

Seniors – Scholarships



Students can access **SchooLinks** and go to **Finances** and then to **Scholarship Matching** to review national scholarship opportunities. Local and some state scholarships we receive throughout the school year will be posted on **SchooLinks** under the **District Posted** tab. For more information about other scholarship searches and tips visit our website [HERE](#) and be sure to download the **SV Guide to Scholarships & Grants**.

Ruth Varner Otto Memorial Scholarship – Available now!

- The RVO can be accessed by joining on TEAMS with a join code that was just posted on the Senior Teams page. The RVO TEAMS icon is below:



Ruth Varner Otto Memorial
Scholarship (RVO)

- The Ruth Varner Otto (RVO) Memorial Scholarship is for seniors planning to attend a post-secondary school next fall. Scholarship applications will be available on TEAMS with instructions and mailing information. To apply for the Ruth Varner Otto Memorial Scholarship, verification of the Student Aid Index (SAI) must be included from a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). That information can be accessed from the FAFSA Submission Summary.

Additionally, students return the completed RVO application (MUST BE IN THE ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE not just postmarked) by Tuesday, **March 19, 2024**, to the address provided on the instruction letter in TEAMS.

SV Senior Scholarships – Available now!

- The SV Senior Scholarships can be accessed by joining on TEAMS with a join code that was just posted on the Senior Teams page. The TEAM icon is below:



SV Senior Scholarships

- The **SV Senior Scholarships** (approximately 30) focus on areas such as community service, leadership, career focus, attendance, level of education pursuing and financial need. The completed SV Senior Scholarship application and other materials such as essays are to be uploaded on TEAMS by **Monday, March 4, 2024, no later than 11 pm**. All scholarship application and essays must be completed in TEAMS. Paper copies will not be accepted.

FAFSA UPDATE for CLASS OF 2024:

Filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is necessary in order to receive financial aid. **The 2024-25 FAFSA has been updated** in format and with different questions in comparison to prior years.

ATTENTION: The updated FAFSA IS NOW OPEN. In anticipation of completing the FAFSA, students and parents can each create their own Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID) now by visiting www.StudentAid.gov/fsa-id. It is recommended that you allow 4 days to create your FSA account before access to complete the FAFSA.

Please access the following link **FAFSA UPDATE** which provides information regarding the opening of the FAFSA.

SAT or AP Tester – Download Bluebook:

Students who will be taking the SAT test or the AP test will need to download Bluebook. If you are using a Seneca Valley issued computer, you can download this program by clicking Start – Install Software – Software Center. Once the Software Center opens, type “Blue” in the search box which is in the top right corner. Click on the College Board Bluebook App and then click Install.

If you are not using an SV issued laptop, make sure your device meets the requirements. Then you can download the software here:

<https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/download-bluebook>

9th -12th Grade Students interested in the Healthcare or Education Profession:



Robert Morris University is partnering with Seneca Valley and several other high schools with a virtual **Healthcare AND Education Professionals High School Mentoring Program** during the 2023-2024 school year. The goal of the program is to enlighten and educate students about the varied career opportunities in the healthcare and education industry. Students will participate with professionals and current RMU students devoted to sharing information about the particular healthcare or education topic. A question-and-answer period and networking will be available at the end of each session. Students can earn certificates after participating in all Zoom sessions. The sessions will be taped and available to view to earn credit.

HEALTHCARE SCHEDULE:

February 14, 2024 - Psychology

March 20, 2024 - Pre-Medicine

TBD 2024 – RMU visits SV for student certificates & final recognition

EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

January 25, 2024 - Careers in Early Childhood & Special Education

February 29, 2024 - Careers in Secondary Education

March 21, 2024 - Multi Language Learners & Study Abroad

April 16, 2024 - **ACADEMIC IMMERSION EXPERIENCE at RMU**—Final Program/Presentation (permission form required—see guidance office)

Students register for either interest by following the instructions:

- Login to SchoolLinks/CLICK on SCHOOL EVENTS TAB (at top): Find RMU HEALTHCARE or EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS, CLICK on the topic and “REGISTER FOR THE EVENT”
- The virtual meeting link will UNLOCK at event start time (11:30 am or 1:00 pm)
- IN-PERSON students meet in the SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 229 or 2B (2ND FLOOR)—Bring your laptops, earbuds/headphones. CYBER STUDENTS can join at event time from home.
- STUDENTS MUST FILL OUT A BRIEF SURVEY ON SCHOOLINKS AFTER PARTICIPATING.
- THESE SESSIONS WILL BE TAPED! Students who cannot attend day/time can request and view the taped version to get credit.

Contact your school counselor with any questions.

Advanced Placement Exam Registration

AP Exams will be held at Seneca Valley from May 1st through May 12th. Students are still able to sign up for an exam. Registration is completed online – we strongly recommend that both parent and student complete the registration together to ensure that all required information is provided and the payment is processed correctly.

The registration site can be accessed the following ways:

- the direct web address: **HERE**
- the **Total Registration** icon on the senior high guidance webpage (select **Testing** then choose **AP**)
- the **AP Registration** link in “*site shortcuts*” on the senior high webpage.

The last possible date to order an exam is March 8, 2024.

Students who wish to drop an exam they already ordered can do this by selecting the cancellation link in their Total Registration account. Cancellation requests received by March 8, 2024, are entitled to a refund of the exam fee minus a **\$50 per exam** processing charge – late fees are non-refundable. No refund will be provided for cancellations submitted after this date.

For more information, please visit our website: **HERE**

Attention: Student Athletes interested in NCAA Division 1 & 2 Athletics

Seniors: If you are interested in NCAA Division 1 & 2 athletics, are you registered with NCAA? Have you reviewed your 16 core courses for eligibility? Not all SV Math and Science courses are NCAA approved core courses. Contact your school counselor as soon as possible to review eligibility and ask any questions you may have about this process. Visit the NCAA website for more information.

<https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/core-courses>

9th, 10th & 11th Grade Students: Course registration for the 2024-2025 school year is fast approaching. Schedule an appointment with your school counselor to discuss NCAA and eligibility with the 16 core courses. The NCAA recommends scheduling 4 X 4 core courses 9th through 12th grade to meet the 16 core courses.

CORE COURSES

Only courses that appear on your high school's list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement; visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

DIVISION II

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

10TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

11TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

12TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

2023-2024 COLLEGE CHECKLISTS

All 9th-12th grade students can now access a planning calendar for SV College & Career events and timeline for meeting college planning goals on the Guidance website.

Access these grade level checklists [HERE](#).

SAT and ACT Testing

Check for upcoming test/registration dates to meet fall application deadlines. Check our Testing page on the Guidance website for details [HERE](#).

Don't forget to follow the school counselors for more events and reminders on Instagram:



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