1,000-\$12,000 - Must be a US Citizen. https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm
Nov 15th	James Alan Cox Foundation For Students Photojournalists	Award is (5) Digital SLR Cameras - In 250 words or less, please discuss your interest in photography and photojournalism. Please also provide a brief description of the five images you are submitting. https://www.jamesalancoxfoundation.org/apply/
Nov 30th	Driver Education Initiative 2020: In the Driver's Seat	\$500 - Questions to be answered in your Essay/Application (minimum 500 words) What is the importance of driver education in reducing the number deaths as a result of driving? What steps can be taken to reduce the number of deaths related to driving? Have you ever had an experience of being in car accident or have seen your friends or family members driving irresponsibly? What steps can you take to be a better and safer driver as well as help others become safer on the road? https://www.dmvedu.org/scholarship/
Nov 30th	Education Matters Scholarship	\$5000 -"What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?" (250 words or less) https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship
Nov 30th	Dr. Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship	\$1000 - At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply (DACA or Undocumented), Demonstrate financial need https://www.uskli.org/dr-juan-andrade-scholarship-for-young-hispanic-leaders/
Nov 30th	Griswold Home Care	\$1000 -student pursuing a bachelor's, associate's, graduate, or professional degree at an accredited college or university https://www.griswoldhomecare.com/scholarship
Nov 30th	Seth Okin Good Deeds Scholarship	\$1000 -Applicants must be both interested and engaged in serving their community and must have a GPA of 3.0 or greater. Applicants must submit a 500-word essay that responds to the

		<p>following question: With so many people and organizations in today's world in need of volunteers and financial assistance, how should people decide where to direct their time and donations?</p> <p>https://criminallawyermaryland.net/2020-seth-okin-good-deeds-scholarship/</p>
Nov 30th	Student Transportation Video Contest	<p>\$250-\$500 Applicants must be currently enrolled elementary through graduate school students. They must produce a video on some aspect of the transportation industry in the United States. Selection is based on creativity and the overall strength of the video. https://www.artba.org/foundation/student-video-contest/</p>
Dec 1st	AQHA Scholarships	<p>\$500 - \$50000 - Multiple scholarships with different qualifications. Check website for details https://www.aqha.com/scholarships/-/asset_publisher/D3YJ9xRyZQ9Q/content/scholarship-application?_com_liferay_asset_publisher_web_portlet_AssetPublisherPortlet_INSTANCE_D3YJ9xRyZQ9Q_redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aqha.com%2Fscholarships%3Fp_p_id%3Dcom_liferay_asset_publisher_web_portlet_AssetPublisherPortlet_INSTANCE_D3YJ9xRyZQ9Q%26p_p_lifecycle%3D0%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_p_mode%3Dview%26_com_liferay_asset_publisher_web_portlet_AssetPublisherPortlet_INSTANCE_D3YJ9xRyZQ9Q_cur%3D0%26_r_p_resetCur%3Dfalse%26_com_liferay_asset_publisher_web_portlet_AssetPublisherPortlet_INSTANCE_D3YJ9xRyZQ9Q_assetEntryId%3D1472620</p>
Dec 2nd	National Space Club	<p>\$10,000 - US Citizen majoring in STEM (preference for those with space related interest)</p> <p>https://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/index.html</p>
Dec 6th	Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards	<p>100 awards of \$1,000 each - Are Hispanic or Latino descent Are a Rising Senior (student graduating in the Spring) Plan to enroll in college in the Fall Have a minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) Are U.S. citizen, legal permanent resident or DACA eligible.</p> <p>https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org/2020/forms/welcome.php</p>
Dec 7th	Abbvie Immunology Scholarship	<p>Up to \$15,000 - Students living with the following inflammatory diseases: Ankylosing spondylitis (AS), Juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA), Rheumatoid arthritis (RA), Crohn's disease (CD), Psoriasis (Ps), Ulcerative colitis (UC), Hidradenitis suppurativa (HS), Psoriatic arthritis (PsA), Uveitis (UV)</p> <p>https://www.abbvieimmunologyscholarship.com/</p>
Dec 15th	Burger King Scholarship	<p>\$5,000 - \$50,000 -Applicants must-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be living in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico Be graduating high school seniors (U.S. and Puerto Rico), graduating from grade 12 (Canada) or graduating from home school education in the U.S., Puerto Rico or Canada Have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent Plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire 2021-22 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in

		<p>the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico Only the first 50,000 submitted applications will be processed. Submit your application early!</p> <p>https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/?utm_source=commercial&utm_medium=commercial&utm_campaign=commercial1</p>
Dec 15th	Rubincam Youth Writing Competition	<p>\$500 - Submit a genealogy in a biographical narrative format for one family line; include four generations, beginning with you, as the first generation. You may use a biological, adoptive, or foster parent, or guardian for the second generation</p> <p>https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/competitions/rubincam-youth-award/</p>
Dec 31st	Unigo 10k Scholarship	<p>\$10,000 - "Imagine a historical figure is brought back to life. Who is it? What's their favorite mobile app?" (250 words or less) https://www.thefire.org/resources/high-school-network/essay-contest/</p>
Dec 31st	Top 10 List Scholarship	<p>\$1,500 - "Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship." (250 words or less) https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/top-ten-list-scholarship</p>
Dec 31st	Free Speech Essay Contest	<p>\$500 - \$10,000 -Essay must be between 700-900 words on the following prompt: In a persuasive letter or essay, convince your peers that free speech is a better idea than censorship. https://www.thefire.org/resources/high-school-network/essay-contest/</p>
Jan 5th	GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship	<p>\$10,000 (numerous awards) that are renewable for a total of \$40,000 demonstrate at school, at the workplace, and within the community the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship; demonstrate strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 grade point average/4.0 scale or equivalent); be citizens of the United States of America. https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/</p>
Jan 8th	Foot Locker Scholar Athletes	<p>20 students will receive a \$20,000 award-</p> <p>In order to be eligible for the Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Program, the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be entering college in the Fall of 2021 as a Freshman at an accredited four-year institution for an undergraduate degree; Be currently involved in high school sports, intramural sports, or community based sports. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0; Be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident (you will be asked to prove citizenship and age if you win); Not be an employee, officer or director of Foot Locker, Inc., or any of its subsidiaries, or a member of the immediate family of such an employee, officer or director. https://www.footlockerscholarathletes.com/

Jan 14th	APIA Scholarship	<p>\$2,500 - \$20,000 award - Be of <u>Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity</u> as defined by the U.S. Census Be a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States. Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to apply Be enrolling as an undergraduate student in a U.S. accredited college or university in the Fall Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED Must apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for the Federal Student Aid (FASFA) by early April Submit one letter of recommendation online https://apiascholars.org/scholarship/apia-scholarship/</p>
Jan 15th	George S & Stella M Knight Essay Contest with Sons of the American Revolution	<p>\$1,000 - \$5,000 - To participate, students must submit an original 800- to 1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each student's essay will be judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.</p> <p>The contest is conducted in three phases: the local chapter, state-level society, and national phases. The contest must be entered through an SAR chapter near the student's residence. Louisiana SAR Chapter Contact: George Clemenceau gwclcm100@gmail.com</p> <p>https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/</p>
Jan 23rd	Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship	<p>\$5,000 - \$25,000 - Submit an original video that tells us the story of your real, driving passion. It could be a short film, animation or just a simple testimonial. Your video must be a maximum of 2 minutes in length (minimum of 30 seconds in length) and must be no larger than 100 MB to ensure successful upload to the application. This isn't about how well you can make a film—we want to learn more about you and your passion. https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/</p>
Jan 25th	Catholic Youth Leadership Award Scholarship Program (The Knights of Columbus)	<p>Award Amounts Vary Must be Catholic graduating senior. https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/</p>
Jan 31st	I Have a Dream Scholarship	<p>\$1,500 - Must be legal US Resident/Citizen, "We want to know... what do you dream about? Whether it's some bizarre dream you had last week, or your hopes for the future, share your dreams with us for a chance to win \$1,500 for college." (250 words or less) https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/i-have-a-dream-scholarship</p>
Feb 1st	James M. & Erma T. Freemont Foundation Scholarship	<p>Award Amounts Vary -a record of leadership and volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale, excluding home school studies) and plan to attend an accredited HBCU. (HBCU is defined as "historically black colleges and universities".) * Applicant must have minimum SAT score of 1150 or ACT score of 21. * Applicant must be a United States Citizen Applicants must plan on pursuing an undergraduate degree in the sciences with</p>

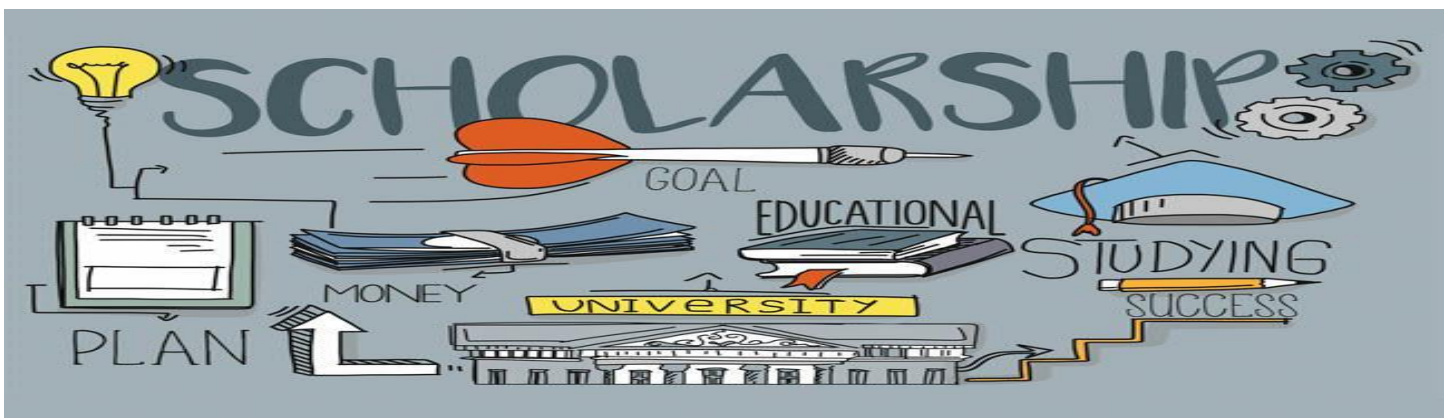
		<p>the intention of pursuing that discipline as a career. The following majors will be considered: Biomedical and Biological Sciences, Engineering and Engineering Technology, Health Professions, Mathematics and Statistics, Physical Sciences, Psychology, Science Technology.</p> <p>http://www.freemontfoundation.com/scholarships.html</p>
Feb 1st	JonCade Thomas Clemons Memorial Scholarship	<p>(2) \$3,000 for 8 semesters and (8) \$750 for 8 semesters awards -</p> <p>Must be planning to attend a <u>school in Louisiana</u>. The scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of (in no particular order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic achievement of at least 3.0 GPA Extracurricular activities which demonstrate Leadership Financial need References Awards and honors Community involvement Employment or volunteer experience Unique life experiences <p>http://joncadclemsonsmemorial.com/?page_id=5</p>

Please check the following google sheet or your google classroom for an updated list of scholarships through July 2021:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NCV0ssqgUZnRyTfQLznW0E-aTJOFUKw2OfdtlOQxQpM/edit#gid=0>

The spreadsheet is updated weekly and any additional scholarship opportunities that arise between newsletters will be posted in Google Classroom; **Class of 2021; code: 35blrba.**

Please read scholarship requirements carefully and know that late applications WILL NOT BE accepted. Remember that the biggest bang for your buck is university scholarships. These scholarships are renewable for 4 years and are based on your GPA and ACT/SAT scores. For most colleges, you are screened for university scholarships when you submit the application for admission.



WRAP UP



For Class of 2021 Test Updates

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/covid-19.html> .

Need help studying for the ACT? ACT is working to offer additional resources for the Class of 2021.

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/covid19.html> for a listing of all upcoming events and resources.

Additional Scholarship Websites and Apps:

www.askLela.org

www.braf.org

www.fastweb.com

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

www.scholarships4students.com www.FinAid.org

www.grantsscholarshipsandmore.org www.zinch.com/decachapters

www.BlackExcel.org – list of scholarships for minorities

http://beautyschools.org/careers-in-beauty/grants_scholarships/ – cosmetology scholarships

<https://ascension.kuder.com/landing-page> - log in with Clever and use the same Login used to log into your school computer.

Scholarship Apps:

Scholly

Scholarship Grab (free)

Sail- Simple scholarship search (99 cents)

ScholarshipAdvisor (free)

Each of these apps allows you to search for scholarships based on criteria you enter.

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